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Japanese designer Issey Miyake dies at 84

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Issey Miyake was a pioneer in forging the gap between fashion design and technology. Image credit: CFDA

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Renowned Japanese fashion designer Issey Miyake, who was best known for his avant-garde designs and recognizable pleated style, lost his battle with cancer on Aug. 5, 2022.

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The designer worked alongside fashion icons such as Guy Laroche and Hubert de Givenchy before making a name for himself throughout the 1980s and 1990s with his iconic pleated material. Born in Hiroshima in 1938, Mr. Miyake suffered from both physical and psychological trauma from the nuclear bomb that was dropped on the city in 1945 during World War II, however, he did not mention his experiences until the last 13 years of his life.

Influence of design

Throughout his career, Mr. Miyake received a number of accolades, including the Praemium Imperiale award from the Japan Arts Association and the Kyoto Prize in Arts and Philosophy, becoming the first fashion designer to receive the recognition.

He also received the Legion of Honor from the French government in 2016.

Issey Miyake is a globally respected designer with an incredible legacy. His constant innovation and creativity will continue to inspire generations to come. Our thoughts go out to his family and friends. pic.twitter.com/HI5ljrTkK

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There was an outpouring of support from brands and organizations on Tuesday, mourning the loss of the fashion icon while paying tribute to his years of influence on the industry.

In a post on Twitter, the Council of Fashion Designers of America (CFDA) applauded the designer's trailblazing technique of mixing traditional craftsmanship with technology.

Last year, French fashion house Louis Vuitton unveiled "Louis Vuitton &" to honor its history of artistic exchanges.

The exhibition focused on the enduring relationships and inspiration between Louis Vuitton and various celebrated Japanese artists and acclaimed personalities, such as Kansai Yamamoto, who paved the way for Japanese designers like Mr. Miyake, among others ([see story](#)).

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