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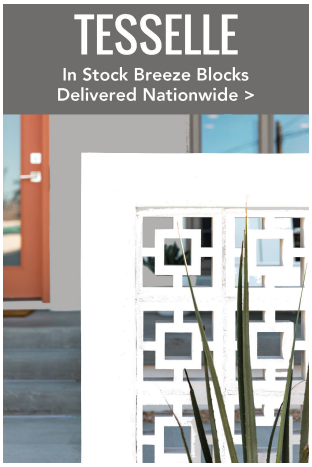
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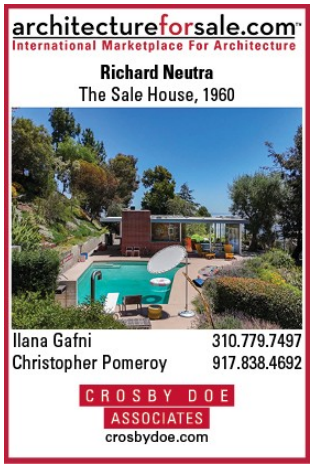
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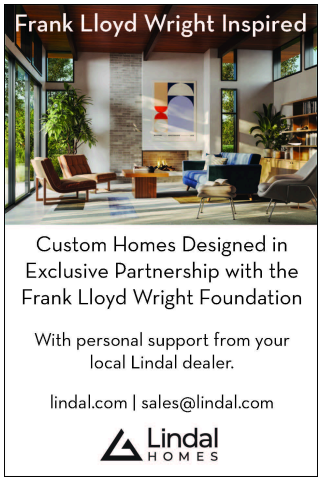
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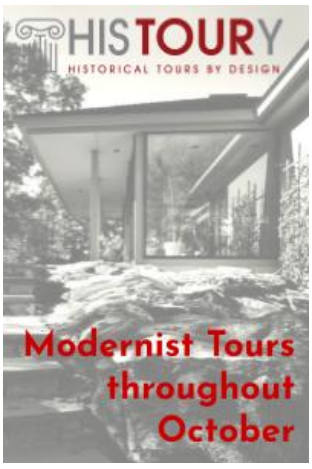












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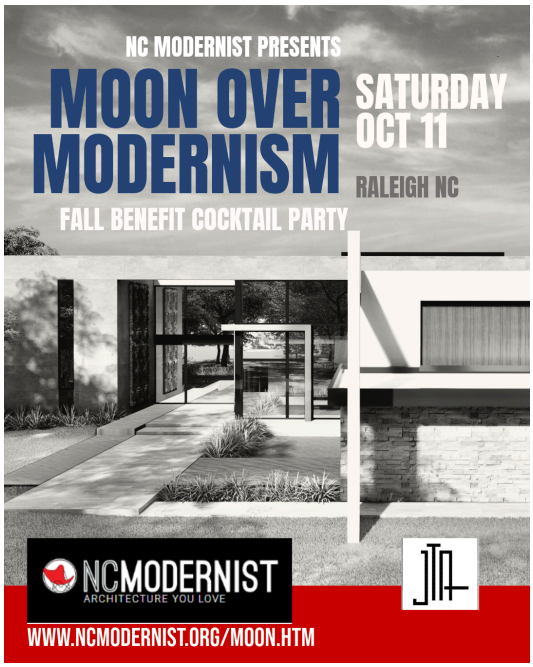
Only 4 places left! Did you know that Scandinavia is home to some of the world's best Modernist buildings? It's no secret that Danish, Swedish, and Norwegian design has influenced architectural style for the last century. You will see – and visit – incredible architecture, art, design, and furniture in three countries, including the work of **Bjarke Ingels**, plus the stunning natural beauty of Scandinavia. Details and tickets.



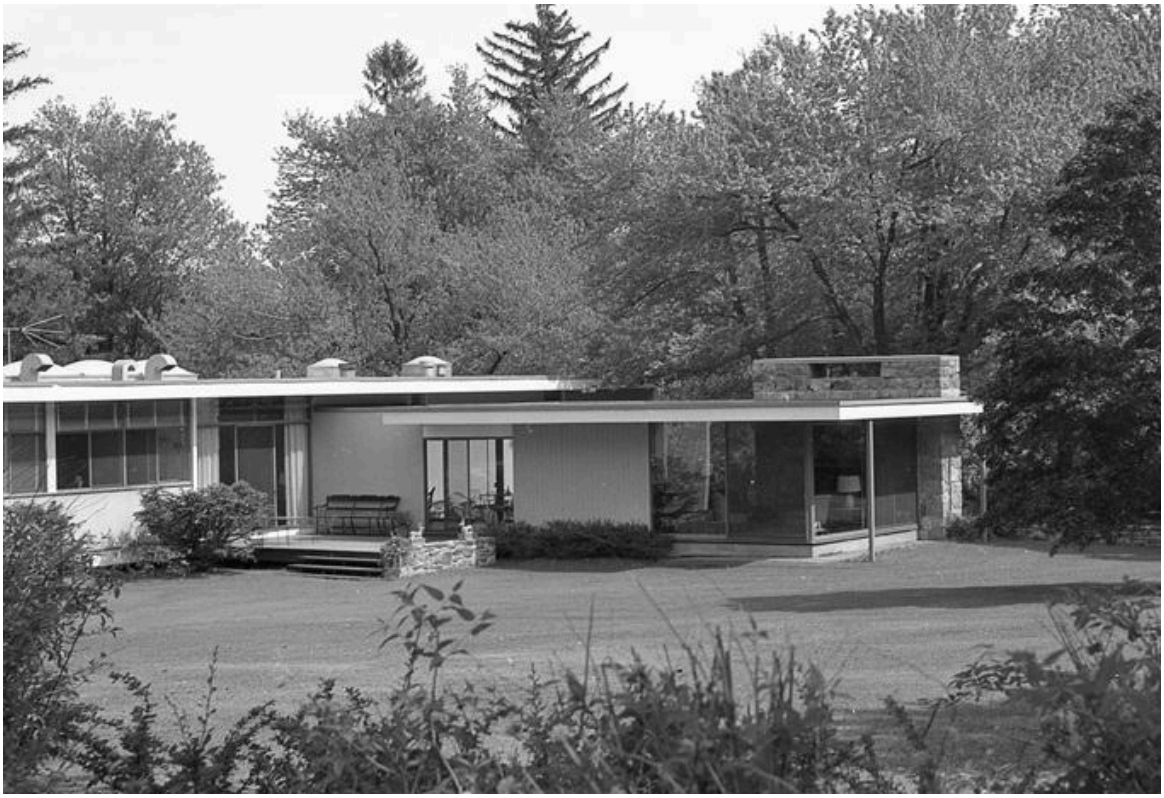
Moon Over Modernism
Benefit Cocktail Party!
Saturday, October 11, 7pm

NEW: NCModernist's fall benefit cocktail party is always a hit - and this year we'll be at an amazing brand new 17000sf Modernist house on 100 acres in Raleigh NC, designed by Joe Trojanowski and built by St. Clair Construction.

Explore the extensive house and grounds, the koi pond, the waterfall, the pool, the game room, the balconies, the glass stairs, and the landscaped grounds while listening to Raleigh's hottest jazz band, **Peter Lamb and the Wolves**. Delicious food and curated cocktails in the company of your fellow



Modernist fans! Sponsored by **Marianne Mansour of COMPASS** and **PELLA Windows**. Tickets and details.



USModernist Jazz Brunch at the 1954 Ford House and Gardens! New Canaan CT / Sunday, October 19, 11am-1pm

NEW: On the Sunday after the sold-out New Canaan Museum and Historical Society Modern House tour, enjoy an beautiful autumn brunch at the National Register–listed 1954 **Elinor and Sherman Ford** House—a mid-century gem designed by architects Gates and Ford.

Later home to **Ely Callaway** (founder of Callaway Golf), the estate also features lush five-acre gardens designed by landscape architect **Friede Stege**.

Delicious food, live jazz, and curated refreshments with other Modernist fans and homeowners! Sponsored by **Inger Stringfellow, June Goldfinger, and Jim Kovacs.** Tickets and details.

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Endangered Modernist Houses

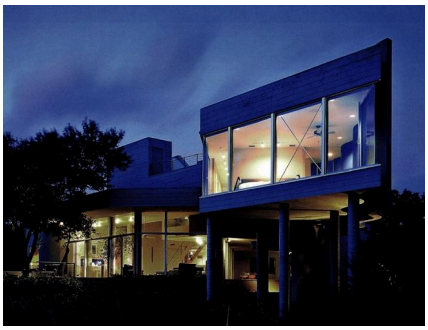


Endangered: Victor Lundy was one of the giants of Sarasota Modernism. He moved to Texas and built a home at 701 Mulberry Lane in Houston TX. Lundy died in 2024 at 101. The house was sold in October 2024 with the new owner wanting to keep it. That somehow changed. Now they plan to engage Habitat for Humanity for "deconstruction" - the nicest form of demolition. According to the Architects Newspaper, a coalition of preservationists including Houston Mod, Preservation Houston, and DOCOMOMO US rallied to save the house, making a $1.75 million offer which was rejected. It may not be too late to make a higher offer. Please contact Liz Waytkus at DOCOMOMO US. Otherwise, this house is doomed.





Endangered: It's a midcentury 1952 architectural treasure in the Country Club Hills area of Raleigh NC. Designed by architect Milton Small, who studied with Mies van der Rohe, the house is in pristine condition. Built by Frank Walser, the master of Modernist construction. Everywhere you turn, a magical Modernist experience. There's the main floor with 3 bedrooms and 3 baths, plus full studio apartment level below with private entrance. You could live in the top and rent the bottom. Now the bad news. The owner has a lowball offer from a developer that she's probably going to take if the house doesn't sell soon. If that happens, this house is toast. $1.35M. Details.





Endangered: Ruh-roh. Modernist preservation is no longer just about midcentury 30's through the 70's. A great *1989* Carl Abbott house is posted for sale as a teardown: the Gaines House, 1761 Oceanview Drive, in Tierra Verde near St. Petersburg FL. The listing specifically shows renderings for another much larger new house (not by Abbott).

Endangered: In 1980, after years of battling with the Modernist-hating Town of Southampton Architectural Review Board (ARB), **Orest Bliss** finally got to build his Norman Jaffe-designed house at 88 Meadow Lane. Fast forward 40+ years, including a non-Jaffe renovation, and Bliss wanted a demolition permit before putting the house on the market, as oceanfront properties get a better price with pre-arranged permits. After lawsuits against the ARB, Bliss got his permit and the house went on the market at $24M. The house needs someone to step up and keep it intact. Otherwise, a new buyer has the green light to tear it down. Details.





Endangered: From a town known as Oyster Bay, Long Island, made famous in song by **Billy Joel**, there's a rare, long-neglected 1955 Walter Gropius house for sale on 17 acres for $6.75M. You know it's a teardown when the listing omits interior photos.

Endahgered: The 1964 Chalif House by Barbara and Julian Neski is for sale at $12M. According to Long Island architectural historian **Alistair Gordon**, "The house is historically important in many ways, but given the temperament of the times, the value of a one-acre plot, and its central location — at the very heart of the village's estate section — there's a likelihood that it will be torn down."





Endangered: Frank Lloyd Wright's 1952 Lewis House, aka Spring House, near Tallahassee FL is for sale through a commercial property broker for a little over $2.1M. The property type is listed as "land." That's never good.

Endangered: The deteriorating-but-recoverable 1946 Booth House in Bedford NY is again for sale. One of the first houses designed by Philip Johnson, now only $1.2M.

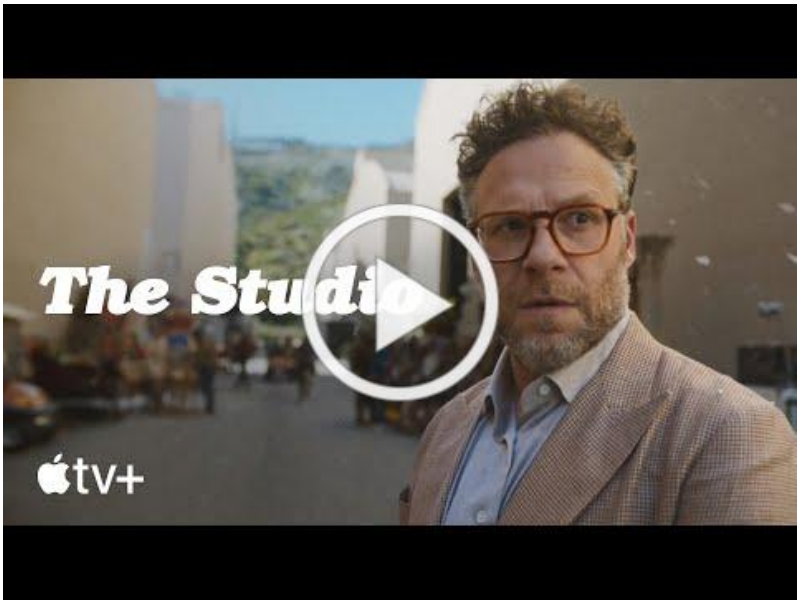
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Know an endangered Modernist house in your neighborhood, city, or state? Through our preservation alert program, **Modernism In Danger,** USModernist calls attention to the Modernist buildings around the country at risk for deterioration, demolition, auction, or inappropriate renovation (like turning your Modernist house into an Italianate villa). Tell us.

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DOCOMOMO-US announced its 2025 Modernism in America Awards, to be held November 6 at Design Within Reach in Chicago. The next day they will tour the Schweikher House (Paul Schweikher), the Edith Farnsworth House (Mies Van der Rohe) and the Ford House (Bruce Goff). The tour ends with a reception at the Frank Lloyd Wright-designed Coonley House. Tickets.



Last night, ***The Studio*** won five Emmys, sweeping the major categories. The series on Apple TV+ features several John Lautner houses: the Harvey House, the Carling House, and Silvertop. Production designer **Julie Berghoff** also created a fake Frank Lloyd Wright building as headquarters for the story's movie studio. Built in only six weeks, the 8,000-square-foot Continental Studios interior was on a Warner lot soundstage.



Zaha Hadid Architects (ZHA) unveiled a bold new project: the Khalid Bin Sultan City in Sharjah UAE. The project features a two-kilometer-long shaded oasis as its centerpiece, a green spine that winds through the entire city, designed to offer a cool escape from the desert heat and provide a space for recreation and community gatherings. The city incorporates renewable energy and promotes a walkable, healthier lifestyle by minimizing the

reliance on cars. The city is structured as a multi-centered urban network with seven unique neighborhoods connected by sheltered walkways.



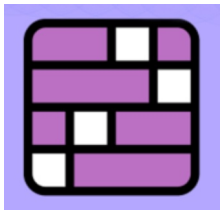
A deep dive into the Weston Havens House in Berkeley CA, designed by Harwell Hamilton Harris.



From Architectural Digest: Bringing a Soriano house back to life in LA.



The cost of restoring complex midcentury-modern homes can be challenging, like yachts and Kentucky thoroughbreds. Nobody knows this better than Marlaina Deppe, the owner of Paul Rudolph's Bernhard Residence, a symbol of postwar cool on a rocky ledge overlooking the Byram River in Greenwich, Connecticut. Details.



NEW: Try out the latest USModernist Connections!! Like the famous puzzle in the New York Times, find four architecture themes from among the 16 words or phrases.

First person to email a screenshot of the correct solution to george@usmodernist.org wins two USModernist bath towels. Include your name and mailing address. Offer only good in the US. Congratulations to Zach Hoffman of in situ studio who won last week's prize.



Palm Springs designer Herbert Burns will get a star on the Palm Springs Walk of Stars in a ceremony scheduled for Friday October 17 at 2pm next to



the Architecture and Design Center. Burns joins **E. Stewart Williams, Donald Wexler, Richard Harrison, William Krisel, Albert Frey, William Cody, A. Quincy Jones, Hugh Kaptur, Richard Neutra**, and architectural photographer **Julius Shulman.** See his houses here.

From the Eichler Network: Lutah Maria Riggs and the Erving House, and the ultimate midcentury ride: Scooters!

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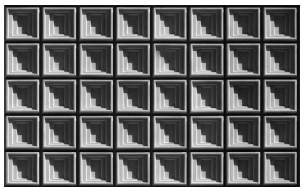
Deal of the Month: Where else can you get a huge Peter Bohlin-designed house for under $1M? This 1983 house in Shavertown PA is on 4 acres. Details.

Upcoming Events

Want to bring 50-100 design-oriented people to your client site or studio? Host a Thirst4Architecture design networking event! We have a few openings in 2026 in the Raleigh/Durham area. Contact **Devra Dubroff,** devra@usmodernist.org.



This Saturday, September 20: NCModernist tour of a restored Lustron! 11am-2pm, Clayton NC. Free, registration required. Easy to find; directions will be sent on Thursday. Enter LUSTRON on the form.



September 26 through November 1: The Paul Rudolph Institute in New York presents PAUL CLEMENCE: SHAPES, RHYTHM, ABSTRACTION, 30 photographs of museums from around Switzerland printed on brushed aluminum. Details.

September 27: MAK Center Benefit at the Kings Road House by Rudolph Schindler, Los Angeles CA. Tickets.

October 3-12: La Jolla Modernism Week, La Jolla CA. Ticket and details.

October 5: *Beyond Seven Palms: Honoring the Thomas Mann House*, LA Conservancy fundraiser, at the house. Information.

October 5-7: Preservation North Carolina Conference, Asheville NC. Tickets and details.

October 5-11: Festival of Modern Design, Providence RI. Tickets and details.

Tours by Histoury:
October 5: Westchester's Twenty-One Acres Enclave Tour, Ardsley NY
October 12: Midcentury Homes of Holly Place Tour, Briarcliff Manor NY
October 18: Midcentury Modern in Massachusetts Tour, Concord MA
October 25: Modernism in Fairfield County, Greenwich and Stamford CT
October 26: Midcentury Modern in New Rochelle Tour, New Rochelle NY
Tickets and special deals.

October 10-12: Claremont Heritage Tour, featuring speakers **Charles Phoenix** and **Alan Hess**; and buildings by **Cliff May, Richard Neutra, and Edward Durell Stone.** Tickets and details.

Saturday, October 11: NCModernist Fall Moon Over Modernism Benefit Cocktail Party, at an amazing new 17000sf Modernist house in Raleigh designed by Joe Trojanowski and built by St. Clair Construction. Explore the house and grounds while listening to Raleigh's hottest jazz band, **Peter Lamb and the Wolves**. Sponsored by **Marianne Mansour of COMPASS and PELLA Windows**. Tickets and details.

October 14-18: The Architecture and Design Film Festival, Angelika Theatre, New York. Tickets.

October 16-19: Modernism Week Weekend, Palm Springs CA. TIckets.

October 16: ***An American Versailles*** opens at the New Canaan Museum and Historical Society, featuring the GM Design Center in Detroit, a sprawling campus designed by Eero Saarinen. On October 21, there's a lunch talk with **Mark Markiewicz** discussing Saarinen.

Thursday, October 16: NCModernist Thirst4Architecture Happy Hour at Lights Unlimited, 5-7pm, 310 McCormick Street, Garner NC. Free, registration required. Enter LIGHTS on the form.

October 18: FORT-LA fundraiser *Jazz and Gin at at the Lloyd Wright* Henry Bollman House, Los Angeles CA. Hosted by **Russell Brown.** Tickets and information.

October 18: DWELL Home Tour, Los Angeles CA. Tickets and details.

Sunday, October 19: USModernist Jazz Brunch at the 1954 Elinor and Sherman Ford House, designed by Gates and Ford, New Canaan CT**.** Sponsored by **Inger Stringfellow, Jim Kovacs,** and **June Goldfinger**. Tickets and details**.**

October 24-26: DOCOMOMO-US Texas Weekend, featuring the Bass House by **Paul Rudolph**; Amon Carter Museum of American Art by **Philip Johnson**; Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth by **Tadao Ando**; Louis Kahn's iconic Kimbell Art Museum; and other buildings by **Norman Foster, Rem Koolhaus, Renzo Piano, I.M. Pei, and Edward Larrabee Barnes**. Tickets.



Monday, November 3: 530pm, Architecture Talk, Kamphoefner Hall, NCSU Campus, Raleigh NC. Featuring **Dominyka Voelkle** of the Bjarke Ingels Group, sponsored by USModernist. Voelkle was Project Manager for The Spiral, a glass curtain-walled high-rise and BIG's largest project in New York City to date; and River Ring, a residential high-rise and public resiliency plan in Brooklyn, New York. Free, registration required**.** Enter BIG on the form.

November 14-16: Architecture Sarasota Mod Weekend, Sarasota FL. Details.

November 15: Docked in Baltimore, Maryland, the NS Savannah – the world's first nuclear-powered merchant ship and floating showcase of mid-century American art and design – has a last public tour ahead of its complete decommission. Tickets.

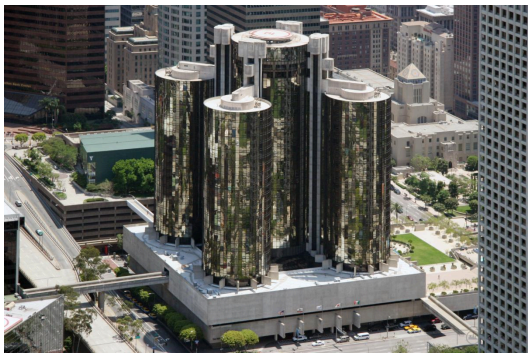
November 15: Craft Contemporary in Los Angeles opens *Material Curiosity by Design: Evelyn and Jerome Ackerman*. Details.

Thursday, November 20: NCModernist Thirst4Architecture Happy Hour at Golden Belt Campus, 5-7pm, Durham. Free, registration required. Enter GOLDEN on the form.

Friday, December 5 - NCModernist Holiday Bash TBA, 7-10pm, Raleigh. Tickets available in October.

Thursday, December 18 - NCModernist Thirst4Architecture Happy Hour at Arrowhead, 5-7pm, 330 Dupont Circle #102, Raleigh. Free, registration required. Enter ARROWHEAD on the form.

February 12-22: Modernism Week 2026, Palm Springs CA. Tickets available November 1 here.

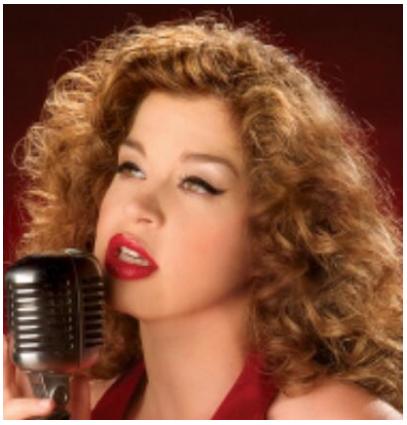


March 17-22: DOCOMOMO International Conference in Los Angeles. Join USModernist's **George Smart** and **Michela O'Connor Abrams** for a fantastic cocktail hour on **Wednesday, March 18**, at the revolving bar atop of the Bonaventure Hotel, designed by **John Portman**, with a thrilling view of LA. Conference main registration. Cocktail hour and other tour tix available soon.

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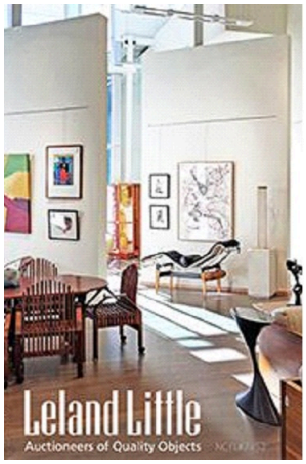
You all know we love midcentury modern houses in Palm Springs, but what about new ones? These will be the houses we will tour and sip martinis at and give lectures about 40 years from now. Today we'll talk with one of those architects, **Jill Lewis**, about a new house in the Desert Palisades area of Palm Springs, along with the landscape architect for that project, **John Hreno**. Then we'll meet the leader of Chicago's SOCOMCM, architect **Edward Peck**, plus returning jazz vocalist **Jaimee Paul**.

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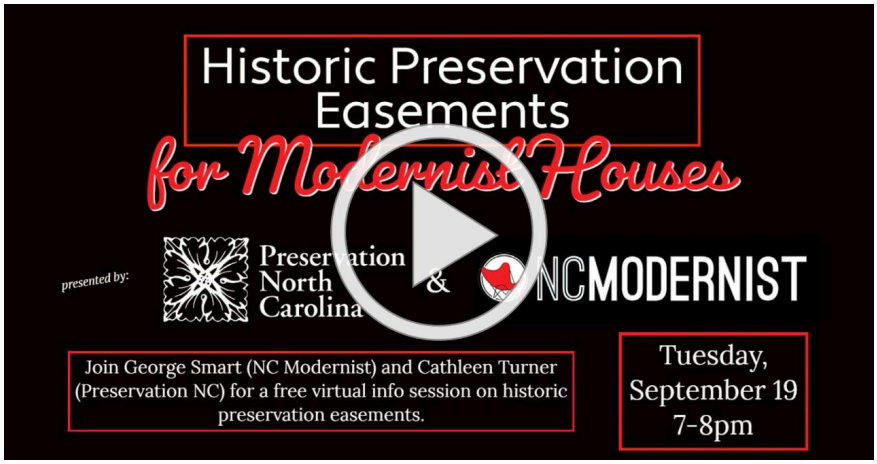
Collectible Books, Maps, & Documents, Sep 17, 10:00am
Estate Jewelry & Luxury Accessories, Sep 18, 10:00am
Fine Silver, Oct 3, 10:00am
Modern & Contemporary, Oct 16, 10:00am
Prints & Photographs, Oct 17, 10:00am
Luxury Watches & Timepieces, Nov 6, 10:00am

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Check out the NCModernist For Sale/Rent Database. Real estate agents and owners can list their NC Modernist houses for sale or rent for free. 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. Exclusively sponsored by:

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