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Architect Alfred Eichler Featured in California State Archives latest Digital Exhibit

SACRAMENTO – The California State Archives has launched its latest online exhibit: "Alfred Eichler: Art and Architecture in the Golden State." This is the Archives' newest exhibit to be hosted by Google Arts and Culture.

Click here to view "Alfred Eichler: Art and Architecture in the Golden State."

"Alfred Eichler's imprint can be found across the Golden State," Secretary of State Alex Padilla said. "The incredible diversity of styles Eichler used in his work—from brutalist to Spanish mission revival to midcentury modern—matches the diversity of the state he called home. The State Archives' exhibit shines a light on how this prolific architect's designs were embedded into so many facets of everyday life in 20th Century California."

The architectural drawings and paintings featured in this exhibit were created by Alfred Eichler from 1925 to 1962. From painting to sketches, Eichler utilized a variety of styles and art media to create these pieces. The selections are drawn from the Alfred Eichler Collection, within the Architecture Division of the Department of Public Works records housed at the California State Archives.

Some iconic buildings designed and renovated by Alfred Eichler featured in this exhibit include:

- San Quentin Prison
- Camarillo State Hospital
- The Renovated Benicia State Capitol building
- Sacramento's Tower Bridge
- Fort Yuma Quarantine Inspection Area
- Buildings that became part of the San Diego State and University of California, Santa Barbara campuses

This is the State Archives' twelfth online exhibit to be hosted by Google Arts & Culture. Secretary Padilla has made digitizing the treasurers of the State Archives a priority.

A physical exhibit featuring original renderings and plans drawn by Alfred Eichler has also been installed at the State Archives research room on the fourth floor at 1020 O Street in Sacramento. The exhibit is open to the public from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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