Lina Bo Bardi House (Glass House)

**Location:** Morumbi, São Paulo, Brazil

**Date:** 1950-1951

**Architect:** Lina Bo Bardi

**Residents:** Lina Bo Bardi and her husband Pietro Bardi

**Biography of Lina:**
- Born December 5, 1914 in Rome, Italy
- Died March 20, 1992 in São Paulo, Brazil
- Brazilian Modernist Architect
- Her office in Milan was destroyed in an aerial bombing
- She moved to São Paulo where she built her “Glass House” and the São Paulo Museum of Art
- Graduated from the University of Rome
- She also designed furniture

**Glass House Information:**
- Was built on the remnants of the original rain forest of mata Atlântica
- Was once surrounded by exotic animals and vegetation
- Bo Bardi had the vegetation replanted after it was all cut down due to the new road
- Resembled a tree house and inverted green house
- Built on the slope of a hill
- Le Corbusier was a reference and influence. Pietro was friends with him
- Walls were made of sheer glass
- Built surrounding a tree. Front façade was elevated. Square spiral staircase underneath
- Master bedrooms hidden in core of house (night spaces) while service spaces are clearly visible from exterior
-structure wise, Costa Meyer describes it as “paradigmatic Dom-ino house: spindly supports sandwiched daringly between two slabs of concrete. Thin, Corbusian pilotis raise the glass box elegantly aloft.”

-In my opinion, the use of glass windows and building it around a tree suggests the interconnectedness with nature and the environment.

-forest/vegetation serves as a mural, a work of art, that’s purpose is to please the eye

**Info Sources:**

Harvard Design Magazine

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