Studio Iwanoff

16 Lifford Road, Floreat WA

The Studio and House of Iwanoff - Iwan Iwanoff

Designed 1965
Completed 1966

Iwan Iwanoff own studio and house is an excellent example of his work, with the studio on the ground level and almost open plan apartment style living on the first level. The design features his characteristic use of concrete blocks in long horizontal bands of block, glass and flat fascia, with innovative climate control systems. The original under-croft parking area is now a bedroom.

Iwanoff was born to an artistic family in Bulgaria in 1919. He becoming an architect at 22 and subsequently immigrating to Australia in 1950, establishing his own practice in the mid 1960s up until 1986. His expressionistic style of architecture incorporated a highly creative use of concrete blockwork.

Iwanoff is one of WA’s most notable architects, being recognised international for his work.

Statement of Significance

The studio of Iwanoff and house is an excellent example of one of Western Australia’s notable twentieth century architect’s designs, demonstrating a creative use of materials. Iwanoff’s architecture has been recognised internationally and this place has a special association with him being his own studio and place of residence.

Criteria Applicable

N2. Significant heritage value in exhibiting particular aesthetic characteristic.
N3. Significant heritage value in establishing a high degree of creative achievement.
N5. Having a special association with the life or works of an architect of significance in our history.