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New to the [USModernist Masters Gallery](#): a featured section on the [Harvard Five](#) architects.



New to the [USModernist Library](#): [80 years of the AIA New York Magazine](#), Oculus!



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A Magical Evening at the Kirk and Anne Douglas Estate  
Wednesday, February 19, 2020



Join USModernist for a fabulous evening benefit party under the stars at the famed Kirk and Anne Douglas House, designed by architect [Donald Wexler](#). Turn back time for a night of celebration and relaxation at one of the most famous – and beautiful – midcentury homes in Palm Springs! Under the palms, we will shake the martinis and enjoy wonderful architecture, sparkling conversation, and delicious drinks and appetizers - all for a deserving cause. You'll tour the iconic property and meet architecture fans and preservationists who love what you love. [Details and tickets.](#)



Are you going to be in Palm Springs on Wednesday, February 19? USModernist needs 12 volunteers for a fabulous evening fundraiser at the Kirk and Anne Douglas House. You'll get free admission and access to all the food, drinks, and entertainment in this evening under the stars. Email [george@usmodernist.org](mailto:george@usmodernist.org) with contact information.



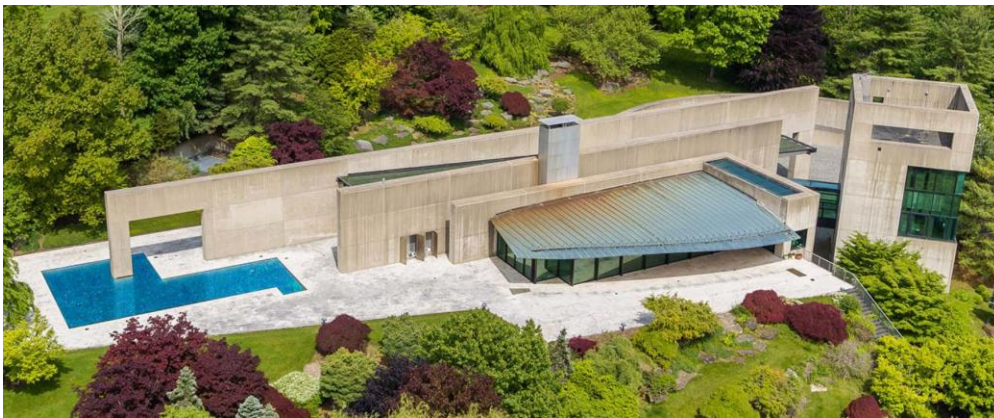


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A new [Lustron](#) video! [Architectural Christmas cards](#) from the past! Architects Newspaper [announces all](#) of its Best of Design 2019 winners!



On the heels of the real [Paul Rudolph](#) Walker Guest House sale, buyer still unknown, the Walker Guest House replica [will be sold at auction](#) in Palm Springs during Modernism Week. Photo by Melissa Daniels.



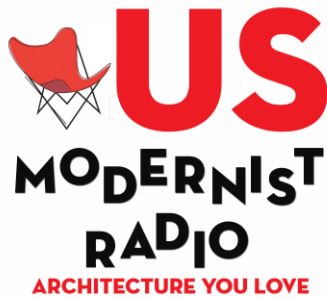
Having a house by a [star architect](#) is amazing, until you try to sell it!



Halston meets Tom Ford - [here's what's going on in Ford's purchase of the Paul Rudolph-designed Halston townhouse](#) in New York City, as written by Paul Rudolph Heritage Foundation President Kelvin Dickinson.



Hat tips to **Daniel Perrin**, **Monica Hunter**, and **Virginia Faust**.



Now on USModernist Radio: #123/Architecture into Comedy: Ron Friedman and Guest Co-Host Bob Langford. Ron Friedman graduated in architecture from Carnegie Mellon University. After working for a few years as an architect, and even spending a few weeks with Frank Lloyd Wright, he came to his senses and started writing and performing stand-up comedy. He was spotted by Dean Martin and Danny Kaye which launched a career writing for TV and variety shows - over 700 hours of beloved prime-time that you know and probably love, including The Andy Griffith Show, Bewitched, I Dream of Jeannie, Vegas, and Fantasy Island, among many others. If you're younger than 45, you'll know the G. I. Joe series and of course, the epic animated show Transformers for which Ron wrote 64 shows. He worked with the legendary Stan Lee to create The Marvel Action Hour. He drafted the episode of Happy Days that introduced The Fonz, and he wrote the episode of Bewitched that introduced Uncle Arthur, played by Paul Lynde. His new memoir is called I Killed Optimus Prime. Don't miss the gang's rendition of the Gilligan's Island theme. USModernist Radio is sponsored by [Angela Roehl](#) and [Nichiha.com](#). [Listen to past shows.](#)



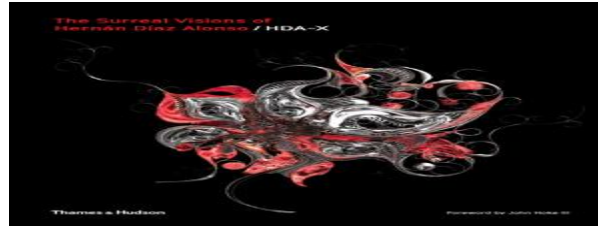




Travel on a USModernist-Curated Modernist Architecture Tour All Year Long! In 2016, USModernist created wildly popular specialty European tours - exclusive to Modernist architecture - but they were only offered once a year. Now, through an alliance with Firebird, one of Europe's largest specialty travel agencies, you can experience unique USModernist-curated European Modernist architecture itineraries whenever you want. You will see - and visit - incredible architecture, art, and designer furnishings - truly thrilling opportunities to see the Modernist architecture you love. [Details.](#)



Attention air travelers! Starting October 2020, the TSA will only accept drivers licenses that have the REAL ID designation, which is a star. Where the star appears is up to each state. Lines to get this are going to be huge in early 2020, so we suggest get 'er done now. Did you know you can make appointments with most DOT's online and save a huge amount of wait time? Be sure to check the documentation you'll need to bring with you.

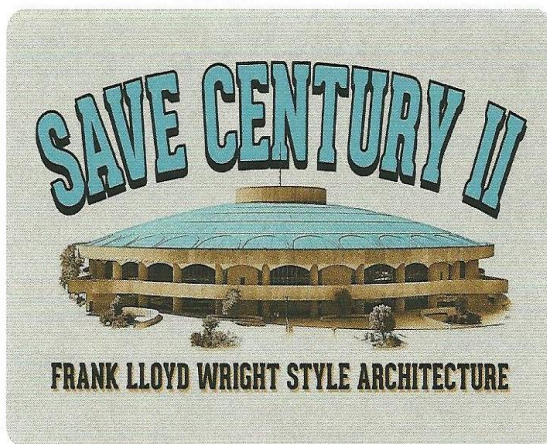


New Book Available February 11: The Surreal Visions of Hernan Diaz Alonso. Diaz Alonso, one of today's most influential and innovative architects, heads an LA multidisciplinary design practice called HDA-X (formerly Xefirotarch). He's also CEO of SCI-arc, one of the best design schools in the world. Featuring plans for the Helsinki Central Library and major architectural projects in Barcelona, this book is a spectacular survey of Díaz Alonso's cutting-edge designs. He is the recipient of numerous awards, including the MoMA PS1's Young Architects Program competition, and the 2012 Educator of the Year Award from the AIA.



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**Monday, January 6, 730pm**, the NCModernist/ModHomes Architecture Movie Series at the Chelsea Theatre, 1129 Weaver Dairy Road, Chapel Hill. The Chelsea is a beloved Chapel Hill art house theatre featuring fresh organic popcorn, craft beers, wine, and soft drinks! There are some great restaurants and coffee shops adjacent for pre- and post-movie gatherings. Sponsored again this year by Modernist Realtor [Sarah Sonke](#), these visually and intellectually compelling movies about Modernist architecture and architects rarely get shown in commercial theaters. Also sponsored by [NCSU Libraries](#) and [Hill Country Woodworks](#). [Details, schedule, movies, trailers, and ticket information!](#)

Double Feature: First, NC State's Entry into the AIA Film Challenge (2019, 5 min) with Professors Tom Barrie and David Hill: During a design studio, eleven graduate students researched veteran homelessness and support services, compiled and analyzed best practices of micro housing, and made a video about building micro house villages for veterans statewide.





Main Feature: Renzo Piano: The Architect of Light (2018, 80 min): a very special building, the Botín Center in Santander, Spain. The architect, a contemporary genius, Renzo Piano. The director, another contemporary genius, Carlos Saura. Carlos Saura and Renzo Piano will unfold their view on the relationship between architecture and cinema and show us the magic surrounding this gigantic building as imagined by Renzo Piano.

The Botín Center, through time, will modify the soul of the city forever.

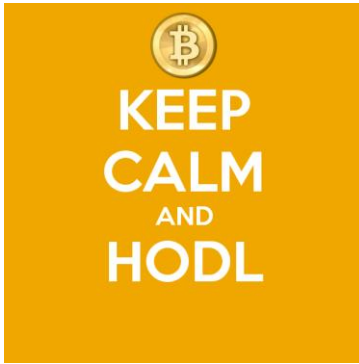


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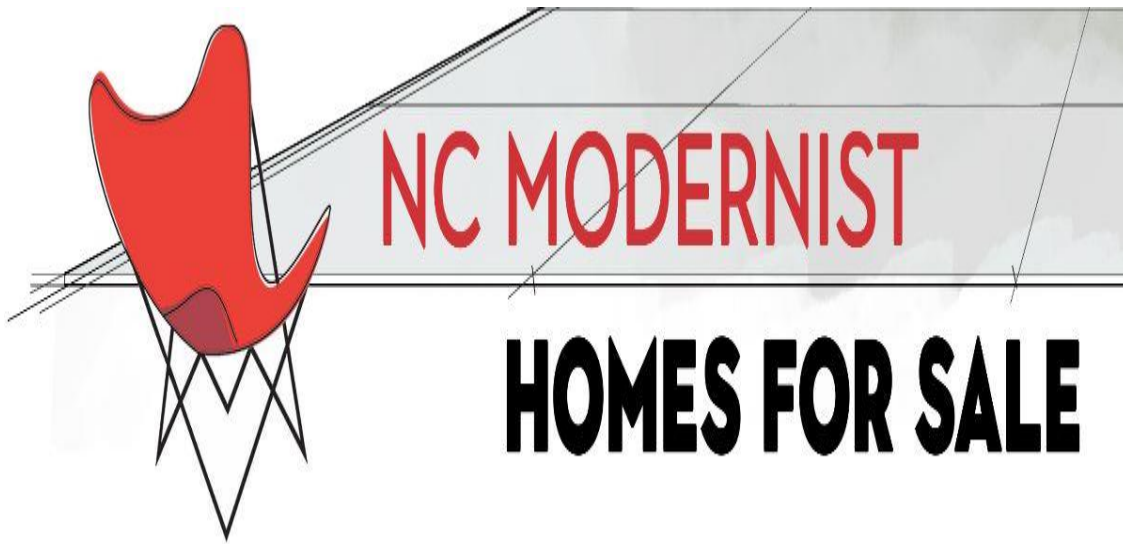
Thursday, January 16, 6-8pm. Thirst4Architecture (T4A) at the Lucy Daniels Building, designed by [Frank Harmon](#), 629 Oberlin Road, Raleigh. Parking in the rear of the building and along the street. Frank Harmon will be signing copies of his book, which will be available for sale. Hosted by the Lucy Daniels Foundation.

Thirst4Architecture (T4A) parties are free, exciting, informal events welcoming anyone with a huge crush on great architecture. T4A events focus on building relationships, sharing passion about Modernist design, creating strategic alliances, and connecting people. There are no presentations -- just come join the fun and make new design friends! The 2019 [Thirst4Architecture Series](#) is sponsored by Modernist Realtor [Angela Roehl](#).



Are you a hodler? If you know what that means, you probably are! Hodlers are those who hold onto the digital currency Bitcoin, waiting for the price to rise. Thanks to a widely-publicized spelling error on the internet, "holders" became "hodlers." You can take a tax deduction for [donating to nonprofits \(hint, hint\)](#) just as you can for checks or credit cards.

The Durham Appearance Commission [is taking submissions](#) for their Golden Leaf Awards.



Vacancy, not development, is the enemy of mid-century Modernist houses. Preserve and protect the architecture you love by buying or renting before the bulldozers come a few years from now. Visit our [exclusive statewide list](#).

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