

How Outstanding Architects Live (& Die)

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House of Last Days – Architect H.Masud Taj

Session 1

★ **Buckminster Fuller**

April 13, 1743 - July 4, 1826 (aged 83)

★ **Ron Thom**

May 15, 1923 – Oct 29, 1986 (aged 63)

★ **Arthur Erickson**

June 14, 1924 – May 20, 2009 (aged 85)

Session 2

★ **Christopher Wren**

30 Oct 1632 - 8 March 1723 (aged 91)

★ **Isambard Kingdom Brunel**

9 April 1806 - 15 Sep 1859 (aged 53)

Session 3

★ **John Soane**

Sep 10, 1753 - Jan 20, 1837 (aged 84)

★ **Augustus Pugin**

March 1, 1812 - Sep 14, 1852 (aged 40)

Session 4

★ **Hassan Fathy**

March 23, 1900 - Nov 30, 1989 (aged 89)

★ **Samuel Mockbee**

Dec 23, 1944 - Dec 30, 2001 (aged 57)

Session 5

★ **Jørn Utzon**

9 April 1918 - 29 Nov 2008 (aged 90)

★ **Alvar Aalto**

Feb 3, 1898 - May 11, 1976 (aged 78)

Session 6

★ **Charles Correa**

1 Sep 1930 - 16 June 2015 (aged 85)

★ **Zaha Hadid**

31 Oct 1950 - 31 March 2016 (aged 66)

For lovers of biographies, illustrated lectures on thirteen architects from Canada, USA, Europe, the Middle East, and India: Buckminster Fuller, Ron Thom, and Arthur Erickson; Wren and Brunel; Soane and Pugin; Hasan Fathy and Samuel Mockbee; Utzon and Aalto; and Charles Correa and Zaha Hadid. Combining “academic insight, artistic creativity, and unique personal anecdote”, the talks with wit and verve, seek not to dispel our existential loneliness, but make it more user-friendly. A life lived with irrepressible creativity may just about suffice to ensure that we face our finitude with fortitude.