

Local Officials Unveil Hollyhock UNESCO Plaque

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From left: Hollyhock House curator Jeffrey Herr, artist Kate Devine Brady, Los Angeles City Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell, Congressman Adam Schiff and Dept. of Cultural Affairs General Manager Danielle Brazell.

BARNSDALL PARK—U.S. Congressman Adam Schiff, Los Angeles City Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell and the City's Department of Cultural Affairs unveiled an official plaque designating Hollyhock House as a UNESCO World Heritage site on Sunday, celebrating the first such designation in Los Angeles.

"Hollyhock House, an architectural gem of the 13th District, now has an official sign announcing the UNESCO designation to every visitor who comes to view the beauty of this Frank Lloyd Wright-designed masterpiece," O'Farrell said. "The unveiling of the plaque underscores what we already know: the structure represents an unparalleled symbol of cultural heritage and an outstanding contribution to design in the City of Los Angeles and the world."

The World Heritage Committee officially inscribed a total of eight major works of Frank Lloyd Wright, spanning 50 years of Wright's career, on the UNESCO World Heritage List, including the Hollyhock House.

"Frank Lloyd Wright's vision and creativity have left an indelible mark on Los Angeles, and his buildings constitute a profound contribution to our shared cultural heritage," said Schiff. "It is my hope that this UNESCO designation brings many visitors, from Los Angeles and across the world, to Barnsdall Art Park to appreciate this unique architectural gem."

The Wright nomination had been in development for more than 15 years, and was a coordinated effort between the Frank Lloyd Wright Building Conservancy and each of the nominated sites and independent scholars. Other World Heritage sites from across the globe include the Taj Mahal and Chichén-Itzá.

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