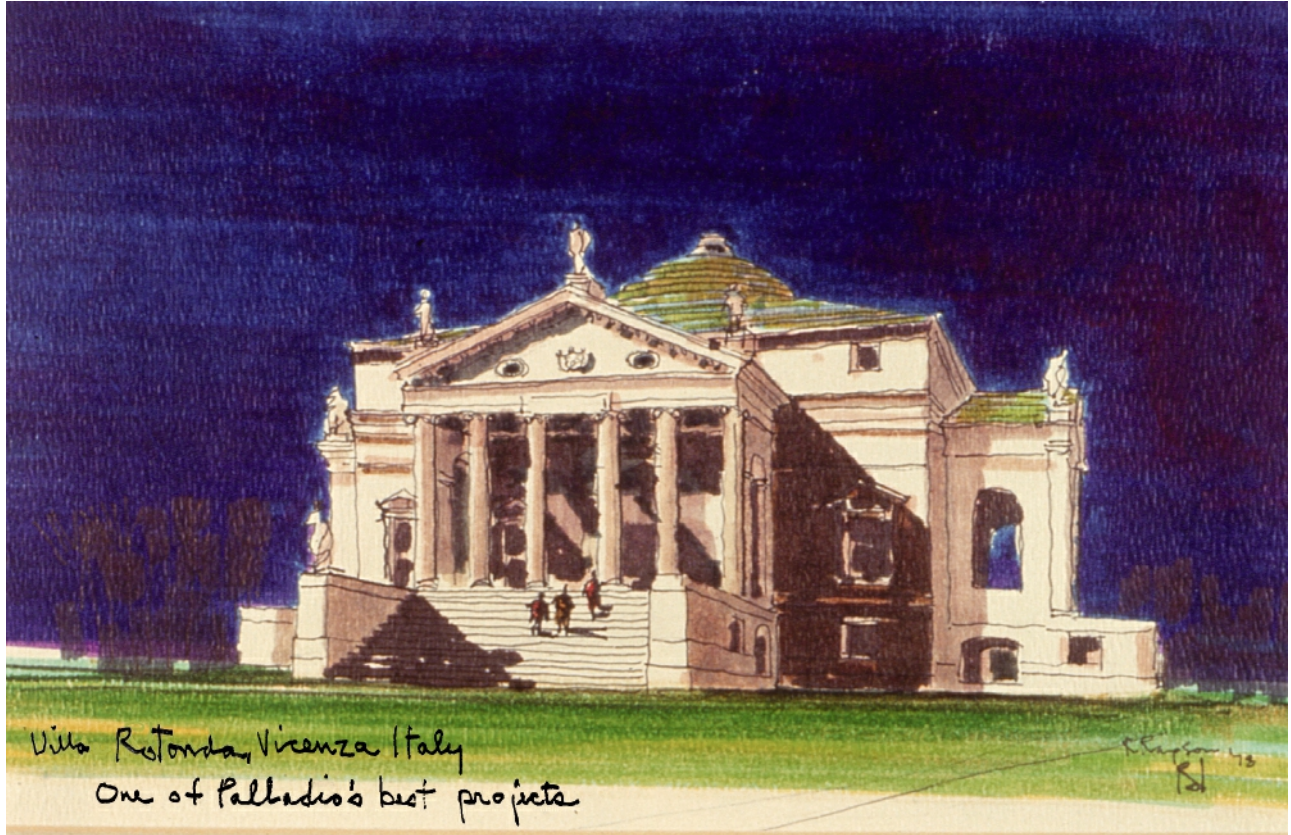


Ralph Rapson & Palladio in Vicenza

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[Villa Capra](#), also known as Villa Rotunda, in Vicenza, Italy, designed by Andrea Palladio, 1566 to 1571.

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"Italy followed Greece on a ten-week University of Minnesota study tour I led in 1976.

"I spent several days searching out Palladio's work in and around Vicenza, not far from Venice. Here he built some of his finest villas as country retreats for wealthy landowners. One of the best is Villa Rotunda. Classical in its purity, balance, and symmetry, the structure stands in composed contrast to the riot of colorful landscape that surrounds it." – Ralph Rapson

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