

Bauhaus Dessau

Press release

Reopening
Bauhaus Buildings
Dessau

On 18 April 2019 the Dessau Bauhaus buildings open with a new curatorial concept

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Dessau-Roßlau,
27 March 2019

On 18 April 2019, the Bauhaus buildings in Dessau will reopen after extensive renovation work and with a new curatorial concept. Some of these buildings were previously not or only partially accessible. Bauhaus Dessau Buildings: Originals retold invites you on a tour through Dessau to rediscover twelve prototypes of modern building in a cinematic digital guiding concept. Already on 17 April 2019, press representatives are invited to a special preview for the reopening of the Master House Kandinsky / Klee by the Wüstenrot Foundation.

From 18 April 2019: Bauhaus Buildings Dessau: Originals retold

From the Kornhaus Restaurant in the north to the Dessau-Törten Settlement in the south – Dessau has many more original Bauhaus buildings than any other city. Twelve of them are publicly accessible, including the Bauhaus Building, the Masters' Houses, the Employment Office designed by Walter Gropius, and the Konsum Building. On the occasion of the Bauhaus centenary, they get a new, and for the first time coherent, curatorial narrative. The buildings themselves become exhibits. After all, nothing can tell their story more vividly than the walls, façades and interior spaces themselves.

Dr. Claudia Perren, Director of the Bauhaus Dessau Foundation: "*Bauhaus Buildings Dessau: Originals Retold* is one of the highlights of the centenary programme of the Bauhaus Dessau Foundation. We are looking forward to presenting the particular stories behind the Bauhaus buildings through our cinematic digital tours. For the first time we also include all twelve Bauhaus buildings that are spread all over Dessau. We are particularly pleased that the Kandinsky / Klee Master House has been fully renovated and now shines in intensive colors after a long period of research and reconstruction work."

Opening of previously closed Bauhaus buildings and Master House Kandinsky / Klee in new colors

With the reopening on 18 April 2019, visitors will be given access to premises that were previously not or only partially accessible, including parts of the workshop wing of the Bauhaus Building with its famous glass curtain wall. A special highlight is the reopening of the Master House Kandinsky / Klee. There, the exceptionally colorful scheme of the interiors has been restored on the historical model with the help of the Wüstenrot Foundation. After 20 years of intensive use, the basic restoration was necessary to preserve the house as a Bauhaus heritage in the long term and to convey the special quality of this architecture to the public. Already on 17 April 2019, the Wüstenrot Foundation will present the results together with the Bauhaus Dessau Foundation at a conference for conservation professionals.

Cinematic digital guiding concept

More than 60 short films were produced for the new curatorial concept of the Bauhaus buildings, bringing historical images into motion in a 2.5D technique. Each short film refers to a space or aspect of the architecture and can be watched on screens in the buildings or using a smartphone. The cinematic digital narrative supports the visitors in the perception of the unique architecture and its history, without changing the historical spaces.

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Programme

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Wednesday,
17 April 2019

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Press-preview reopening Bauhaus buildings
and press talk / conference Master House Kandinsky / Klee

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10 – 11 am

Bauhaus Building

Press-preview and short introduction

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11.30 am – 1.30 pm

Master House Kandinsky / Klee

Press talk

about the restoration of the Master House Kandinsky / Klee designed by
Walter Gropius with Prof. Philip Kurz (Wüstenrot Foundation), Winfried
Brenne (Brenne Architects), Peter Schöne (Restorer), Monika Markgraf
(Bauhaus Dessau Foundation), Dr. Florian Strob (Bauhaus Dessau
Foundation), followed by a guided tour for press

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4 pm (alternative to the 10 am option)

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4.30 – 7.30 pm

Lectures and panel discussion (closed event)

The Wüstenrot Foundation and the Bauhaus Dessau Foundation on ques-
tions of monument care during the restoration of the Kandinsky / Klee Master
House. (Please register for the event: k.bittner@bauhaus-dessau.de)

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Thursday,
18 April 2019

Ceremony for the reopening of the Bauhaus buildings with press

9.45 am

Bauhaus Building

Photo opportunity

Opening of the main door of the Bauhaus Building by Dr. Claudia Perren

10 am

Bauhaus Building, auditorium

Welcome: Dr. Claudia Perren (Director, Bauhaus Dessau Foundation);

Greetings: Dr. Reiner Haseloff (Minister-President of Saxony-Anhalt),

Peter Kuras (Lord Mayor of Dessau-Roßlau);

On the construction work: Frank Assmann (Head of Construction Depart-
ment, Bauhaus Dessau Foundation);

On the new curatorial concept: Dr. Werner Möller, Dr. Florian Strob (Bau-
haus Dessau Foundation)

11 am

Bauhaus Building, auditorium

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Presentation of the collector coin „100 years of Bauhaus“

Handover of the coin to Dr. Reiner Haseloff, Peter Kuras and Dr. Claudia Perren by Bettina Hagedorn, Parliamentary State Secretary to the Federal Minister of Finance

11.30 am

Bauhaus Building

Guided tours for invited guests and press: Bauhaus Building, Master's Houses

1.30 pm

Bus ride from the Bauhaus Building to Dessau-Törten

Guided tour for invited guests and press through the settlement Dessau-Törten

Public programme for all visitors

9.45 am – 5 pm

Bauhaus buildings

Self-guided tours through the Bauhaus buildings with the new curatorial concept plus free guided tours (in german) (Bauhaus Building: 11 am, 2 pm; Masters' Houses: 12.30 pm, 1.30 pm; 3.30 pm; Dessau-Törten Settlement: 3.30 pm)

5 pm

Bauhaus Building, auditorium

Film screening "How do we live healthy and economically?" accompanied by musicians of the Bauhaus Centenary Residency

5.30 pm

Bauhaus Building

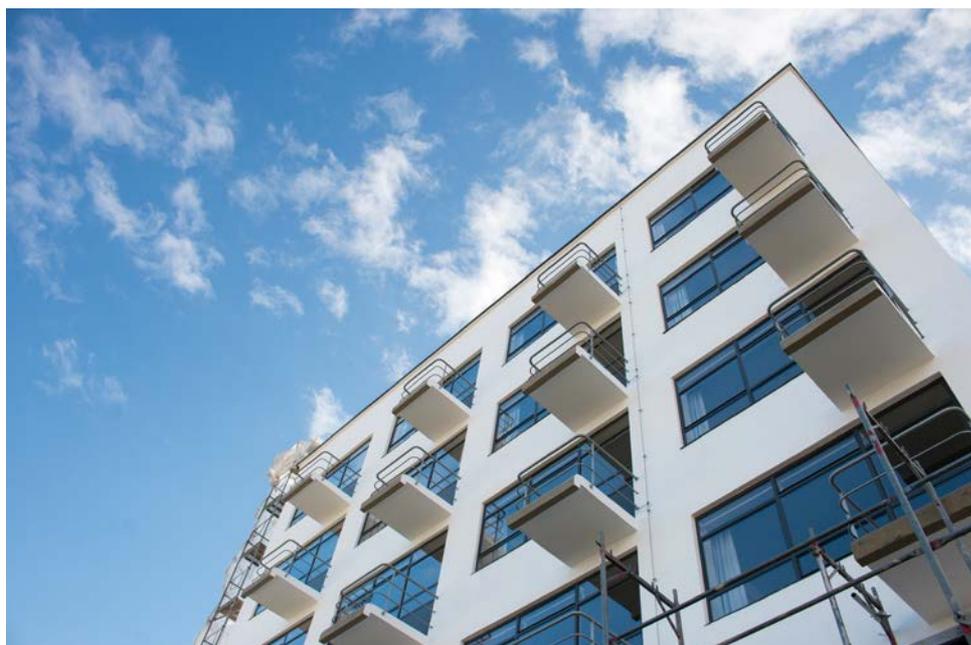
Reception with wine and pretzels

Information for press

Please register at: presse@bauhaus-dessau.de

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