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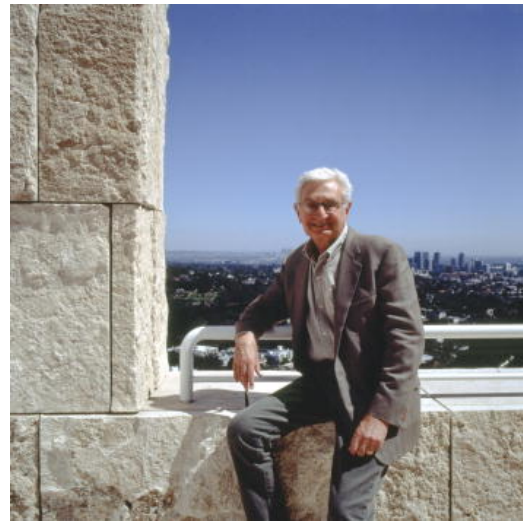
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GETTY TRUST FOUNDING PRESIDENT AND CEO HAROLD M. WILLIAMS PASSES AWAY AT HOME ON SUNDAY, JULY 30, 2017

The Getty today announced the death of Harold M. Williams, the founding president and CEO of the J. Paul Getty Trust, who served in that position from 1981 to 1998. Mr. Williams was 89.

Mr. Williams' vision led to the creation of the Getty as a multifaceted institution devoted to scholarship, conservation, education and the presentation of the visual arts.

"The Getty today – its global reach and its Southern California presence – is a legacy of Harold M. Williams. He shall be remembered for his enormous contributions to the arts and humanities," said Maria Hummer-Tuttle.



Selected to lead the Getty as the Board of Trustees sought to determine how best to use the considerable resources left by founder J. Paul Getty, Harold, and Nancy Englander, the Getty's director of program planning and analysis, who later became his wife, led the formation of the Getty as an interdisciplinary center for learning and a resource to the world of art and art history. It was Mr. Williams who also conceived of the Getty Center, home to the Getty's four operating programs, and now one of the most visited arts institutions in the United States.

"Harold envisioned and then built the Getty Center as a museum, library, laboratories, and public spaces for the greater appreciation, understanding, and conservation of the world's artistic legacy. We are all deeply in his debt," said James Cuno.

Mr. Williams retired as president and CEO soon after the Getty Center opened in 1997, but he continued to maintain an office at the Getty Center and showed a lively interest in the work of the Getty, attending meetings and events. He was an active and respected member of the Getty community for the rest of his life.

Mr. Williams was honored by the Getty Trustees in 2013, together with Nancy, when they were the recipients of the inaugural J. Paul Getty Medal.

A memorial service is planned for the fall.

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The J. Paul Getty Trust is an international cultural and philanthropic institution devoted to the visual arts that includes the J. Paul Getty Museum, the Getty Research Institute, the Getty Conservation Institute, and the Getty Foundation. The J. Paul Getty Trust and Getty programs serve a varied audience from two locations: the Getty Center in Los Angeles and the Getty Villa in Pacific Palisades.