

# DESIGN



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## ELIEL VON NESSEN rare floor lamp

Nessen Studio, Inc. | USA, c. 1928 | aluminum, chrome-plated metal, Bakelite  
67¼ h × 13¾ dia in (171 × 35 cm)

Saارين Swanson Family oral histories trace the design of this lamp to Eliel Saarinen for Walter Von Nessen's studio. While it is documented that Saarinen modified the design of twelve of these lamps for use in the Kingswood School Cranbrook dining hall, documentation concerning the original un-modified design has not been located.

Signed with impressed manufacturer's mark to underside: [N 76].

**Literature:** *American Modern, 1925-1940: Design for a New Age*, Johnson, pg. 61 *Cranbrook Art Museum 100 Treasures*, Wittkopp, ppg. 104-105

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