ARTISTS BIOGRAPHY

Steven and Kathi House



Steven and Cathi House are partners in the San Francisco design firm House + House. They maintain a diversified practice offering comprehensive architectural, graphic, and environmental design services. After graduating from Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Steven and Cathi worked in Philadelphia on large-scale urban projects including office buildings, medical facilities, and the Washington, D.C. Subway System. As an independent project, they also designed an extensive visual communication system for a new hospital.

Between 1975-76, they spent eight months traveling in Europe where they began a comprehensive documentation on the nature and quality of Mediterranean architecture. Upon relocating to San Francisco in 1977, Steven became an associate with Sandy & Babcock, one of the nation's leading architecture firms specializing in multi-family housing. As a project architect, he was responsible for many award-winning projects in San Francisco, Houston, and Miami. As a project designer in a small architectural firm, Cathi was involved in community facilities, custom residences, and historic rehabilitation. Then while with Marquis Associates she was instrumental in the development of the innovative new Primate Conservatory at the San Francisco Zoo. In 1982, the Houses' completed their studies on Mediterranean villages during nine months of on-site documentation. Their first project after opening their office was the production of a major exhibition entitled "Mediterranean Indigenous Architecture: Timeless Solutions for the Human Habitat." It opened at the American Institute of Architects Gallery in San Francisco and is currently on tour and is being shown in galleries and universities around the country.

Architectural projects currently in their office include a cultural history museum, the rehabilitation of a 107-year-old ferryboat for a theater company, and several residential projects. They are also designing visual communication systems for a historic beaux-arts office building in downtown Oakland and for the University of California in Berkeley.