

**Zaha Hadid Foundation**  
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**THE ZAHA HADID FOUNDATION SPONSORS EXHIBITION ON ZAHA HADID'S LEGACY AT THE CONTEMPORARY ARTS CENTER, CINCINNATI, USA**

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The Zaha Hadid Foundation (ZHF) announced today its sponsorship of a major exhibition on Zaha Hadid's architectural legacy at the Contemporary Arts Center (CAC), Cincinnati, USA. Opening on 22 September 2023, *A Permanent Nostalgia for Departure: A Rehearsal on Legacy with Zaha Hadid* coincides with the 20th anniversary of its Hadid-designed building, the Lois & Richard Rosenthal Center for Contemporary Art. In kind support to CAC, the Foundation loans five of Hadid's paintings and donates a grant to its accompanying artists' commissions programme.

ZHF's loan includes five of Hadid's earliest and most regarded paintings, to support Guest Curator Maite Borjabad's spotlight on the artistic development of Hadid's career and its contemporary lineage. It includes *Grand Buildings*, *Trafalgar Square* (1985), *Victoria City Aerial* (1998), and a conceptual interior painting of CAC's building (1997–2003). Carolyn Hefner, Chief of Development at CAC, said: 'The Zaha Hadid Foundation has been invaluable in their support of this exhibition. We appreciate their dedication to furthering the exploration of Zaha Hadid's legacy'.

In addition, the Foundation contributes a grant to CAC's artists' commissions programme, which funds eight emerging and mid-career artists to produce new work for the exhibition in response to Hadid's lasting influence on them. The grant assists Iraqi artist Rand Abdul Jabbar (b. Baghdad, 1990) to develop *Tektōn (after Zaha, after Malevich)*, a series of full-sized installations made on-site of local rammed Earth, inspired by Hadid's painting *Malevich's Tektonik* (1976–77).

Professor Paul Greenhalgh, Director of ZHF, said: 'The Zaha Hadid Foundation is delighted to be able to support CAC's innovative and exploratory exhibition, and we are certain that Zaha would have been moved and excited by these artists, who have carried the spirit of her vision into another generation'.

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### **About the Zaha Hadid Foundation**

The Zaha Hadid Foundation (ZHF) was founded in 2013 by the globally renowned architect, designer, and artist Zaha Hadid. The Foundation was re-launched and became fully active in 2022. It is housed in two buildings in London, in Zaha's former office at 10 Bowling Green Lane, Clerkenwell, and at Shad Thames, on the south bank of the river.

The founding purpose of ZHF is to preserve, study, and exhibit the full range of Zaha's work. As well as managing its collection and archive of c.15,000 works, ZHF curates exhibitions related to Zaha's work and artistic outlook, promotes learning through public talks, events, and publications, and supports research at all levels through grants, bursaries, and fellowships.

### **About the Contemporary Arts Center (CAC)**

The Contemporary Arts Center (CAC) is a contemporary art museum that brings art and the creative process to all people through exhibitions, performances, and experiences that open minds. It fosters an inclusive culture by using contemporary art and mutual learning as vehicles for connecting people, cultivating creativity, and catalysing curiosity.

It is situated in a seven-storey, 82,265 square-foot building, the Lois & Richard Rosenthal Center for Contemporary Art, in Ohio, Cincinnati, USA, which was designed by Zaha Hadid in 2003.