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## Arts, Design Prizes Awarded

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Tom Stoppard and Zaha Hadid were among the winners of the [Praemium Imperiale](#) arts awards, announced Thursday by the Japan Art Association. The awards, which come with a prize of about \$163,000 each, are given for lifetime arts achievement in categories not covered by the Nobel Prizes. They were established in 1988 to mark the association's 100th anniversary and to honor Prince Takamatsu, its longtime honorary patron, who died in 1987. In a news release, the association said that in addition to Mr. Stoppard, who is being honored for his theater and film work, and Ms. Hadid, this year's architecture laureate, it would give awards to the photographer [Hiroshi Sugimoto](#), the sculptor [Richard Long](#) and the pianist [Alfred Brendel](#). The awards will be bestowed in a ceremony in Tokyo on Oct. 22.

Two former officials of Medellín, Colombia, will share the [Curry Stone Design Prize](#) for a [public works plan that helped rejuvenate](#) one of the city's poorest neighborhoods. In a news release, the administrators for the annual design award said on Thursday that its \$100,000 prize would be split by Alejandro Echeverri, the city's former director of urban projects, and Sergio Fajardo, its former mayor, for a plan that brought modern buildings and public spaces to the slums of Medellín over a four-year period. During that time, the city saw a reduction in homicides and an increase in tourism.