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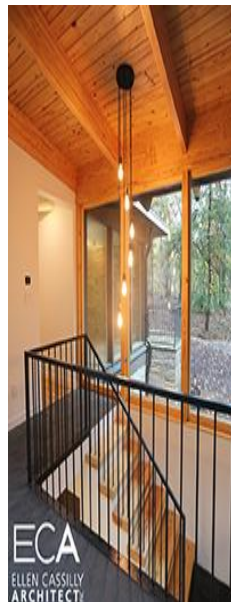
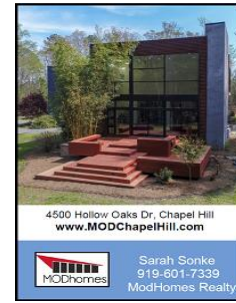
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If you love to hate the massive houses that popped up everywhere from the 1980's through the recession of 2008, then you're a fan of McMansion Hell, **Kate Wagner's** hilarious blog on how people attempt to appear super-wealthy by piling on one ridiculous house feature after another. She has been featured in The Washington Post, Fast Company, Archinect, Slate, Business Insider, The Hairpin, Der Spiegel, and the 99% Invisible and USModernist Radio podcasts. [Details!](#) **Advance discount tickets end at 5pm EST Tuesday, June 16.** After that,

tickets will be available at the door!

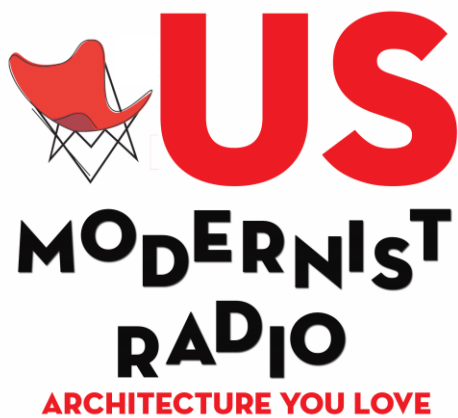
We regret to announce that the John Davidson benefit concert for Project Bauhow, scheduled for August 24, has been cancelled. Look for another exciting performance benefit in 2020.



Wow, only 5 seats left! November 6-10: Modernist New York City! From Louis Kahn to Eero Saarinen - what can we say? It's fabulous New York City, and USModernist dives deep into New York's Modernist architecture! You'll get event admissions, exclusive tours, a dinner/reception/party nearly every night, an unlimited two-day NYC bus and subway transit pass, a free year membership/renewal in the Mod Squad (\$125 value), and much more! The last night, you'll stay in the **brand new TWA Hotel, attached to the wonderfully restored TWA Terminal (above) designed by Saarinen.** [Details and tickets.](#)



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New on USModernist Radio: In an interview recorded at REX in Brooklyn, New York, host **George Smart** sat down with architect **Josh Ramus**. The Huffington Post named him one

of the five greatest architects under 50. Wallpaper Magazine described him as one of the world's most influential young architects. Esquire Magazine dubbed him the young saviour of American architecture. Icon Magazine called him one of the 20 Essential Young Architects. And Popular Mechanics said “Josh who? Is he that cold fusion guy?”

Graduating from Harvard in Architecture in 1996, Ramus worked for [Rem Koolhaas](#) before forming his own practice, REX, in 2006. Like many famous architects, [Charles Gwathmey](#) and [Richard Meier](#) come to mind, his mom helped him get the project that rocket-launched his career. He has been a Visiting Professor at Yale, Rice, Columbia, Harvard, MIT, and Syracuse. And in his spare time, he trained for the Olympics!

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Architect **Phil Freelon** died on July 9. Freelon founded The Freelon Group in 1990, growing the firm to more than 45 employees and working on notable projects such as the National Center for Civil and Human Rights in Atlanta and Emancipation Park in Houston. He was The News & Observer's Tar Heel of the Year in 2009, an honor given to residents who have made significant contributions to the region, North Carolina and beyond. He led the design team (with **J. Max Bond, Jr.** and **David Adjaye**) for the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History

and Culture. Some of his other projects include the Center for Civil & Human Rights, the Reginald F. Lewis Museum of Maryland African American History & Culture and the Museum of the African Diaspora. He was also appointed by President **Barack Obama** to the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts in 2012.

In 2018, Phil and his wife **Nnenna Freelon** founded North Star Church of the Arts to be sacred space for healing, arts and spiritual connection. In lieu of flowers, Phil has asked that those who want to honor his legacy become sustaining donors of North Star Church of the Arts, so that the same creative and spiritual energies that nurtured him throughout his life may positively impact others, especially in his adopted home of Durham, North Carolina. Services will be held on September 28 at the Durham County Human Services Complex, which his firm designed. See also: [Mike Welton](#) / [News and Observer](#) / [Washington Post](#) / [Curbed](#) / [Dezeen](#) / [ABC11](#) / [USAToday](#) / [Southern Cultures](#) / 2012 [Freelon TedX talk](#) in Raleigh.

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Denver Modernism Week

Denver Modernism Week is coming up August 16-25. [Details.](#)



Hat tips to **Daniel Perrin**, **Leilani Carter**, and **Virginia Faust**.

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The George Matsumoto Prize

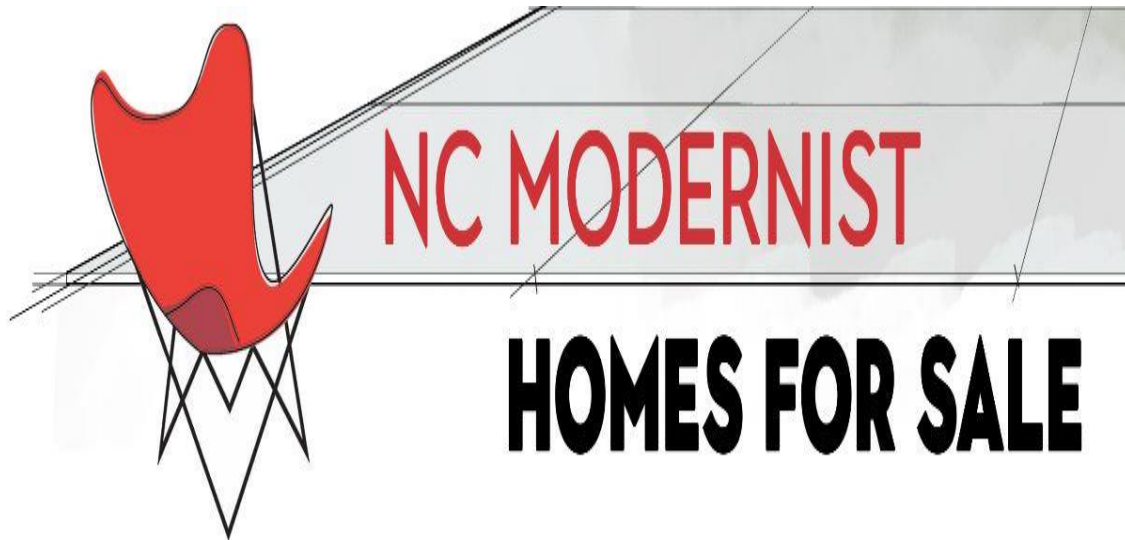
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Thirst4Architecture, Thursday, July 25, 6-8pm, hosted by McConnell Studios, 324 Dupont Circle, Raleigh. Music, food, drinks, and the incredible annual open house by artist Matt McConnell. See what the studio has been up to this past year - and what they are creating for the future.



Thirst4Architecture, Thursday, August 15, 6-8pm, 63005 Ballentine, inside Governors Club in Chapel Hill. Join [BOLD Construction](#), a Chapel Hill Luxury custom home builder, at the home of **Chris & Jana Erhenfeld**, a recently completed Modernist home built by BOLD. What's more BOLD will showcase several of recent Modern builds plus preview of their upcoming Modernist neighborhood! Snacks and light appetizers provided by Domicile Realty and adult beverages by REALTOR and Interior Designer **Nicole Baxter**.



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