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**Docomomo US announces 50+ tours and events
exploring “Public Spaces” during Tour Day 2018.**

Docomomo US is pleased to announce the schedule of tours and events taking place **October 13, 2018** and throughout the month of October. As one of the largest national programs devoted to the appreciation of modern architecture in the United States, Tour Day 2018 includes **50+ tours in 30+ cities nationwide** hosted by Docomomo US chapters, partners and leading voices in preservation. This year’s theme, “Public Spaces – Inside and Out” builds upon Docomomo US’ advocacy theme and invites people everywhere to explore the innovative design concepts of common spaces set aside for public use while bringing attention to the threats facing many of these significant places.

For the full list of tours and locations visit: <http://docomomo-us.org/events/tour-day>.

Featured events include:

- **Tour Day 2018 features multiple tours highlighting the work of Kevin Roche!** Docomomo US/Northern California will host a tour of the Oakland Museum of California and Docomomo US/New England along with the University of Massachusetts Amherst’s Historic Preservation Program will host a tour of the university’s brutalist campus featuring Roche’s design of the Fine Arts Center. The tour will also include a public showing of the film *A Quiet Architect*, a documentary on Roche’s career.
- Docomomo US/DC will explore the evolution of Pennsylvania Avenue, often referred to as America’s Main Street. The tour will focus on two adjacent Modern landscapes conceived and constructed at the same time: Pershing Park and Freedom Plaza. Pershing Park was designed by M. Paul Friedberg + Partners and is the site of the proposed new federal World War I Memorial. Freedom Plaza was designed by Robert Venturi and George Patton.
- Visit a variety of Privately-Owned Public Spaces in Midtown Manhattan with the Docomomo US New York/Tri-State. Learn how some of these were voluntarily created, inspiring revisions to the NYC Zoning Resolution—ultimately leading to further revisions intended to generate other types of public spaces.
- Join Houston Mod for a tour of The Jesse H. Jones Hall for the Performing Arts designed by Caudill Rowlett Scott, 1966 and Tranquillity Park designed by Charles Tapley Associates, 1979 built to commemorate the Apollo 11 Moon Landing. Unfortunately, the original design integrity of both of these spaces is threatened as both are slated for radical renovation.

As a national event, Docomomo US Tour Day is excited to partner with organizations such as Modern Albuquerque, the University of Massachusetts Amherst Historic Preservation Program, and the Highland Green Foundation along with the continuing participation of leaders in preservation such as the Historic Albany Foundation, Palm Springs Modernism Week, Salt Lake Modern, and the Tulsa Architecture Foundation.

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Utah

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A complete listing of partners and events for Tour Day 2018 is now available at:
www.docomomo-us.org

Photos and updates can be tracked using:

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About

Docomomo US (Documentation and Conservation of buildings, sites and neighborhoods of the Modern Movement in the United States) is a 501(c)3 registered non-profit organization consisting of a union of 17 regional chapters and 6 friend organizations that shares its members' knowledge of and enthusiasm for the Modern Movement, promotes public interest in it through lectures and walking tours, and organizes advocacy efforts to protect endangered sites and buildings. Docomomo US operates as a volunteer organization comprised of enthusiasts, historians, architects, designers, students, and preservationists. Its Board of Directors represents the diverse professional and academic interests and its presence in regions across the country.

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