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Restore Oregon Raises Awareness of Pacific Northwest Architecture and Design; Hosts the 2018 Mid-Century Modern Home Tour Featuring the Work of John Storrs

Tour Welcomes Mid-Century Modern Enthusiasts with Five John Storrs Residential Designs, Special Architecture & Design Lecture, and Exciting MIX:MOD After Tour Party

PORTLAND, OR – February 7, 2018 – Architect John Storrs was, by accounts, a larger-than-life person. Passionate, outspoken and stubborn, his process of listening to the landscape and using materials simply, created some of the most sincere and eloquent examples of the Northwest Regional architectural style. On May 11th and 12th, Restore Oregon will celebrate the unique perspective Storrs brought to the region’s architectural landscape at its annual Mid-Century Modern Home Tour.

Through education initiatives like the Mid-Century Modern Home Tour, Restore Oregon raises awareness for preservation and fosters greater appreciation for the historic structures and cultural heritage that contribute to the beauty of Oregon. Now in its 8th year, the 2018 Mid-Century Modern Home Tour has grown into a two-day, three-part design event:

- **Part I—An Architecture & Design Lecture:** Participants will learn about Pacific Northwest Modernism, John Storrs unique design perspective, and may take a self-guided tour of the Oregon College of Art and Craft, one of Storrs well-known commercial designs. Friday, May 11, 7pm at Oregon College of Art and Craft. \$10 for general admission.
- **Part II—Self-Guided Home Tour:** This self-guided, driving tour allows participants to explore five of Storrs-designed residential homes at their own pace. Participants discover unique interiors, explore imaginatively designed outdoor living areas, and have a rare chance to gain an intimate view of Mid-Century Modern living as envisioned by a master. Saturday, May 12, 10am–4pm.

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- **Part III—Exclusive free MIX:MOD After Party at Rejuvenation:** Participants are invited to join the party and enjoy vintage cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, DJ, and dancing at Rejuvenation's Flagship store in Southeast Portland. Mid-century attire encouraged. Prizes for best dressed. Saturday, May 12, 6pm at Rejuvenation.

Background on John Storrs

Originally from Bridgeport, Connecticut, Storrs was a graduate student at Yale when he heard a lecture by famed architect Pietro Belluschi. In 1950, Storrs moved to Portland inspired by Belluschi's regional approach to modernism, and a desire to be part of this emerging style. After a few years, and while working for local firm Scott & Payne, Storrs received a commission for the Portland Garden Club headquarters which launched his independent career.

While Storrs is most well-known for the Portland Garden Club, Salishan Lodge, the Western Forestry Center, Oregon College of Art and Craft, and other acclaimed commercial projects, he was remarkably prolific and renowned for his residential work. He designed roughly 80 houses over three decades as an architect, with characteristic site sensitivity. Homes featured on the tour were chosen for their distinctive Storrs design, such as expansive views through a bank of ganged windows, a centrally placed fireplace, frameless corner windows, and expressive use of unstained natural wood. All are excellent examples of a mid-century modern lifestyle in the 21st century.

Tickets for the 2018 Mid-Century Modern Home Tour go on sale March 15, 2018. The cost is \$40 for Restore Oregon member/donors, \$50 for non-members, and includes an architecture and design lecture, the tour of five homes, a commemorative booklet, and entry to MIX:MOD After-Tour Party.

Tour information and ticketing: restoreoregon.org or (503) 243-1923

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