The architects and design pioneers we lost in 2018

Will Alsop's striking architecture revealed a fascination with the strange, sinister and melancholic concrete modern cities – the buildings they designed, influenced, preserved or modernised were all part of the fabric of their cities. Their work was not only shaped by their architectural influences but by the social and cultural context in which they were working. This year's losses include

- **Will Alsop**, patron of the contemporary architectural movement, who was known for his experimental and innovative designs; he was the architect behind the Royal Festival Hall, the Centre Georges Pompidou in Paris and the Library of Birmingham, among others.
- **Scott Brown**, the pioneering architect known for her collaboration with Robert Venturi, was a pioneer of postmodern architecture. Scott Brown and Venturi worked together on projects such as the Sainsbury Wing at the British Museum and the V&A in Dundee, and their partnership was celebrated for introducing a new approach to design.
- **Alan Davidson**, a renowned architect and scholar, whose work focused on the history and culture of architecture, particularly in the United States. He was a key figure in the development of the postmodern movement in architecture.
- **Bunker Archaeology**, a collective of architects and designers who were involved in the postmodernist movement in the UK, known for their work on projects such as the Empire Theatre in Liverpool and the V&A Dundee.

**The artists and designers we lost in 2018**

1. **Peter Zumthor**, the Swiss architect known for his organic and naturalistic designs, particularly his use of materials such as wood, stone and water in his buildings.
2. ** forcibly expelled from his homeland for his political beliefs**, was a leading architect who worked on projects such as the VitraHaus in Weil am Rhein, Germany.
3. **, a French architect known for his use of technology in architecture, particularly in his work on the Pont Neuf in Paris and the Ford Factory in Detroit.**
4. **, an American architect known for his modernist and minimalist designs, was known for his work on projects such as the Guggenheim Museum Bilbao and the Museum of Modern Art in New York.**

Their work continues to influence the architectural landscape and inspire new generations of designers.