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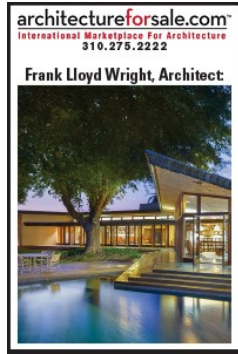


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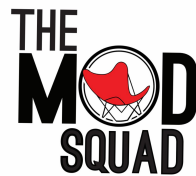
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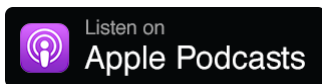
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Latest Podcast



#300/The BIG One: Bjarke Ingels + Musical Guest Halie Loren

USModernist Radio started in 2015, one dark and stormy night – and we can't believe it, but here we are at episode 300 with a special, internationally known architect we've been working to get on the show for years.

George was always packed, ready to fly to Copenhagen at a moment's notice. Devoted listeners know exactly who we're talking about, and now that long quest comes to a happy ending as we welcome the Frank Lloyd Wright of his generation, **Bjarke Ingels**. Later, swooning of a different kind over jazz vocalist **Halie Loren**.

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platform or [through any computer.](#)

Featured Event



Headed to New Canaan CT the weekend of June 10? USModernist hosts a delightful brunch to kick off an endowment and sponsorship campaign in the Northeast on **Sunday, June 11**. As the award-winning nonprofit archive approaches its third decade, we are preparing for the critical transition from startup to establishment.

Hosted in the Modernist house shown above, one of the few in town designed by **Russell Ford** and **Frederick Taylor Gates**, the brunch follows on the heels of two wildly popular [Moon Over Modernism](#) events in Los Angeles.

To receive a personal invitation, email George Smart at george@usmodernist.org.

Modernist News



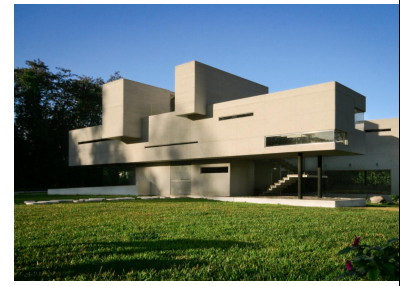
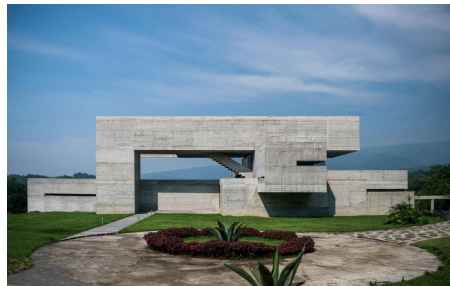
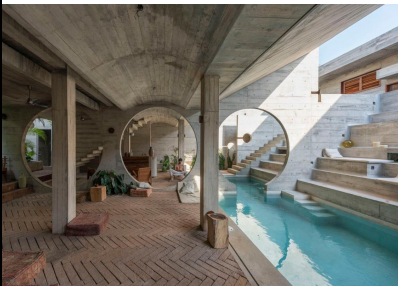
Last week, the Monterey County CA Board of Supervisors unanimously granted an appeal to stop demolition of the **Richard Neutra**-designed Connell House in Pebble Beach. What that means in practical terms, however, is yet to be decided. The next action is set for June 27.

After **a two-hour hearing**, supervisors told staff to look at options to leave the vacant, vandalized house in place or to require that anything new use the same footprint. Analysts have said repairs were infeasible. Other boards had approved a new, larger house.

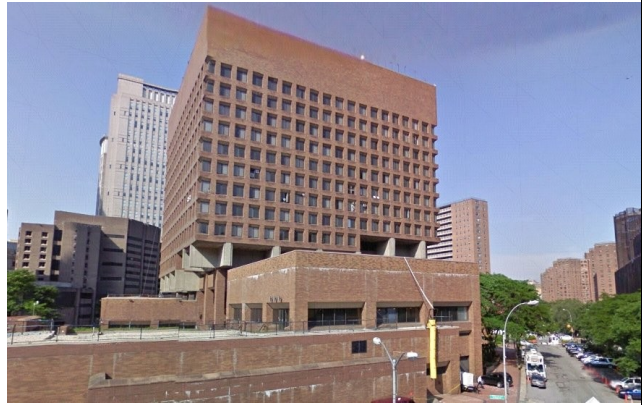
Tech CEO **Massy Medhipour** bought the house, which overlooks the ocean, in 2004 and has been asking since 2012 for permission to tear it down and put up a new Modernist house by another architect.



A Los Angeles designer/developer built three side-by-side houses in Venice Beach and is touting **the Glass Ladies** – dubbed Lucia, Loren, and Maya – as a Southern California analog to San Francisco's famous, pastel Painted Ladies houses.



16 examples of Brutalist design in Mexico.



ArchDaily's online guide to [New York City's Modernist buildings](#) from multiple times and genres.



A 2005 [Modernist house in Houston](#) is on the market for a little under \$1.2M. No indication about architect. Any clues?



New York-based **Fuller Overby** designed a series of boxes wrapped in cypress that **step down a steep lot toward a lake** in western North Carolina's mountainous McDowell County. It's a retirement home.



The **Ohio History Center in Columbus**, which houses a museum, the state archives and the State Historic Preservation Office, has been named to the National Register of Historic Places. **W. Byron Ireland & Associates** designed it in the mid-1960s.



Swiss private-school students worked with experts including **SAGA Space Architects** from Denmark to design **a solar-powered floating habitat** to address housing affordability and potential climate crises.



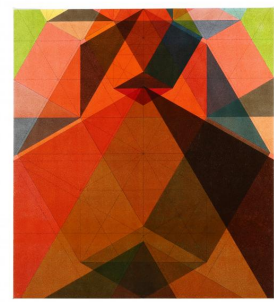
This Okinawa, Japan, home by **IGA Architecture** takes **open-plan design about as far as it can go** without some science-fiction anti-gravity system: One large concrete column supports the entire structure. The walls are sliding glass panels in wood frames.



In Montevideo, **MVRDV Architects**, the Dutch firm, has designed a 15-story apartment block that will have **courtyards and green space throughout**.

- Pritzker Prize-winner **Norman Foster** says artificial intelligence as it stands now **cannot replicate the "physicality"** of the "buildings, streets and squares" where we live. Foster also said he would **welcome a chance to chat with Britain's King Charles III** about the "benefits of change" in architecture, a subject on which they have disagreed.
- The Bjarke Ingels Group (BIG), William Rawn Associates and EOA Architects have been named to design a new home in Nashville for the **Tennessee Performing Arts Center**.

Upcoming Events



At **Leland Little Auctions (online)**, the sale of art by **John Hiigly** benefits USModernist. Hiigly was an abstract geometric painter and co-founder / co-director of Le Jardin a l'Ouest. He attended the University of Indiana in the early 1960s, the New York Studio School of Drawing, Painting and Sculpture in the mid-1960s, Empire State College in the mid-1980s and Bank Street Graduate School of Education in the late 1980s. Hiigly's transfixing geometric paintings synthesize the teachings of **Jean Piaget** and **Buckminster Fuller**. You can bid now, and the online auction is May 25.

The **Glass House Summer Party**, New Canaan CT, Saturday, June 10. **Tickets**.

DOCOMOMO-US National Symposium, New Haven CT, June 21–24.

Hairpin Homes' Mid-Century Modern tour, Fort Collins CO, June 24. **Tickets and details**.

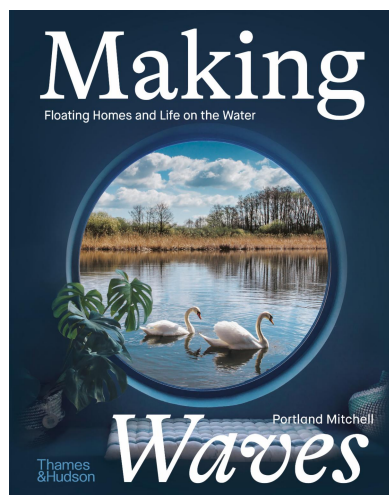
Helena Arahuete Exhibition, UC Santa Barbara, September 20 - December 17.

DOCOMOMO-US, Cape Cod Modernist houses, October 6-8. [Tickets and details.](#)

DOCOMOMO-US hosts a trip to Brazil October 12-23. [Tickets and details.](#)

Albert Frey: Innovative Modernist. Palm Springs Art Museum Architecture and Design Center, January 11-June 16, 2024.

New Book



Available June 20: ***Making Waves: Floating Homes and Life on the Water***, by Portland Mitchell. The ultimate inspirational guide for anyone dreaming of living on a boat of their own, featuring practical tips on everything from clever storage solutions to finding moorings and living off-grid. For thousands of years, water vessels have provided livelihoods, catered to our spirit of adventure, and served as retreats from the pressures of modern life. It is little wonder that life on the water calls out to the creative and the curious—the mavericks, artists, architects, crafters, and designers who have made their homes on barges, shipping containers, houseboats, and more.

Featuring an international range of vessels, *Making Waves* celebrates those outliers seeking a different way of life; those exploring how living on a boat offers the chance

to achieve a more satisfying work-life balance while holding much of the paraphernalia and constrictions of the modern world at bay. With stunning photography and packed with practical advice and inspiration, the book reveals how anyone can transform a boat into a beautiful and unique place to live and work.

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NEWSLETTER 

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Preservation Durham Home Tour, May 20-21. [Tickets.](#)



Anyone know who designed this 2010 Modernist renovation to 208 Windel in Raleigh?



North Carolina Realtors and owners of NC Modernist houses can now list - for sale or for rent - on our new completely free [NCModernist database](#).

Listings limited to detached single family Modernist houses, old or new, but the house must be in North Carolina. [Details](#).



Greensboro Modernism - Past and Present!

A Benefit Modernist House Tour
Saturday, June 17, 11am - 5pm

North Carolina's brilliant mid-century Modernist houses are frequently endangered and often torn down, largely because buyers, sellers, and realtors often do not realize the importance of how to identify, preserve, and protect these livable works of art. You can't save something if you don't know where it is and why it is important.

This two-house tour spanning 1954 to 2022 benefits research work by [NCModernist](#), an **award-winning** nonprofit digital archive for owners, students, journalists, researchers, real estate agents, historians, preservationists, architects, and

architecture fans to protect and preserve the state's Modernist houses. With documentation on over **5,000 houses**, NCModernist is unrivaled resource for Modernist research and preservation.

This breezy Saturday features the iconic 1954 Loewenstein House, designed by **Edward Loewenstein** - and the 2022 Center Grove House, designed by **STITCH**.
Details and Tickets.

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08 AUG 7PM GABRIELA CARRILLO
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Opening reception with Women in Architecture

July-August: in situ studio's annual summer Raleigh lecture series **is live** for tickets!

Historic Preservation Easements for Modernist Houses

Did you know that having your Modernist house on the National Register does nothing legally to protect it from demolition? Neither does having a talented and/or famous architect. Neither does any local or state historic designation. At best, you can get a delay, but the bulldozers can't be fended off for long. In fact, the only way to assure a house is not destroyed is through a very cool document called a preservation easement – essentially a homeowner's association for one house.

Join **Cathleen Turner** of Preservation North Carolina and **George Smart** of NCModernist, with special guest, Modernist homeowner **Jane Levy**, as they share the 1-2-3's to assure your mid-20th-century Modernist house makes it to the mid-21st-century.

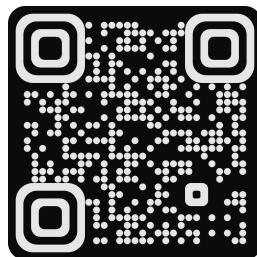
Not in North Carolina? No worries, preservation easements work in every state.



Vacancy, not development, is the enemy of mid-century Modernist houses. Preserve and protect the architecture you love by **notifying us** when North Carolina houses go vacant or on the market.

Where are all the North Carolina listings? They're on our new **NCModernist For Sale/Rent database**.

Realtors and owners can list their NC Modernist houses for sale or rent there for free, and you can browse there anytime you like! Submissions are subject to approval: single family Modernist houses only, they can be old or new, the architect or designer can be from anywhere, but the house must be in North Carolina.



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