

GARY WOLF

Gary Wolf Architects, Inc.

Situated for many years in a historic building overlooking Boston's oldest streets is one of the city's most inventive architectural firms. That this venerable location also lies only 100 yards from the innovative, modern Boston City Hall aptly expresses the firm's range, for its creative studios have generated works that imaginatively engage both the past and the future. Exemplary work includes a lyrical, serpentine hammock design, the winner of Business Week's "Gold Industrial Design Excellence Award" for furniture; a colorful, dynamically-shaped suburban house, recognized with two "Builder's Choice" Design Awards; and a historic residence and carriage house skillfully adapted for a local community organization, to which the Massachusetts Historical Commission granted a distinguished Preservation Award.

Such multifaceted design derives from the broad interests of founding principal, Gary Wolf, AIA. After growing up in Midwestern cities, he went to Cornell University for his undergraduate degree,



ABOVE:

Within the grand, skylit volume of this living room, the cantilevered cabinets, wall-panel system and raised hearth introduce a human scale inviting comfortable occupancy.

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FACING PAGE:

This home's colored walls and wood paneling provide a warm backdrop for its owner's lives. Three wings open to this courtyard and the pool beyond.

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to Princeton University for his Master of Architecture and attended the University of Virginia earning a Master of Architectural History. He gained design experience with well-known firms in Princeton, New Jersey and Cambridge, Massachusetts—also spending time teaching, jurying and lecturing at colleges and universities including Harvard's Graduate School of Design—before establishing independent practice in 1987. Since then, his firm has created, within the context of a small studio, a wide range of highly individualized, award-winning designs.

Residential architecture has always been at the heart of the firm's activity. The team touches each project from beginning research to final walk-through. Gary visits each client in their current home to better understand the lifestyle they live and to grasp their goals—learning where they want to be is the first step in the process of arriving at a new solution. A new design may emerge to be built around a precious work of art or to follow the path of the sun, and may transform a family's lifestyle completely.



TOP LEFT:
Free-standing maple-clad partitions help to define this open-plan dining area, while providing light, views beyond and custom designed storage for linens, glassware and china.
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BOTTOM LEFT:
Housed beneath the exposed framing of its vaulted roof, this library affords its users contemplative vistas of the surrounding trees, whose leaves the laser-cut railing silhouettes.
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FACING PAGE:
Nature is evoked in this bathroom's Thassos marble, wood cabinetry and blue tiles and basins. The family children love to sprawl on the heated floor.
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