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Zaha Hadid

The news of [Zaha Hadid's untimely death](#) this March was a blow for the art and the architecture world alike. At only 65, the Iraqi-British architect died of a heart attack at a hospital in Miami, where she was being treated for bronchitis. Hadid was the first woman to receive the Pritzker Prize and the Royal Institute of British Architects Gold Medal. The news of her passing spurred a number of memorial events and tributes as well as posthumous awards around the globe, including a retrospective of her work running concurrently with this year's Venice Architecture Biennale, and the [Aga Khan Award for Architecture](#) for the Fares Institute at the American University of Beirut, Lebanon, among many others.