

# ELMSLIE AND SULLIVAN

OPENING RECEPTION  
FRIDAY JANUARY 25TH 6-9PM  
THE ST. LOUIS ARCHITECTURAL MUSEUM  
AT CITY MUSEUM

City Museum has captured the swansong of the Chicago School of Architecture in its final terra cotta ornament. This exhibit showcases original architectural pieces from buildings of **Louis Sullivan**, considered the father of modern architecture, and **George Grant Elmslie**, who was Sullivan's chief draftsman for nearly twenty years and later an important architect in his own right.

Here for better understanding is a display of the evolution of the Progressive Chicago School, an architectural movement that began in the Midwest and influenced the world. It is considered by many to be the first truly American architecture, rejecting the European classics for the honesty of natural forms. Tim Samuelson, Cultural Historian for the City of Chicago, will be a guest speaker at the opening reception.

Many of the pieces exhibited are from three elementary schools in Hammond Indiana, Elmslie's last great commissions in 1935. The City of Hammond recognized the importance of preserving the elements from these buildings prior to their demolition and safeguarded them for posterity. The mostly terra cotta ornament morphs the organic plant forms of Sullivan's triumphs with the stylized geometric patterns of Art Deco. Also featured in this exhibit are selected Sullivan pieces and samples of mass-produced Sullivanesque terra cotta.

Bruce Gerrie, curator for the St. Louis Architectural Museum at City Museum has brought together this collection with help from architect Laura Johnson.

**When:**

**Opening Reception:**

Friday, January 25, 2008, 6-9 p.m.

On display through December 2008

**Where:**

City Museum

St. Louis Architectural Museum, third floor

701 North 15th Street

Saint Louis, Missouri 63103

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[www.citymuseum.org](http://www.citymuseum.org)

**Cost:**

Opening reception is free to the general public. Thereafter it will be included in general admission of \$12

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