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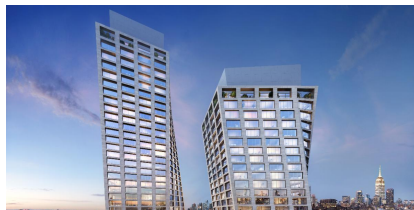

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The 1968 National Gallery in Berlin, designed by **Mies Van der Rohe**, has **been restored** by **David Chipperfield Architects**.

The **2020 Residential Architect Design Awards**.

The movement to destroy **Louis Kahn's** buildings at the Indian Institute of Management-Ahmedabad in India has been put on hold.



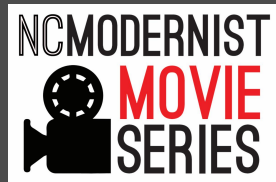
A **profile** of the wildly successful young architect **Bjarke Ingels**. His XI Towers in New York, left, open soon.



Blair Kamin, architecture critic at the Chicago Tribune for 28 of his 33 years, has taken a buyout from the newspaper as they downsize. He won the 1999 Pulitzer Prize for Criticism about the problems and promise of Chicago's lakefront and served as a

visiting critic at architecture schools including the Harvard University Graduate School of Design.

["GOFF"](#); Teaser



The 2020 NCModernist/MODHomes Architecture Movie Series is now ... **FREE!**

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Monday, January 11-Wednesday, January 13

GOFF: The Life and Work of Architect Bruce Goff

Bruce Goff was one of the greatest American architects of the 20th century. His unconventional perspective challenged stigmas that said the Midwest's was unable to produce innovative work. A peer to Frank Lloyd Wright, his work had a profound influence on the next generation of architects, including [Philip Johnson](#) and [Frank Gehry](#). However, Goff's willingness to explore unprecedented forms often solicited polarized perspectives of his work. As a result of establishing his practice in an otherwise conservative landscape and his unabashed desire to experiment with the possibilities of form, much of his work has been left to decay or has been forgotten altogether. *GOFF* explores the life of an iconoclast and chronicles the events that lead to the destruction and renewed interest of his memory and dwellings.

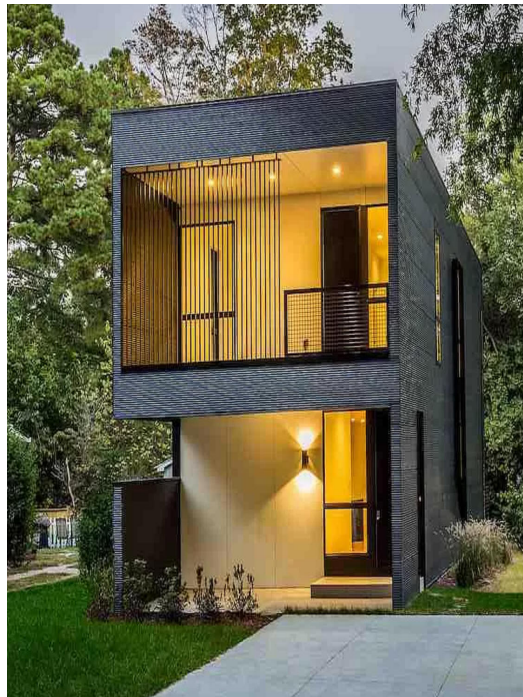
How to View: go [here](#), and the password is modernist. Viewing ends on Wednesday,

January 13, at 9pm ET.

There will be a [free Zoom Q&A open to everyone](#) with producer [Britni Harris](#) and USModernist's [George Smart](#) on Thursday, January 14, at 8pm ET.



Many thanks to movie series underwriter:
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Mies + Ingels - Kamin + Goff - No More Federal Modernism - Zena Howard

This Saturday, January 16, 8am-5pm: 1408 North Duke Street, Durham. Designed by **Erin Sterling Lewis**. [Details and tickets](#).

What's a trickle tour? It's where Modernist architecture fans visit an unoccupied Modernist house at a trickle of the normal rate. There will be no more than 5 people in a house at the same time. That's plenty of room per person, plus there's greater flexibility in selecting a tour time and ticket price. Participants must wear masks while onsite and maintain a minimum six-foot distance with event staff and other participants.



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Save 10% at **Westgate Wine**, and they'll make a donation to USModernist. They ship

all over the US and deliver in the Triangle. Use the code "Modernist."

On February 26 at [Leland Little](#), NCModernist begins an auction of Modernist art, lamps, chairs and other furniture. Stay tuned!



USModernist has a really small staff – we can't do it all without the help of our passionate, wonderful, dedicated volunteers! You can be part of this growing organization celebrating and preserving Modernist residential design across the country.

Field Research Agents: Volunteer to join USModernist's crowd-research project to scout the internet as we more fully document 8,000 iconic Modernist houses across America. From the comfort of your laptop, car, or both, research Modernist houses in Los Angeles, Palm Springs, Asheville, and Wilson. Contact **Carie Chesarino** at carie@usmodernist.org.

Photographers: Photodocument houses from the street in the Triangle area of NC. Contact George Smart at george@usmodernist.org.

Event Volunteers: Greet people and process tickets for registration at our events. Contact Rebekah Laney at rebekah@usmodernist.org.

Rainmakers: Turbocharge our sponsor and underwriter contacts and infrastructure. Introduce us to people who are passionate about supporting Modernism. Connect us with family or public foundations who want to document and preserve Modernist architecture. Contact George Smart at george@usmodernist.org.

Social Media Manager: Plan and curate our daily posts on Instagram and Facebook. Contact George Smart at george@usmodernist.org.



Special Sale: *Triangle Modern Architecture*, by **Victoria Bell**. \$44 each includes shipping anywhere in the continental US. [Details.](#)

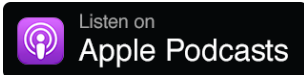


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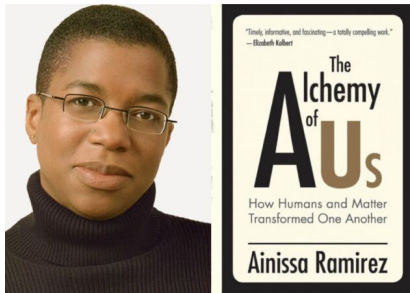
ARCHITECTURE YOU LOVE



New: #178/No More Federal Modernism: Classicist Catesby Leigh + Musical Guest Lucy Woodward

Some Classicists are so passionate about Modernist architecture they create a well-financed, highly effective organization to point out the flaws of Modernist buildings and actively discourage new Modernist projects. Every Classicist we talk to mentions today's guest, **Catesby Leigh**, who has written about architecture for over 30 years. He co-founded the National Classical Art Society, headed by past podcast guest **Justin Shubow**, which advocates the classical tradition in federal buildings and monuments. He's a gifted writer, essayist and organizer, and we're surprised he hasn't won the Henry Hope Reed Award, the Oscar of Classicism, because no one is more deserving. If they accept nominations from us Modernist heathens, we'd like to be first to put his name in the hat. Later in the show, we sing to, and listen to, the charming **Lucy Woodward**.

USModernist Radio is sponsored by **Wendy Robineau** and **Don Beskind**, and by Modernist realtor [Angela Roehl](#). New to podcasts? You can also listen to USModernist Radio on any major podcast platform, through any device, or [through any computer](#). [See past shows](#).



New Book: *The Alchemy of Us*. Physicist and science evangelist **Ainissa Ramirez** tells engaging stories about materials science, the technologies it enables, and how those technologies impact human behavior.



Got a bunch of old architecture/design magazines you've been saving/hoarding for years/decades?

Old architecture or design publications in your attic, basement, office, or storage unit? Do you need to move them along — but you can't bear to throw them away?

USModernist will take them off your hands and make them available to the world, plus we'll make them searchable! USModernist has scanned over 3 million pages so far, all available for free in our [online magazine library](#).

Donating magazines is easy. We even provide free shipping, and you get a nice tax deduction! Here's [the list of magazines/issues we are missing](#).

Plus, your amazingly patient spouse - who's been bugging you to get rid of these for years - will be thrilled!

Contact **George Smart** at george@usmodernist.org or [919.740.8407](tel:919.740.8407).



Need more room? Cleaning out your home, office, storage unit, basement, or attic?

Free pickup and a ***super-nice tax deduction*** for donating an iconic mid-century chair, table, sofa, loveseat, or clock (Eames, Barcelona, Noguchi, Nelson, etc.). We are also accepting works of Modernist art, paintings and sculpture. Contact USModernist Director of Development **Rebekah Laney** at rebekah@usmodernist.org.

Stay tuned! We're auctioning the next round of donations February 26 through **Leland Little Auctions!** Proceeds benefit USModernist's ongoing research projects, like our **massive magazine library**.

UPCOMING EVENTS



modernism week

February 1-28: The Modernism Week Online Experience is an all-online format, a curated lineup of more than 20 new video programs created for Modernism Week and encore presentations of past programs available for purchase and on-demand streaming. Tickets for online events go on sale Monday, February 1, at noon PT. Modernism Week will offer an online auction February 1-14 that will feature one-of-a-kind architectural experiences and unique, limited specialty items not normally available to the public. [Details.](#)

April 8-18: Modernism Week in Palm Springs with more exterior tours; the Palm Springs Modernism Show & Sale; tours of Sunnylands, Frank Sinatra's former estate, and of the Lautner Compound; narrated self-driving tours of Palm Springs architecture. See the schedule at modernismweek.com. Tickets on sale now.

[Expo Site Progress EN](#)

October 19-30, 2021: Twice the size of Monaco, the World Expo in Dubai was postponed a year due to COVID. Take a look at how the Expo site has progressed and get a taste of what to expect when it opens in 2021.

USModernist is going for 10 incredible days, also touring Abu Dhabi and central Dubai.

There may be a few spaces available. Contact **George Smart** by replying to this email.

[Details.](#)



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Walter Magazine [profiles](#) Durham architect **Zena Howard** in a profile by **Mike Welton**. Photo by **Bob Karp**.

Also from Walter, Mike Welton writes on [The Carolina School: Distinct Modern Architecture in the Triangle](#).



The George Matsumoto Prize is North Carolina's highest honor exclusively for Modernist residential architecture. NCModernist created the Matsumoto Prize in 2012 in honor of **George Matsumoto**, one of the founding faculty members of North Carolina State University's College of Design. Matsumoto created some of North Carolina's most well-known and well-loved Modernist houses.

The Matsumoto Prize encourages young architects, designers, and prospective clients to continue the Modernist movement so important to North Carolina's design

heritage.

2021 Jurors are **Takashi Yanai, Cathleen McGuigan, Hilary Lewis, Martin Voelkel, Marica McKeel, Jim Jennings, Michela O'Connor-Abrams, and Barry Bergdoll.**

Any new Modernist house built in North Carolina within the last five years is eligible. You do not have to be an architect. Builders and owners can submit, too. Submissions are open now through May 1. [Details.](#)



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