

# Museum on Wheels:

Architect & Designer-  
Paul Revere Williams,  
FAIA





# Architect for All

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Paul Revere Williams (1894-1980) was known as the “Architect to the Hollywood stars” because he designed homes for Frank Sinatra, Lucille Ball and more. He also designed middle class homes for families in West Las Vegas known as Berkeley Square.

Paul R. Williams was successful because he understood that every client was different. Rather than designing the same type of building for everyone, he tailored his work to fit each person's needs and vision. Williams said, “People don't always know what they want. It is the architect's job to help them find it” (Los Angeles Times, October 11, 1970).

# Guardian Angel Cathedral

- Completed in 1963, Paul R. Williams' use of the dramatic A-frame design was the perfect choice for the building's Strip location. The Guardian Angel Cathedral was renovated in 1995.



# Berkeley Square West Las Vegas, Nv

- 148 houses built between 1954-1955 and was named Berkley Square after one of the new investors, Thomas L. Berkley. Built by and for the African American residents of Las Vegas, Nevada.



# La Concha

La Concha, designed by Paul Revere Williams in 1961, served as the lobby of the La Concha Motel. This establishment was designed around an aquatic theme. Upon closing in 2004, the building was segmented into different parts and carefully transported to its new location to serve as the Lobby of The Neon Museum.



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## Lasting Legacy

- Williams's life and career have been commemorated in many ways, including a 2023 proclamation officially declaring February 18 as Paul Revere Williams Day in Nevada, citing his "architectural contributions [which] collectively helped redefine the built environment of the western region of the United States" (Nevada Governor Joe Lombardo, 2023).

## Paul Revere Williams a Legend in Architecture

