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Douglas J. Cardinal, *B.Arch., O.A.A., A.I.A., A.A.A., M.A.A., S.A.A., O.C., R.C.A.A., F.R.A.I.C., F.R.I.A.S.*

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Douglas J. Cardinal is a Canadian architect with an international reputation for excellence in natural design. He has been credited with having created an indigenous Canadian style of architecture with his curvilinear, organic buildings. Although his most recent and significant commission was the Canadian Museum of Civilization, in Hull, Quebec, Mr. Cardinal established an early reputation in Western Canada with his design for St. Mary's Church in Red Deer, the Grande Prairie Regional College, the Edmonton Space and Sciences Centre, the Government Services Centre in Ponoka, St. Albert Place and several other public buildings.

Mr. Cardinal believes that the design of each building is a spiritual act that demands from all those participating in it the very best of their endeavours. At the start of each project, he declares a total commitment to excellence in architecture and to serving the needs of his client and demands the same commitment from all of his staff and sub consultants.

His contribution to the field of architecture has earned him several awards, provincially and nationally, as well as national and international recognition. Douglas Cardinal was presented with the Governor General's Award in Visual and Media Arts in March 2001 and is the recipient of Canada's most coveted honour, the Order of Canada. Mr. Cardinal has developed a painstakingly thorough process of designing "from the inside out", placing people at the heart of the evolution of the design. He states: Mr. Cardinal's recognition spans several areas: speaking engagements on such topics as educational philosophy (he developed the White Paper, a Master Plan for Education in Alberta), his experience with computers (he has addressed several international conferences including one in Barcelona), city planning, old age housing, public health, urban planning, and environmental design. He is included in numerous publications, including "Explore Canada" by George Ronald and "A Decade of Canadian Architecture" by Carole Moore Ede. His work has been exhibited in France, Belgium and Poland; in the Museum of Modern Art in New York and throughout Canada.

Douglas Cardinal was born in Calgary, Alberta in 1934. The son of a game warden, he studied architecture at the University of British Columbia and the University of Texas, from where he graduated with honours in 1963. He practiced in Edmonton for 18 years, and moved his practice to Ottawa in 1985.