

Media tour to the Bauhaus Dessau on 23rd June 2011

The Bauhaus Dessau Foundation inaugurates the Bauhaus Summer with a large exhibition on the life and work of Wilhelm Wagenfeld – and the rediscovery of an almost forgotten gem of architectural history in Dessau

This summer, the Bauhaus Dessau Foundation plays host to the distinguished Bauhaus student Wilhelm Wagenfeld, whose life and work will be the subject of a large exhibition in the Bauhaus Building. To mark the exhibition opening, you are invited to attend a media tour of the Bauhaus City on the morning of the exhibition opening day. Visit the Bauhaus Dessau, be the first to see the exhibition, and learn about the prototype Dessau-Törten housing estate, a high point of Bauhaus architecture which is still in use today.

A Lasting Impression: Wilhelm Wagenfeld

To commemorate his 111th birthday, the Bauhaus Dessau Foundation is showing the work of Wilhelm Wagenfeld, one of Germany's most important industrial designers, in an exhibition which will open on 23rd June 2011. Wagenfeld is one of the Bauhaus' most fascinating disciples. In his work, he realised the basic idea of the Bauhaus more consistently than any other: never fixated on "his" design idea, but always led by the consumer's utilitarian needs. This may indeed form the basis for the longevity of Wagenfeld's series, which embrace the territory between museum and window display, between artwork and series product. An exclusive media tour held on the morning of the exhibition opening day facilitates a first look at the exhibition, which shows Wagenfeld in all his facets: from the preparatory sketch to the polished advertisement, from the iconic object to packaging, in a cross section of work taken from the collection of the Wilhelm Wagenfeld Stiftung (Wilhelm Wagenfeld Foundation) of Bremen.

News from the prototype Dessau-Törten housing estate in Dessau

The experimental Dessau-Törten housing estate, which was designed by Walter Gropius and built from 1926 to 1928, is considered a prime example of rationalised construction. The Bauhaus Dessau Foundation is set to open a new information centre here in Gropius' Konsum Building, providing visitors with a starting point from which to learn about the estate, from its history to the present day. A permanent exhibition here will introduce the estate and supply tourist information for visitors from Germany and abroad. The media tour will include a visit to the new information centre and end with a tour of Haus Anton, the only house on the estate still in its original condition.

You are cordially invited to participate in our media tour to Dessau on 23rd June 2011. The tour bus will leave the Press and Information Office of the Federal Government, Dorotheenstrasse 84, Berlin, at 9.30 a.m. If you would like to participate, please contact Annette Barner by 21st June 2011 (phone +49-30-2810471, +49-173-6446770, email annette-barner@t-online.de). We look forward to welcoming you to the Bauhaus!

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Provisional programme for the media tour on 23rd June 2011

09.30 a.m. Depart Berlin, from in front of the Press and Information Office of the Federal Government (Dorotheenstraße 84, 10117 Berlin)

11.00 a.m. Arrive at the Bauhaus Building, Dessau

11.15 a.m. Press preview of the exhibition "A Lasting Impression: Wilhelm Wagenfeld"

with Philipp Oswalt, director of the Bauhaus Dessau Foundation, Beate Manske, executive director of the Wilhelm Wagenfeld Stiftung, Bremen, and Dr. Meike Noll Wagenfeld, daughter of Wilhelm Wagenfeld

12.00 p.m. Lunch

13.00 p.m. Trip to the Dessau-Törten Estate

13.30 p.m. Visit to the new information centre about the history of the estate (Am Dreieck 1, 06849 Dessau-Roßlau) and to Haus Anton (Doppelreihe 35, 06849 Dessau), the only house on the estate still in its original condition

14.30 p.m. Return to Berlin

16.00 p.m. Arrive in Berlin at the Press and Information Office of the Federal Government

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