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Bubeshko Apartments



Exterior of Bubeshko Apartments, Los Angeles

Two apartment buildings—built for mother and daughter Anastasia and Luby Bubeshko—comprise the Bubeshko Apartments. The apartments were built in 1938 and 1941, with the requirement that they provide a home for mother and daughter while also providing rental income, and flexibility of living spaces to accommodate whatever life would bring. Designer Rudolph Schindler's response was a vision of a "Greek hillside"—a framework for individual apartments, each with a direct connection to the outdoors, that work collectively.

For 65 years, the Bubeshko Apartments stayed in the family, with Luby Bubeshko continuing to call them home. The buildings aged and weathered during those years, with little significant maintenance or repair. When Luby Bubeshko put them up for sale in 2005, it became clear that making the apartments financially viable would be a challenge. The new owners were dedicated to preserving the original spirit of the buildings, both architecturally and historically. The work began with a study of Schindler's formative intentions via review of his project drawings and correspondence, on-site archaeology, and his writings. The owners and their architect Eric Haas embraced Schindler's formative aesthetic and sense of economy, recreating his original details and color palette. The Bubeshko Apartments represent one of the few realized and intact multi-family dwellings reflective of Rudolph Schindler's architectural mastery.

Learn more about the Bubeshko Apartments:

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