

## About Moshe Safdie and Safdie Architects



Moshe Safdie is an architect, urban planner, educator, theorist, and author who embraces a comprehensive and humane design philosophy. In keeping with a philosophical approach that Safdie has applied around the world for five decades, the design of each of his projects is responsive to local historic, cultural, and environmental contexts and grows out of a vision of the way it can affect the lives of the individuals for whom the buildings and public spaces are created. In recognition of his work's impact around the world and his lasting influence on generations of younger architects, Safdie was recently awarded the **2015 AIA Gold Medal**, the profession's highest honor.

Safdie's projects can be found in North and South America, the Middle East, the developing world, and throughout Asia and Australia, spanning a wide range of typologies, including airports, museums, performing arts, libraries, housing, mixed-use and entire cities. Many of his firm's buildings have become beloved regional and national landmarks, including Habitat '67 in Montreal, Quebec, Canada; the National Gallery of Canada in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada; Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art in Bentonville, Arkansas; Marina Bay Sands Integrated Resort in Singapore; and Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum in Jerusalem, Israel.

Recent openings include the completed campus for the Skirball Cultural Center in Los Angeles; Khalsa Heritage Memorial Complex, the national museum of the Sikh people in India; the United States Institute of Peace Headquarters in Washington, D.C.; and the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts in Kansas City, Missouri.

Safdie is lead designer on all projects by Safdie Architects, his eponymous firm, which celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2014. Together with the firm's partners and staff, he engages in an iterative design process, working closely with the client and consultants to test each project's program, refine design ideas, and facilitate the development of appropriate and effective solutions. Safdie Architects is committed to architecture that supports and enhances a project's program; that is informed by the geographic, social, and cultural elements that define a place; and that responds to human needs and aspirations.

Current projects range from Jewel Changi Airport, an iconic new development at Singapore's Changi Airport that broke ground in December 2014, to Chongqing Chaotianmen, a nearly nine-million-square-foot mixed-use project located at the historically significant site at the confluence of the Yangtze and Jialing rivers in Chongqing, China.

***Global Citizen: The Architecture of Moshe Safdie***, a traveling exhibition that explores the architect's buildings and design philosophy, curated by Donald Albrecht and co-sponsored by the Skirball Cultural Center in Los Angeles and the Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art, will be opening at the Boston Society of Architects in November 2015. Safdie Architects is based in Boston with offices in Toronto, Jerusalem, Singapore, and Shanghai.