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SAVE THE WAVE



Courtesy: Art, Design & Architecture Museum, UC Santa Barbara

MILES BATES HOUSE – SANTA ROSA WAY – PALM DESERT - 1954

Stunningly beautiful and unique, and a one-of-a-kind example of architect Walter S. White's amazing vision, the Miles Bates House on Santa Rosa Way in Palm Desert is on the chopping block. The City must sell it, with the proceeds going to the State of California. The most likely buyer will value the land, zoned for multi-family use, more than the building.

The only Wave Roof in existence, White pioneered a new construction technique to build what locals dubbed the "Roller Coaster Roof". The roof, designed to the curve of the mountains, dives down to the ground in one of several private patios at the rear. Inside, the underside of the rolling roof is the ceiling. The house is a collaboration between the architect and the artist-owner, Miles Bates, with glorious curved walls and other unique features.

This Mid-Century Modern jewel has fallen into disrepair and must be saved!

The first step to save the house is to designate it as a landmark in the National Register of Historic Places, which could pave the way for a needed restoration. Professional services for the Register application are estimated at \$9,000. The Historical Society of Palm Desert has offered to collect donations for this purpose. You can mail your check, payable to the **HSPD**, to:

**Historical Society of Palm Desert
Miles Bates House
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Time is of the essence, as the Miles Bates house will go to auction early next year, and the designation process takes several months. We need to reach our funding goal by July 1. ***Help Save the Wave!***

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