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**AN EXCLUSIVE PEEK INSIDE SOME OF LA'S MOST NOTABLE HOMES**  
Presenting the AIA/LA 2007 Pacific Palisades Summer Home Tour + Architects' Forum



Hollander 2 Residence  
NBDarchitects  
Photo by Art Gray



TR+2 StudioHouse  
Cigolle X Coleman Architects  
Photo by Cigolle X Coleman



Descending Courtyard House  
Ric Abramson AIA Architect with  
David Lawrence Gray Architects  
Photo by Architect



Callas Shortridge Canyon House  
CALLAS SHORTRIDGE Architects  
Photo by Barbara Callas  
+ Paul R. Gurian

**Los Angeles, CA (May 2007)** - Come discover (or be reminded) why Los Angeles has long been considered one of the country's seminal cities for residential architecture. The American Institute of Architects/Los Angeles (AIA/LA) invites Angelinos and visitors to participate in the **2007 Pacific Palisades Summer Home Tour**, featuring stunning contemporary homes by Los Angeles' leading architects and designers.

In addition, the AIA/LA is pleased to announce an evening with the featured homes' architects prior to the home tour. **The Architects' Forum** provides a truly unique opportunity to hear first-hand about the creative process behind each project - the challenges and solutions that make each of these beautiful homes exceptional.

**Featured Homes and Architects**

- Hollander 2 Residence - Susan Budd, William Nicholas (NBDarchitects)
- The Callas Shortridge Canyon House - Barbara Callas, Steven Shortridge, AIA (CALLAS SHORTRIDGE Architects)
- TR+2 StudioHouse - Mark Cigolle, Kim Coleman (Cigolle X Coleman Architects)
- Descending Courtyard House - Ric Abramson AIA Architect with David Lawrence Gray Architects

**Architects' Forum**

**Wednesday, May 30<sup>th</sup>**

**6:30pm - 8pm**

Hosted by Toto

606 North Almont Drive, West Hollywood, CA 90069

Event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

RSVP to AIA/LA by May 23rd at 213.639.0777

or e-mail [info@aialosangeles.org](mailto:info@aialosangeles.org)

**Pacific Palisades Home Tour**

**Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**11am - 4pm**

Self-guided tours

Homes open 11am - 4pm

Price per person (non-member): \$75

Price per person (AIA member): \$65

For tickets: Call 213.639.0777 or visit [www.aialosangeles.org](http://www.aialosangeles.org)

\*Tickets and driving directions will be mailed out one week prior to the event.

## **The Transcendent West Coast Architecture of the Pacific Palisades**

Characterized by sweeping views of the Pacific Ocean and intimate canyon settings, the luxuriously understated and sustainable homes featured on this tour promise to be unforgettable. AIA/Los Angeles kicks off the summer with an inspired tour of some of the most memorable and modern homes in this exclusive and storied neighborhood. Below is a brief overview of what participants will enjoy.

**Hollander 2 Residence:** Despite numerous previous renovations, the architects were able to restore order to this once-confused 1950's era ranch house and transform it into a veritable objet d'art. By redefining the disposition of spaces, creating and clarifying circulation, and seamlessly integrating interior and exterior spaces, the home was re-invented as a modern, urbane dwelling replete with a 2,500 sf art loggia to showcase the owners' extensive art collection.

**The Callas Shortridge Canyon House:** The Callas Shortridge Canyon House is the renovation, restoration, and addition of a master wing and pool to a 1995 Palisades Post & Beam. The architects Barbara Callas and Steven Shortridge, conjure by means of a Bauhaus influenced tower/ bridge, tempered in metal and glass, an austere structural allegory that literally spans 20th Century American Modernity and 21st Century Modernism.

**TR + 2 StudioHouse:** This project is about adaptation. The design intensifies the sense of the hillside with elements set in, on and above the slope, celebrates and frames views of the expansive sky, embraces the climate of the site with sustainable design and indoor/outdoor living, and responds to the site with color, material, and texture. The architecture is conceived both as a neutral container, a flexible enabling platform that heightens the interactions of the occupants, and as a carefully crafted, complex envelope that positions itself in both time and place to form a live-work environment for the 21st century.

**Descending Courtyard House:** The project was conceived and organized as two complementary buildings, both programmatically and structurally. A steel and glass box form elevates indoor activities above the canyon, capturing the expansive views beyond and allowing the house to cool naturally using the ocean breezes. The east facing wood & plaster rectangular building interlocks with the garage with guest room along the street to house the more introverted, private sleeping and support spaces. The house was arranged in a descending, terrace-like fashion in order to create a private, protected court space that responds to the conventional suburban backyard activity that is found in most flat lots in Los Angeles.

### **About AIA Los Angeles**

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