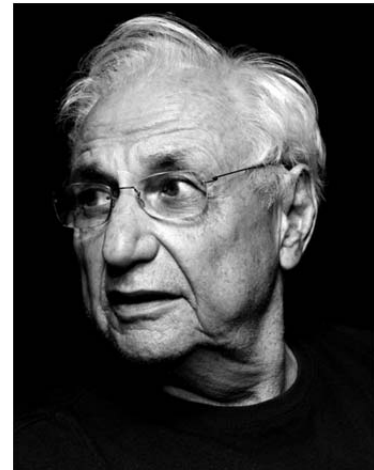
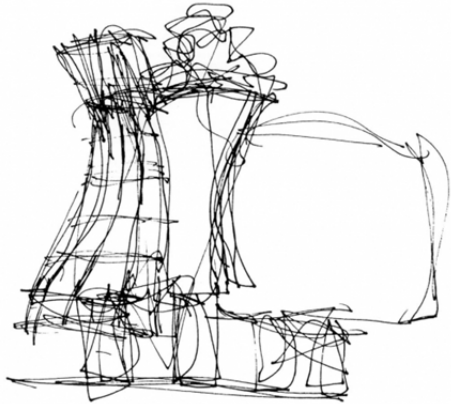


ART SMART: FRANK GEHRY



New Art Words Are:

Sculptural: resembling sculpture, a three-dimensional work of art.

Sketch: a hasty or rough drawing representing the main features of an object or scene often made as a preliminary study.

Frank Gehry (born Frank Owen Goldberg in 1929) is a Canadian American architect whose buildings are known for their sculptural form, dynamic shapes, and unconventional use of materials. Gehry's philosophy of design is captured in this quote by him "Life is chaotic, dangerous and surprising. Buildings should reflect that."

His buildings are often cited among the most important works of contemporary architecture. Some of his more famous buildings are the Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao, Spain; Walt Disney Concert Hall in Los Angeles; Weisman Art Museum in Minneapolis; and Dancing House in Prague. He is currently designing a memorial for Dwight D. Eisenhower to be located on Independence Avenue in Washington, D.C.

Frank Gehry practices architecture in Los Angeles, California his first practice was established in 1962. His partnership, Gehry Partners, LLP, was formed in 2001 and supports a staff of over 120 people. Every project Gehry Partners undertakes is designed and directed by Frank Gehry. At the beginning of each project Gehry develops quick sketches of the building. The staff then makes many models at different scales that get refined and altered; sometimes by pulling pieces off and reattaching different pieces onto the model. The firm uses a sophisticated 3d computer modeling program, originally created for the aerospace industry, to document their designs and make them possible to build.

Our project was to capture the excitement and three-dimensional quality of sketching an idea for our own dream museum. We used a simple black marker to sketch our project without lifting our marker off the page.

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