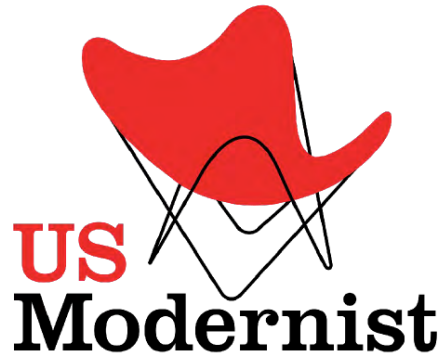


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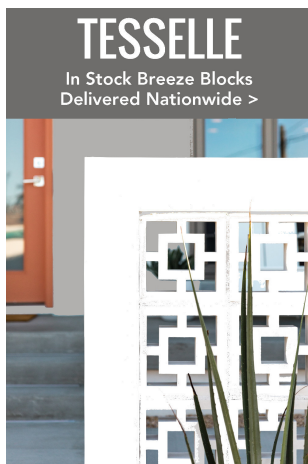
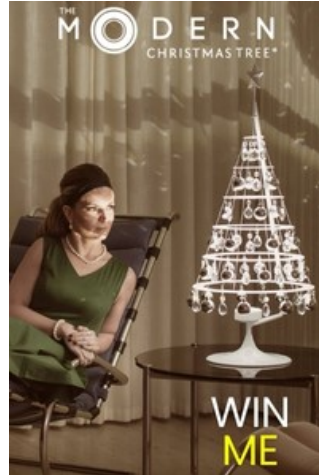
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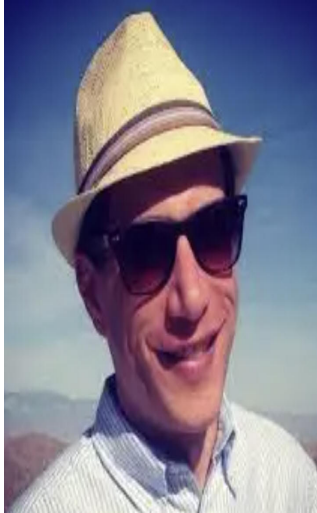
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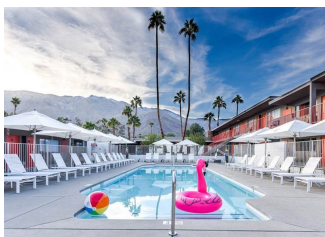


Next Monday, October 28, 3pm ET: USModernist Presents filmmaker **Jake Gorst** speaking on: ***Chasing Modernism: Over 20 Years of Capturing 20th Century Modernism on Film***, including and his most recent, ***New England Modernism***.

Free on Zoom, [registration required](#). Enter GORST on the Google form.

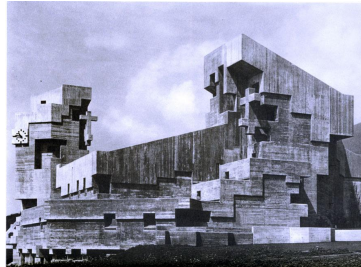
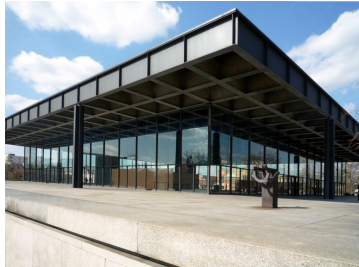


LAST CALL for November 2-3. Join USModernist architecture fans for a Sunset Benefit Cocktail Party at the 1956 Willis Harpel House, designed by **John Lautner** and a tour at the 1970 Gertler House in Pacific Palisades, designed by **Ray Kappe**. Just 10 tickets left! [Details](#).



LAST CALL for February 18-24. Join USModernist in an unforgettable, curated six-day

experience during Modernism Week in Palm Springs. Just 2 places left! [Details](#).



Did you miss USModernist's exciting trip to London, Brussels, and Amsterdam last May? No worries, we will be back there in 2027.

Meanwhile, join us May 13-23, 2025 in **Berlin and Zurich**, including a thrilling visit to Vals, Switzerland, staying at **Peter Zumthor's** iconic spa (last photo). [Indicate your interest here](#) (no obligation). Enter BERLIN on the Google form. When trip details roll out soon, you'll be among the first to know!

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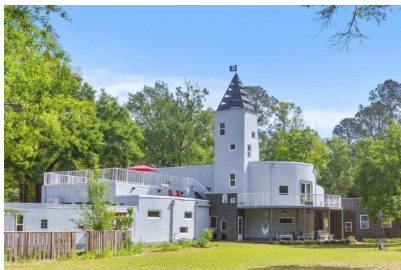


[Rodney Walker's](#) 1948 West House in Pacific Palisades CA, built as Case Study House 18 (or 18A, depending on whom you ask) has been reduced in price [down to \\$8M](#).

PBS SoCal just released a new video special on the famous Case Study Houses. West Coast Modernism took hold in Southern California when **Arts & Architecture Magazine** sponsored the Case Study House program in the 1950's, involving the commission of major architects that included **Pierre Koenig, Richard Neutra** and **Charles and Ray Eames**.

Watch the opening episode of America By Design, Season 2.

Author and historian **Alan Hess** talks about early Modernist architect **Irving Gill**, who coincidentally was recently interred **after waiting over 85 years**.



Two quirky buildings on the same street in Monticello FL, designed in 1987 (left) and 1996 by the same professor of architecture, **are for sale for \$1.6M and \$645,000**. Much work needed.



Cara Greenberg, who wrote a definitive book 30 years ago on Mid-century Modernist furniture and pretty much coined the term midcentury modern, **told Dezeen the style "is never going away."**



Freddie de Cordova was the longtime director of the Tonight Show with **Johnny Carson**. His house in Beverly Hills Trousdale Estates, designed in the mid-1960s by **Rex Lotery**, was on the market for as much as \$17M. Now, singer **Charlie Puth** has **reportedly sold** it to TV real estate celebrity **Josh Flagg** for \$11M.



Sunset magazine [posted a story of restoring the 1968 Lark House](#) in Seattle WA, designed by **Al Bumgardner**.



Before Modernism hit Palm Springs at scale, there were a few there already. This [1940's house is for sale at \\$2M](#), built by Waale-Camplan and Smith Incorporated, which worked frequently with [E. Stewart Williams's](#) father, **Harry Williams**.



MAD Architects designed a mixed-use building in Denver CO, One River North, that a **"landscaped rift" that cuts through 10 of its 16 stories** to show Colorado-inspired landscaping.



FUN FACT: In 1949, **Charles and Ray Eames** designed the Shell Chair to cradle the human body in a **form made of glass-fiber-reinforced polyester resin** created for the US military.



Curtis Moody, the Columbus OH native who founded Moody Nolan, the largest African-American-owned architecture firm in the US, **passed away October 13 at age 73**.



Raymond Neutra, son of Richard, received the Dagny Mayo award last week from LA's Friends of Residential Treasures for his work preserving Modernist architecture.



USModernist's **George Smart** spoke in New Canaan CT yesterday and was featured on **New Canaan Radio**.

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- Design historian **Pat Kirkham** told *Dezeen* that many female designers who did Modernist work **are more appreciated now** than when they were creating.
 - The Village of Southampton Architectural Review Board (ARB) continues to pursue forced landmarking of five Modernist houses, three by **Norman Jaffe**, and one each by **Myron Goldfinger** and **Ward Bennett**. The ARB will discuss it again on **October 28**, 6pm ET. This often-dramatic discussion between the Board and homeowner attorneys tends to be at the end of the meeting, between 8pm and 930pm. **Watch it over Zoom.**
 - The late Portland OR architect **James Oliver** practiced some Modernist magic in designing his 1971 house, putting seven levels in an area that only allowed two. For sale at **\$1.1M**.



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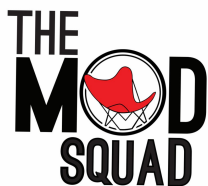
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Upcoming Events

October 24: The Newport Beach Film Festival features **New England Modernism** by **Jake and Tracey Gorst**. [Details](#).

October 24-27: Modernism Week Preview Weekend, Palm Springs CA. [Details](#).

October 27: Hollywood By Design, an LA Conservancy Benefit, honoring the noted designer and Modernist preservationist **Trina Turk**. [Details and tickets](#).

October 28-30 in New Orleans: Celebrate the 75th anniversary of the National Trust for Historic Preservation at their annual conference. [Details](#).

November 8: Docomomo US benefit at **Trina Turk's** 1950 Schapiro House in Palm Springs, designed by **J. R. Davidson**. [Tickets](#).

November 14-17: Architecture Sarasota Weekend, Sarasota FL. [Information](#). [Details and tickets](#).

November 19: Preservation Durham's 50-year Celebration, 6-8pm at the Fruit (305 South Dillard Street, Durham NC). Free - suggested donation of \$25/person. [Details](#).



November 21: 5-7pm: **Thirst4Architecture Happy Hour!** Experience the curated and delightful Retro Modern Furnishings, **1515 Gavin Street, Raleigh**. Free, [registration](#)

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Through December 31: *Circle Square Triangle: A World I Wanted to Live In*, a **Myron Goldfinger** exhibition at the Mitchell Aligus Gallery, 132 Delancey Street 2nd Floor (entrance on Norfolk), on the celebrated architect's unbuilt work and visionary community plans. Free. **Details.**



January 16: 5-7pm. **Thirst4Architecture Happy Hour!** TRIG Modern, Whitaker Mill Road, Raleigh NC. Join the NCModernist gang at the TRIG wine bar as you discover a huge store of modern art, furniture, fixtures, lighting, and rugs. Free, **registration required.** Enter TRIG on the form.

Through January 27: ***Outré West: The American School of Architecture from Oklahoma to California*** at the award-winning **Oklahoma Contemporary** Arts Center in Oklahoma City OK. ***Outré West*** explores the work of organic architects including **Herb Greene** and **Bruce Goff**, **Mickey Muennig**, **Violeta Autumn**, **Donald MacDonald**, and **John Marsh Davis**, and others.

Through February 17: **National Building Museum in Washington DC: *Frank Lloyd Wright's Southwestern Pennsylvania* and *Capital Brutalism*.**

Through March 22, *Circle Square Triangle: Houses I Never Lived In*, a **Myron Goldfinger** exhibition of the celebrated architect's houses at the Paul Rudolph Institute in New York City. Free. **Details.**

Through March 28: *100 Women Architects: The Exhibition*, Roca London Gallery, Station Court, Townmead Road, London.

Modapalooza NC: The next 8-house tour of new Modernist houses is Saturday, April 26. Tickets available in January.

Through March 16 at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York. ***Materialized Space: The Architecture of Paul Rudolph***. From Rudolph's Sarasota houses to his controversial Brutalist buildings to his unpublished drawings, models, and furniture, this is the first architecture exhibit at the Met in 52 years. [Tickets and details](#). [Fast Company review](#). Review in [The Guardian](#).

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#375/Housing The Nation: Alexander Gorlin + Victoria Newhouse + Musical Guest Nicole Lvoff


In nearly every major city, housing the homeless is a major problem. Since the defunding of residential mental health programs in the Reagan era, and with other cutbacks in the welfare safety net and the dramatic cost of housing, America has created a huge population of people with problems who have nowhere to live except outside. Even with better ideas to reduce the problem, there's a generally well-funded, lawyered-up constituency that's going to fight it. Joining us today are the authors of the new book *Housing the Nation*, architect **Alexander Gorlin** and architectural historian **Victoria Newhouse**. Later on, wonderful music from **Nicole Lvoff**.

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by **Cheryl Bafford**, it was designed by **Keith Shaw**. And it can be yours; the house is for sale! Tour proceeds benefit the documentation, preservation, and promotion work of NCModernist, a 501C3 nonprofit educational archive for Modernist houses. [Details and tickets.](#)



Though not a remarkable example of his work, a **Lee Butler** house at 4214 Azalea in Raleigh NC is destined for the bulldozer.

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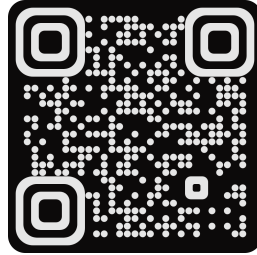
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