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Final Report 2025

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A Message from Kirsten Hall

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed to the success of the fourth annual West Coast Modern Week, presented by British Properties Limited. Since the first West Coast Modern Home Tour in 2006, we have celebrated more than 70 remarkable architectural homes—both iconic mid-century and innovative contemporary designs—here in West Vancouver.

In 2025, we were proud to carry on this legacy with a vibrant lineup of programs, including talks, tours, exhibitions, and the always-popular West Coast Modern Home Tour. From July 8 to 13, we gathered to honour and explore the rich history of West Coast Modernism—a distinct architectural style deeply rooted in the natural beauty of our region. Framed by mountains, the ocean, and a rainforest, West Vancouver’s landscape continues to inspire local architectural designs that are thoughtful and bold.

We are deeply grateful to all those who made this year’s West Coast Modern Week possible. To our partners, whose collaboration enabled us to grow and diversify our programming; to our sponsors, whose generosity is acknowledged at the end of this report; and to our volunteers and every individual who supported and participated in the events—thank you.

We hope you enjoyed West Coast Modern Week this year and look forward to welcoming you again soon to the West Vancouver Art Museum.

Sincerely,
Kirsten Hall
Art Museum Advisory Panel Chair



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Launch Party | July 9

- 72 attendees
- With architects, scholars, artists and friends
- At the West Vancouver Art Museum

Walking Tour | July 9, 10 & 13

- 125 attendees
- Six two-hour guided tours
- 19 locations around the heart of West Vancouver
- Partnered with North Shore Heritage

Talk | July 9

- 210 attendees
- Speaker: John Patkau
- Partnered with West Coast Modern League, at the Polygon Gallery

Film Screening & Lecture | July 10

- 197 attendees
- Lecturer: Dr. Jeff Derksen
- Film: *Arthur Erickson: Beauty Between the Lines*
- At the Key Meek Arts Center

Home Tour | July 12

- 248 attendees
- 50 volunteers, 6 guided bus tours
- 5 architecturally distinguished homes

After Party | July 12

- 111 attendees
- Catered by Lazy Gourmet
- At the Eagle Harbour Yacht Club

Jazz Concert | July 13

- 128 attendees
- Jillian Lebeck Trio
- At the West Vancouver Memorial Library

Concurrent Exhibitions

- 20,856 visitors
- *Patkau Architects: Matter Made Material* (May 14 – August 9)
- *In Retrospect: West Vancouver Memorial Library* (July 2 - August 31)

12 **2**
events exhibitions

21,947
attendees

27
sponsors +partners

60
volunteers

400+
volunteer hours

LAUNCH PARTY

Date: Tuesday, July 8, 6-8 p.m.

Location: West Vancouver Art Museum

West Coast Modern Week commenced with a launch party at the West Vancouver Art Museum.

Guests enjoyed an evening outdoor at the front yard, featuring a live DJ set, curated wine selections, and refreshments provided by The Lazy Gourmet. The event brought together architects, designers, artists, scholars, and supporters of the Museum to connect and express their enthusiasm for West Coast Modernism and the upcoming week of programming.

Concurrent exhibition, *Patkau Architects: Matter Made Material*, was open for guest viewing at the gallery.



WALKING TOUR SERIES: *The Facets of Modernism*

Date: July 9, 10 & 13

Location: West Vancouver

Co-presented with the North Shore Heritage, this year's *Walking Tour Series* focused on the vibrant, and potentially endangered, Mid-Century Modern buildings in West Vancouver. Titled *The Facets of Modernism*, the 2.5-hour, two-kilometre tour offered participants a rare opportunity to explore both the interiors and exteriors of significant examples of Modernist design, highlighting the architectural heritage. Led by experienced volunteer guides, Linda Holden Clode and Susan Walker, the tour explored 18 selected locations, some of which are privately-owned, in the surrounding area along Bellevue Avenue.

SESSIONS:

Wednesday, July 9:

- 10:30 a.m.
- 10:45 a.m.

Thursday, July 10:

- 10:30 a.m.
- 10:45 a.m.

Sunday, July 13:

- 11:30 a.m.
- 11:45 a.m.

Tickets to the tours were in high demand with a waitlist.



TALK: *John Patkau* *Material Operations*

Date: Wednesday, July 9, 7–9 p.m.

Location: The Polygon Gallery

Co-presented by the West Coast Modern League and The Polygon Gallery, this event featured renowned Canadian architect John Patkau. In his talk, Patkau offered insights into the creative processes behind architecture and design, with a particular focus on Patkau Architects' innovative approach to materials. Founded by John and Patricia Patkau, Patkau Architects is one of Canada's most acclaimed architectural firm. The firm initiated a formal research program dedicated to exploring the expressive potential of readily available construction materials, employing modest yet unconventional building methods to produce structurally sound and architecturally compelling forms.

Tickets to the event were sold out with a waitlist. The talk was well-attended and well-received.



FILM SCREENING & LECTURE

Date: Thursday, July 10, 7–9 p.m.

Location: Kay Meek Arts Centre

This evening's program featured a screening of *Arthur Erickson: Beauty Between the Lines*, interspersed with a lecture, *The Architecture of Encounter*, by Dr. Jeff Derksen.

The film chronicles the personal and professional triumphs and challenges of Arthur Erickson, offering a nuanced portrait through intimate interviews, rare archival footage, and close studies of his iconic works.

Positioned between segments of the film, Dr. Derksen delivered a thoughtful and expansive lecture on his interpretive approach to the architecture of Arthur Erickson, centred on the concept of the encounter. Derksen emphasized that Erickson's architectural engagement with the site reveals a profound sensitivity to both natural and built terrain, fostering a deeper relationship between the building, its environment, and its inhabitants.

This event, particularly Dr. Derksen's brilliant insights on "encounter", received positive feedback.

THE 19TH ANNUAL WEST COAST MODERN HOME TOUR

Date: Saturday, July 12, 12-4 p.m.

Since the inaugural West Coast Modern Home Tour in 2006, we have celebrated over 70 unique architectural gems, including both original mid-century and contemporary architect-designed homes, here in West Vancouver. Participants enjoyed private access to this year's featured homes:

- Taylor Residence
Designed by Daniel Evan White, 1983
- Rayer Residence
Designed by Barry Downs and Fred Hollingsworth, 1964
- Forrest-Baker Residence
Designed by Ron Thom and Dick Mann, 1962
- Montiverdi Estates
Designed by Arthur Erickson Architects, 1979-1982
- Eastwood-Seth Residence
Designed by CBK Van Norman, 1954





AFTER PARTY

Date: Saturday, July 12, 4-6 p.m.

Location: Eagle Harbour Yacht Club

Following the Home Tour, an after party was hosted at the Eagle Harbour Yacht Club.

Home tour participants, collaborators and supporters of West Coast Modern Week, and friends of the Art Museum gathered to celebrate the end of an eventful week over wine, refreshments catered by The Lazy Gourmet, and stunning ocean views.

With remarks by Geoffrey Croll from British Properties, presenting sponsor of WCMW, Nancy Farren from The Compelling Opportunities Fund, sponsor of the event, and Pantea Haghighi, Museum Administrator/Curator, the after party concluded a successful West Coast Modern Week.

JAZZ CONCERT: Jillian Lebeck Trio

Date: Sunday, July 13, 2-3 p.m.

Location: West Vancouver Memorial Library

A cozy Sunday afternoon concert was held in the West Vancouver Memorial Library's Main Hall, featuring performances by Jillian Lebeck on grand piano, Maafu Ketca on saxophone, and Kody Buchar on bass.

The trio delighted the audience with selections from the *Great American Songbook*, complemented by a few original compositions.

This event marked the end of West Coast Modern Week.



CONCURRENT EXHIBITIONS

On-site Exhibition: May 14 —August 9

Patkau Architects: Matter Made Material



Patkau Architects are known for their innovative use of light to shape space and enhance the connection between architecture and place. In this exhibition, light becomes a performative material, interacting with wood, steel, and concrete to transform the perception of space throughout the day.

Off-site Exhibition: July 2—August 31

In Retrospect: West Vancouver Memorial Library



To commemorate its 75th anniversary, the West Vancouver Memorial Library partnered with the West Vancouver Art Museum to present a retrospective exhibition. This exhibition features a carefully curated collection of archival images that highlight the rich history of the library and its pivotal role in the community.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT



Presenting Sponsor

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Kay Meek Arts Centre

North Shore Heritage

The Polygon Gallery

West Coast Modern League

West Vancouver Memorial Library

Government Sponsors

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Volunteers

60 volunteers, from across greater Vancouver, some of which have been volunteering for 10+ annual Home Tours.

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Penny Mitchell, We Are Proper, West Coast
Modern Homes, The White Space Co.

COMMUNICATIONS

Print

On-site Signages
Posters
Home Tour Booklet
Event Guide

Digital

Digital Ads
Social Media
Website
E-Newsletters

E-Newsletters

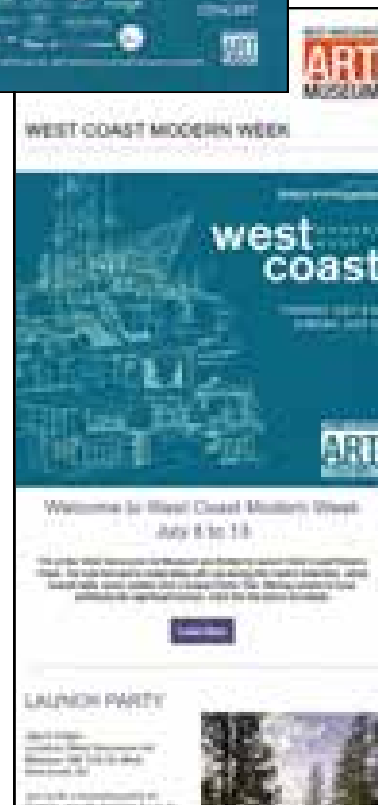
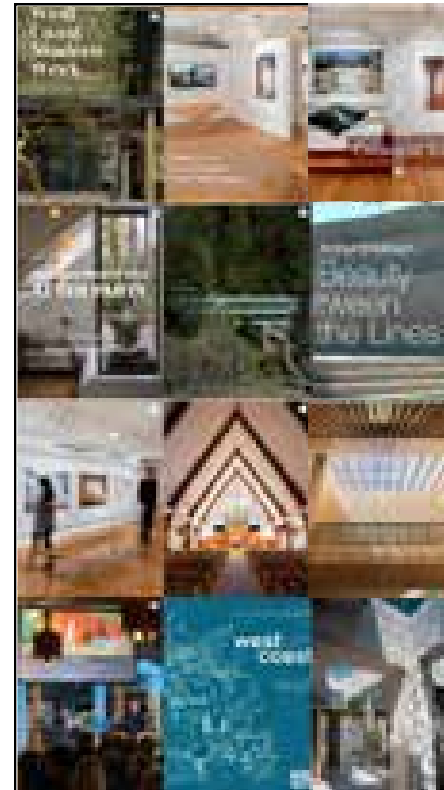
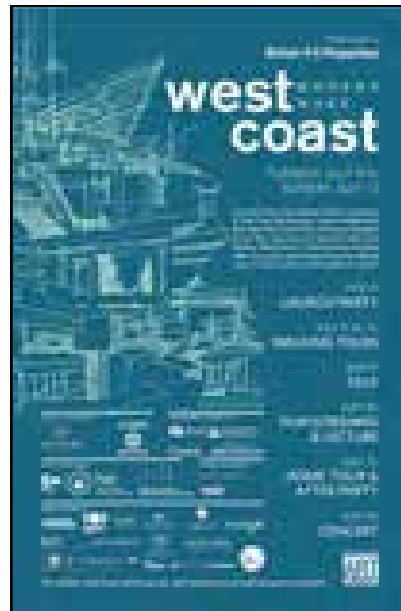
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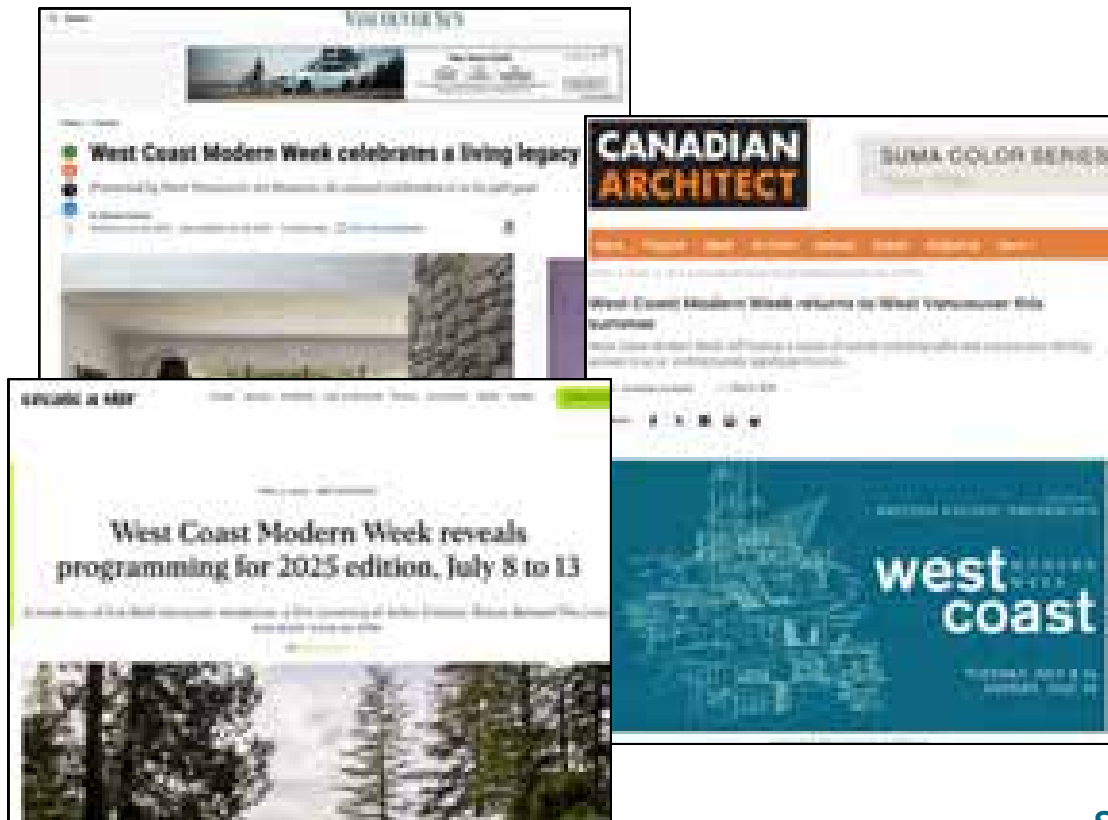
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Instagram

239 New Followers
53K Views in total
4.5k Views on WCMW Teaser
External link taps +335.6%
1.2k Content Interactions



PRESS COVERAGE



News Articles

- <https://www.createastir.ca/articles/west-coast-modern-week-announcement-2025>
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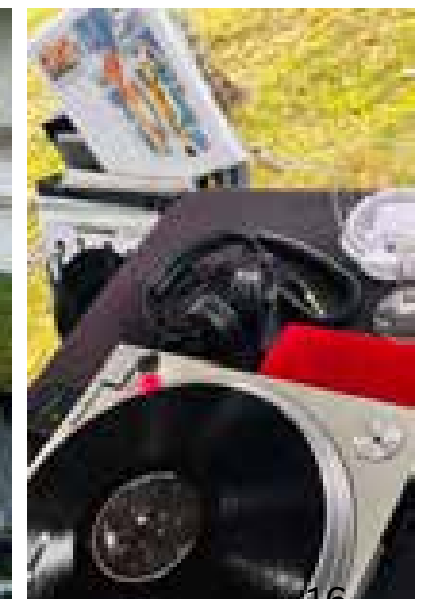


Selected Blog Posts & Event Listings

- <https://www.gallerieswest.ca/events/west-coast-modern-week-party/>
- <https://do604.com/events/2025/7/8/west-coast-modern-week-launch-party-tickets>
- <https://modtraveler.net/experience-the-spirit-of-west-coast-modernism/>
- <https://westcoastmodern.org/west-coast-modern-week-2025-07-08-to-07-13/>
- <https://www.realestatenorthshore.com/news/See-and-Do/west-coast-modern-week-returns-celebrate-architect/>
- <https://www.euoi.studio/post/west-coast-modern-week-2025>
- <https://www.robertmatthews.ca/Blog.php/west-coast-modern-week-tickets-now-available>
- <https://www.realestatenorthshore.com/news/See-and-Do/west-coast-modern-week-returns-celebrate-architect/>



Highlights - Launch Party





Highlights - Walking Tours



Highlights - Talk



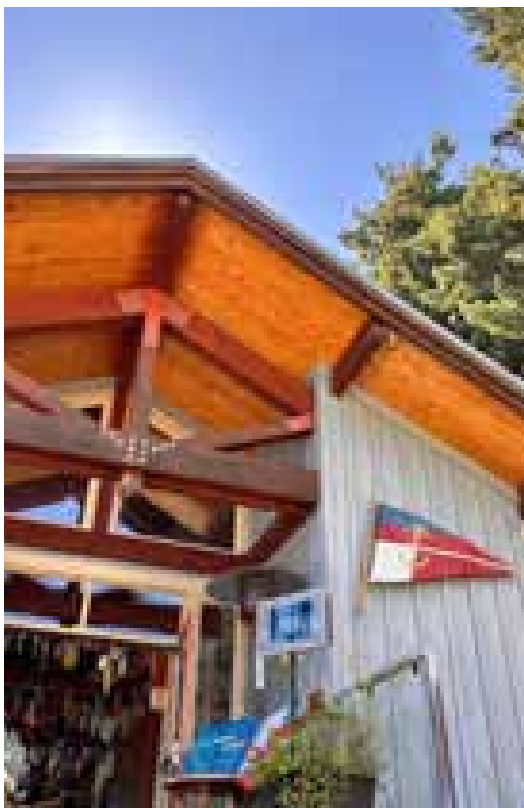


Highlights - Film Screening & Lecture



Highlights - Home Tour





Highlights - After Party





Highlights - Jazz Concert



Thank you!

See You in 2026!

West Coast Modern Week 2025 was made possible thanks to the generous support of our sponsors and the dedication of our volunteers, community members, and visitors. Together, we celebrated and explored the rich history and lasting significance of art, architecture, and design on the West Coast. As we look ahead to 2026, we are excited to continue growing and expanding the reach and programming of West Coast Modern Week.

