

Deezen founder dies aged 54

Architecture and design magazine *Deezen* founder, Marcus Fairs, has passed away at 54.



Image sourced from [Twitter](#): *Deezen* founder Marcus Fairs has passed away

Fairs was taken to hospital last week after falling ill. Following a short period of intensive care, he passed away on 30 June. He is survived by his wife Rupinder Bhogal, who is the director at *Deezen*, his children, his parents and his sister.

Getting his start at *Icon* magazine, Fairs launched *Deezen* from his home in 2006, which became a popular and influential online architecture, interiors and design magazine. He was the first digital journalist to earn the prestigious Honorary Fellowship of the Royal Institute of British Architects in 2017.

“*Marcus Fairs was a world, a star, an energy source for so many of us. He made careers and changed lives. An incredibly talented, passionate journalist, editor and friend. He had my back, supported and was part of almost everything I did. What will we do now? I'm heartbroken.*— Beatrice Galilee (@_Beatrice) [July 4, 2022](#)”

In 2006 he published the book *Twenty-First Century Design*, while 2009 brought *Green Design*. Fairs also authored the *Deezen Book of Ideas* and *Deezen Book of Interviews*.

Last year, *Deezen* was acquired by the JP/Politiken Media Group. At the time of the acquisition, Fairs said, "Deezen exists to give our global community a platform where the best work and the most important topics are shared, celebrated and debated. We want Deezen to be able to continue to do this long into the future. We want Deezen to forever be a bastion of independent journalism, a champion of architecture and design and a force for good in the world."

Fairs' family and the *Deezen* staff has asked for privacy during this difficult time.

Tributes have been pouring in on social media since the news of his passing:

“ *RIP Marcus Fairs. Lovely person, great friend, supporter and critic.*

Our hearts go out to his family. Sad days. pic.twitter.com/Bwjm7KMtNL

— *Waugh Thistleton Architects (@WaughThistleton)* [July 4, 2022](#) ”

“ *We are very saddened to hear of the passing of Marcus Fairs – what he accomplished with Deezen was a phenomenal contribution to architecture and design publishing and we are all the poorer for losing him. Our thoughts are with his colleagues, friends and family.* <https://t.co/AhDRM6c5Fh>— *Architects' Journal (@ArchitectsJmal)* [July 4, 2022](#) ”

“ *We are deeply saddened by the sudden and unexpected death of [@dezeen](#) Founder, CEO and Editor-in-Chief Marcus Fairs. Our thoughts are with Marcus' family and the deezen team.* pic.twitter.com/yEPtBtM8gB— *London Festival of Architecture (@LFArchitecture)* [July 4, 2022](#) ”

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