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Latent Complexity: Denise Scott Brown and Katherine Darnstadt (Latent Design) on Architect Sessions #39



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We're very excited to have Denise Scott Brown on this episode, to share some family history behind the Vanna Venturi house – the house that her husband and collaborator, Robert Venturi, built for his mother in 1965, and helped set a new tone for 20th century architectural history. [The house is now for sale, listed at \\$1.75M.](#)

Also joining us on this week's episode is Katherine Darnstadt of Latent Design in Chicago. A native Chicagoan who trained and practices as an architect there, Katherine shares her reflections on building a practice and connecting to a city. We met Katherine back in May at the [AIA National Convention](#), and have been itching to have her on the podcast since.



We also touch on the bonkers news item that is [Japan canceling the Zaha Hadid designs for its Olympic Stadium in Tokyo](#), citing overwhelming construction costs.

And finally, we're nearing the end – of Architect Sessions' first season. This



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Also, keep your eye out for Archinect's "Dry Futures" competition, seeking design solutions to California's historic drought. The competition launches July 27.

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Fantastic write-up, as always, Amelia. I love the word "bonkers".

I'm already wistful about Season 1 being over. It's so much fun. And we get to talk to superstars and incredibly influential thinkers like Denise Scott Brown, and Katherine Darnstadt, and Elizabeth Timme (Episode 13) and Mitch McEwen (Episode 11) and Jimenez Lai (Episode 16) and Ned Cramer (Episode 28) and freaking Tod Williams and Billie Tsien!

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enjoyed both interviews, thank you Archinect.

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What a wonderful interview with DSB. So full of history and information... Also, very interesting to hear Katherine of Latent Design talk about her move into policy, human-centered design etc...

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