



THE BROLLY HUT (1968)

A series of umbrella shaped hamburger restaurants were designed in Los Angeles in the 1960s in the spirit of Googie Architecture. Inglewood's Brolly Hut is the last remaining intact example of these unique structures. The others included the former Parasol Restaurants in Torrance (1961, demolished) and Seal Beach (1967, altered).

Designed by Victor Miller and opened in 1968 as the Bumbershoot Café, this diminutive building features expansive glass windows, bold colors and a tiled interior. As programmatic architecture, the roof is shaped like the eatery's British namesake brolly and the signage and interior light fixtures are umbrella-inspired.

The Brolly Hut has the distinction of being one of Ice Cube's Architectural Landmark Picks, on a par with the Forum, the Cockatoo Inn and Five Torches. The Brolly Hut was celebrated in the Getty Research Institute's Pacific Standard Time: Art in L.A. 1945-1980 multi-site exhibitions occurring throughout 2013.

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