

## **Lifelong Learning Mississauga (LLM)**

### **GREAT MODERN ARCHITECTS – Marta O'Brien**

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**week 4: Robert Venturi 1925-2018 & Denise Scott Brown 1931-**

#### **BUILDINGS SHOWN**

Vanna Venturi House, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 1962 Robert Venturi  
Guild House, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 1960-63 Robert Venturi *et al*  
Franklin Court, Independence Historic National Park, Philadelphia 1976  
Gordon Wu Hall, Princeton University, New Jersey 1980-83  
furniture for Knoll 1984  
"Village" Tea & Coffee Service for Swid Powell 1985  
Seattle Art Museum, Seattle, Washington 1991  
Sainsbury Wing, National Gallery, London, UK 1991  
Children's Museum of Houston, Texas 1992  
Gonda (Goldschmeid) Center, UCLA, Los Angeles, California 1993-98  
Frank G. Wells Building for Walt Disney Imagineering, Burbank, California 1994-98  
Provincial Capitol Building in Toulouse, France 1999

#### **GLOSSARY**

##### *golden section*

- aesthetically pleasing proportion that was one of ancient Greeks' main design devices & used throughout history of Western architecture
- principles of it also occur in many living organisms (e.g., flowers)
- division of a form such that the ratio of the parts to each other is equal to that of one part to the whole

##### *Post Modernism*

- reaction to starkness of Modernism, "Po Mo" reintroduced colour, ornament, & historical references to architecture
- style seen late 1960s-1980s (depending on the region)

##### *Pritzker Architecture Prize*

- Pritzker family established prize in 1979; often called "architecture's Nobel"
- for living architect(s) whose work demonstrates talent, vision, & commitment, has produced consistent & significant contributions to humanity & built environment
- \$100,000 & bronze medallion; ceremony at an architecturally significant site