

Architecture You Love
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News this Week



- The brilliant California architect Richard Orme Spencer (standing by the fireplace) was captured in this iconic photograph by Julius Shulman as the essence of 1950's cool. Yet there is much more to his story: three amazing cantilevered houses, two of which still survive.
- Le Corbusier's Radiant City icon damaged by fire. Thanks to Clay Heaton for the tip.

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Architecture Movies in Cary

Next in the Nowell's Architecture Movie Series: Thursday, February 16, 730pm: *God's Architects*, Galaxy Cinema, Cary. \$9 at the door, current Mod Squad members free. Details [here](#).

And closing out our 2011-2012 season on Thursday, March 15, 730pm: *Philip Johnson: Diary of An Eccentric Architect*.

- All about interior and furniture designer [Arne Jacobsen](#).
- Watch out [Ice Cube](#); there's a new musician-slash-architecture dude on the scene, [Moby](#). The former rave titan has launched [his own Los Angeles architecture blog](#).
- [Architect Jim Brandt](#) of Raleigh passed away last week. Services will be at 11am, Saturday, February 18, at Pullen Memorial Church on Hillsborough Street. Brandt was the first (1951) editor of the Student Publication at the NCSU School of Design. We've just [added a poem](#) Brandt wrote in that publication, submitted by his good friend [Gene Brown](#).



- February is Black History Month, so catch up on those who led the way for future generations in Tarheel design before 1970: [Pioneering Black Architects in North Carolina](#).
- Preserving Modernist houses in New England through [conservation easements](#). In North Carolina the go-to people for conservation easements are [Preservation North Carolina](#). Thanks to KC Ramsay for the tip.



- Thanks to the assistance of many TMH readers (especially Chris Senior), research by Virginia Faust, plus photography by Susan Ward, the mystery of Chapel Hill's [Harriet Gordon](#) houses has been solved!

Upcoming Events



Join the Mod Squad for just \$9.95/month!

Mod Squad financial support provides ongoing funding for TMH research and programming. Mod Squad members receive great benefits and join a community of passionate advocates:

- A Mod Squad Limited Edition baseball cap or coffee mug.
 - Free admission to the Nowell's Architecture Movie Series, and free or reduced admission to single-house tours.
 - Exclusive member-only discounts on TMH tours and trips.
 - Special early notice on TMH tours, lectures, movies, and gatherings; invitations to special Mod Squad-only receptions, tours, and workshops.
- Details are [here](#). There's also an option to pay by the year.



Mayberry Modernism

TMH Founder George Smart speaks on "Mayberry



- **Appetite4Architecture Dinner February 21:** Talk about the affordable home of your dreams over a delicious small group dinner at Raleigh's 18 Seaboard with noted local Modernist architects Kenneth Hobgood, Erin Sterling Lewis, and Brian Shawcroft. Details and registration here. **Deadline to sign up is tomorrow -- February 14.**



- Invisible opens this month in a downtown Durham storefront. This incredible group of art supporters will perform their latest work called "The New Obsolete" including the "Selectric Piano," an IBM Selectric

Modernism," North Carolina's legacy of outstanding residential architecture: February 22, PechaKucha Night, The Union Tavern, Raleigh; June 12, Durham County Library (Downtown). To book Mayberry Modernism for your group or association, please contact George at 919.740.8407.

typewriter (see photo) that has been electromechanically rigged up to play a piano or keyboard. Each letter typed sounds a note; the text is projected for the audience to read. New instruments include "Elsewhere's Roof," a ten-foot tower that uses dripping water to control mechanical percussion devices, and the "Pulse Oximeter" which controls those same devices with beating hearts. Details: February 11, 17, 18, 24 and 25, 108 Morris Street in downtown Durham. ***Yummy food trucks*** and sidewalk performers start at 7pm, openers perform at 8pm, Invisible performs at 8:45, \$7 per person. All month long a series of artists will be showing work in the storefront, viewable from the sidewalk. For info visit soundsinvisible.com.

- Want to win free tickets? Just  today's newsletter on Facebook and you're entered in a drawing for multiple pairs for the 24th and 25th.



- **Appetite4Architecture Dinner March 6:** Learn how design/build works for Modernist houses over a delicious small group dinner at Raleigh's 18 Seaboard with Phil Szostak and Vinny Petrarca. Details and registration [here](#). **Deadline to sign up is February 26.**

DVD Sale 20% Off



The Infinite Space DVD is now on sale at our lowest price ever: Support TMH's interviews of mid-century North Carolina architects through buying ***Infinite Space***, a stunning DVD documentary on the life and architecture of California architect John Lautner, protege of Frank Lloyd Wright. Simply go here, donate \$26.95 (down from \$34.95) under Quick Donation, and you'll have the DVD in a week! Price includes shipping in the US. Want a preview? Watch the trailer.

TMH Volunteers

- Research volunteer needed in Winston-Salem to find mid century modern houses and take photos. What a fun way to spend a few hours driving around! Email.
- Want to be a house detective? We're missing about a dozen houses in Wilson. Yes, these 1950's NC homes have literally disappeared from history, and we need help finding them. Email.

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