

Outstanding Architecture in Danger?

International Architecture Committee alerted!

The **Austrian architect Helmut Richter** died In June of this year. Richter is one of the **key architects of the architecture of late modernism**. His secondary school on Kinkplatz in Vienna, which was completed in 1994, is **one of Austria's most important educational buildings**.

At the time of Richter's recent death politicians and the press lavished praise on his oeuvre and emphasized the importance of modern architecture; now, only a short time later, **rumors of plans to demolish part of the school have alarmed the international architectural community**.

A **prestigious committee of leading international architects**, including **Zaha Hadid, Frank Gehry, Dominique Perrault** as well as central actors of **the Austrian architecture scene, has raised the alarm about the danger of barbaric interventions being made in this building**. The Helmut Richter Committee **urges the respectful and appreciative use of Richter's extraordinary work**.

Helmut Richter's architecture has proved to be **groundbreaking** and has had a **lasting effect through the work of his various students**. The school's glass structure, which is regarded as Richter's architectural masterpiece, is now threatened by a planned adaptation. For modern architecture in Austria it is essential that **the destruction of this central work by Helmut Richter should be prevented**.

Thank you for your interest and your support for the cause of the Helmut Richter Committee. Please contact us for more information on the petition and images of Kinkplatz secondary school.

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PETITION

by leading international architects
for the appreciation of **HELMUT RICHTER** and the preservation of his outstanding
contemporary building in Vienna. 2014

I TRUST THAT HELMUT RICHTER'S LEGACY AND MEMORY WILL BE PRESERVED BY THE RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITIES ACCORDING TO THE HIGHEST STANDARDS. AND I WOULD LIKE TO UNEQUIVOCALLY STATE MY OPPOSITION TO THE LEGACY OF HELMUT RICHTER BEING IN ANY WAY IMPAIRED OR DISFIGURED, OR EVEN DEMOLISHED AND REPLACED BY NEW BUILDINGS.

WITH THIS, I ALSO GIVE MY CONSENT FOR THIS PETITION, WHICH I HEREBY SIGN, TO BE MADE PUBLIC BY THE **HELMUT RICHTER COMMITTEE.**

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