ARTHUR CHARLES ERICKSON

A native son, his studies interrupted by military service, Arthur Charles Erickson graduated in architecture from McGill University, and taught at the Universities of Oregon and British Columbia. He entered private practice in Vancouver and soon earned national recognition as a designer of private homes. He, with his partner Geoffrey Massey, won first prize for the Simon Fraser University Design Competition. Wider recognition soon followed—at the Tokyo International Trade Fair, Exop '67 in Montreal, Expo '70 in Osaka, and the Paris Cultural Centre Competition in 1971. At all of these he won international esteem. The honour we do him today is only one of the many he has received beginning when he was a student at McGill.

Arthur Erickson is a man of ideas. Ideas about places and people, and about the interaction between the two. He seeks a stark and simple elegance that will integrate man with nature. His works of art—his homes, his office buildings, his universities and now his city plans all affirm his theory that man can build his world without violating the natural contexts surrounding him. He has put us in our proper place, in harmony with nature.

Mr. Chancellor, I present to you for the degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa, Arthur Charles Erickson.