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# TALIESIN APPRENTICES

**Seven Decades of Organic Architecture**

**August 23 - September 10, 1999**

The Hewlett Gallery presents 'Taliesin Apprentices: Seven Decades of Organic Architecture,' an exhibition researched, designed and built by students and apprentices of the Carnegie Mellon School of Architecture and the Frank Lloyd Wright School of Architecture. The exhibition will run from August 23 through September 10, 1999. Come meet the professors, apprentices and students at a closing reception on Friday, September 10, from 5 to 7 p.m. Admission to the gallery and the reception is free.

'Taliesin Apprentices' examines the careers of some 1300 apprentices that lived and worked between 1932 and the present at Taliesin, the home and studio of the famous American architect Frank Lloyd Wright. It attempts to capture the dynamic spirit of Taliesin by focusing on the experiences, life and work of a diverse set of architects and artists.

Guided by Kai Gutschow, professor of architectural history at Carnegie Mellon, and Ari Georges, senior member of the Taliesin Fellowship and Director of Curriculum at the Frank Lloyd Wright School of Architecture, seven Taliesin apprentices collaborated with ten undergraduate architectural students from Carnegie Mellon to produce the exhibit. A semester of preparatory work and sporadic communication via email and internet, and three weeks of intensive collaborative effort at Taliesin in Wisconsin and here in Pittsburgh produced the exhibit. By integrating the Carnegie Mellon students into the Fellowship life and working long hours on site in the gallery, the students and apprentices approached the true spirit of Taliesin's unified architectural and living experiment and its "learning by doing" approach to architectural education.

'Taliesin Apprentices' was made possible in part by a grant from the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, Taliesin Fellows, AIA Pittsburgh/Architrave, the Carnegie Mellon School of Architecture and the Frank Lloyd Wright School of Architecture.

The Hewlett Gallery is located on the main floor of the College of Fine Arts at Carnegie Mellon University. Phone (412) 268-3618  
Gallery Hours are Monday through Friday 11:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays 11:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.