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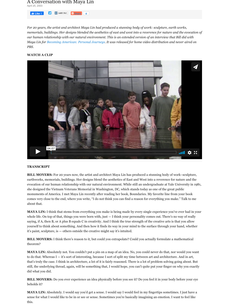
A Conversation with Maya Lin



For years, the artist and architect Maya Lin had produced a stunning body of work: sculpture, work spaces, landscapes, buildings that simultaneously reflected the aesthetics of past and present and a reverence for nature and the evolution of our human relationship with our natural environment. This is an extended version of an interview that did still appear in Maya Lin: Systemic Landscape, *exhibition catalog, Pace Gallery, 2014. It was released for home video distribution and aired on Arte.*

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BILL NOVESKY: For an open mic, the artist and architect Maya Lin has produced a stunning body of work: sculpture, work spaces, landscapes, buildings that simultaneously reflect the aesthetics of past and present and a reverence for nature and the evolution of our human relationship with our natural environment. While still an undergraduate at Yale University, she designed the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, DC, which stands today as one of the great public monuments of our time. Lin's work has been the subject of a retrospective at the Smithsonian's Cooper-Hewitt museum since its the end, since we've been, it's been, it's been, it's

again — and I had not known anyone who had died. I just had a feeling that it's got to be the most painful experience that you will ever go through. But what you have is the memory. And you have to accept it. And then you have to turnaround walk back into the light. But if you don't accept it, you'll never get over it.

BILL MOYERS: Maya Lin, thank you very much.

MAYA LIN: Oh, you're welcome.

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