



SUNFISH LAKE RESIDENCE

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Located south of St. Paul on a five-acre site overlooking Sunfish Lake, this house was designed for an empty-nester couple for social activities and display of their contemporary art collection. This 5,000 square foot home is designed as a sequence of events that reflect the activities within the house and site. The approach to the house is enhanced by a series of landscape "events" along the drive; providing a sense of privacy and surprise upon arrival. The understated entry room is intended to embrace and reorient one from the exterior to the interior spaces. Moving from the entry space one crosses a bridge above the main stair, arriving at the gallery. Here one is aware of the dramatic panoramic views of the lake beyond. The main living spaces are contained within a central room and defined by an undulating ceiling. This area is dramatized by a two-story glass curtainwall facing the lake. The kitchen is treated as an object within the main room by holding the walls down to human scale and providing a focus for art display. The maple and mahogany cabinets provide a rich, warm counterpoint to the white gallery character of the house. The focus of the lower level is the entertainment space.