

JAN KAPLICKÝ: A RADICAL¹ ARCHITECT

Jan Kaplický (1937 – 2009) is a Czech architect. He is famous for the *Selfridges Building*. It is a **shopping centre** in Birmingham, England.

The Selfridges shopping centre in Birmingham looks like an iceberg². It has only a few windows **close to the pavement** and they look like teardrops³.

The **Media Centre** at *Lord's Cricket Ground* is also his design. It is a stadium⁴ for cricket in London. Some people say that he is **one of** the most radical architects of **the last 40 years**.



Kaplický is also famous for this quote⁵: "The world is full of beautiful things and you have to look around. Creativity⁶ is everywhere. If the first idea is good, things are going to be fine."

Kaplický is also the winner of a competition⁷ for a new **national library** in

Prague, but the project is cancelled⁸ now.

Vocabulary:¹radikální|²kra|³slza|⁴stadion|⁵citát|⁶kreativita|⁷soutěž|⁸zrušený

Language notes: shopping centre=nákupní středisko|Media Centre=středisko pro média|one of=jeden z|the last 40 years=posledních 40 let|close to the pavement=blízko chodníku|national library=národní knihovna

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