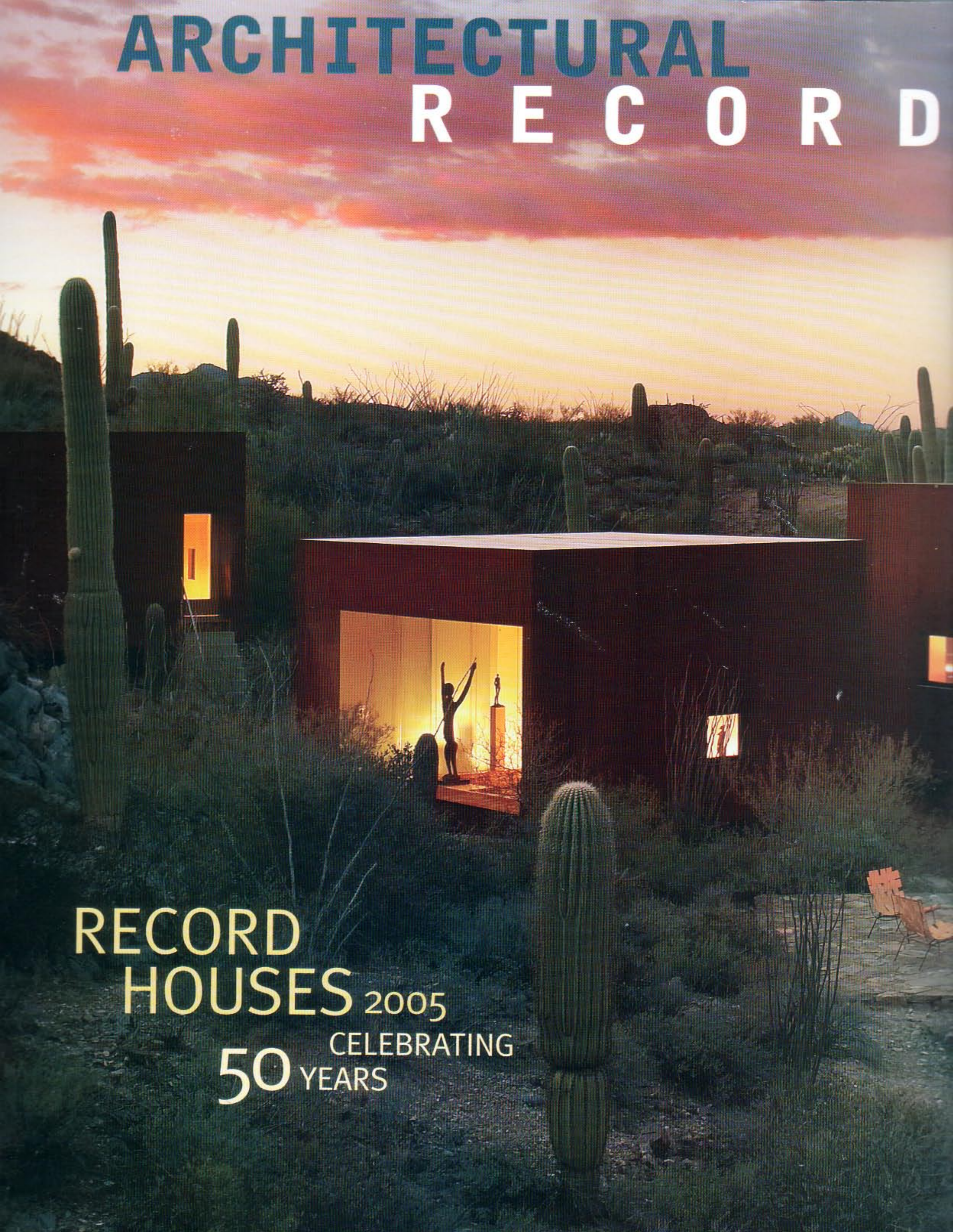


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**The Brain,
Olson Sundberg Kundig
Allen Architects,
Seattle, Washington
1,040 square feet**

The Brain forms a "cinematic laboratory" north of downtown Seattle, where independent filmmaker David White can now contemplate ideas in peace [RECORD, June 2004, page 141]. The cast-in-place concrete box offers a neutral, adaptable background for White's insertions, which include etchings directly onto the stairs and film projections. If the building's form goes unnoticed, it has achieved its goal, according to architect Tom Kundig. "It's not about the architecture, but the space," he says. "Ideally, the building fades into the background." Large warehouse windows let in copious daylight and afford views of the surrounding landscape. Raw, hot-rolled sheets of steel form the interior structures.

