On 8 September 2019 the Bauhaus Museum Dessau will be inaugurated with a grand opening ceremony. One day prior to the opening, on 7 September 2019, the Bauhaus Foundation Dessau invites media representatives for a press conference and press preview to introduce the new museum and the exhibition Versuchsstätte Bauhaus. The Collection.

After two and a half years of construction, the Bauhaus Museum Dessau opens its doors to visitors on 8 September 2019. Now for the first time the new building by the Barcelona-based firm addenda architects allows the full range of the collection of the Bauhaus Dessau Foundation to be presented and seen.

Located on the museum’s upper floor, the so-called Black Box provides an ideal space for showcasing the collection. At over 49,000 objects, this is the second largest Bauhaus collection worldwide. The first purchase was made in 1976 when the Bauhaus Building was reopened as “Wissenschaftlich-Kulturelles Zentrum” in the former GDR. Since then, new objects have regularly been added. Student works, teaching notes, drafts and prototypes from the workshops in particular define the character of the collection.

More than 1,000 exhibits are on display as part of the exhibition Versuchsstätte Bauhaus. The Collection at the Bauhaus Museum Dessau. They tell the story of the famous school, its students and the daily reality of learning and teaching between the poles of creative design and industrial prototype production, artistic experiment and economic pressure, educational institution and emancipatory aspiration.

At the press conference on 7 September 2019, Claudia Perren, Director and CEO of the Bauhaus Dessau Foundation, and the architect Roberto Gonzalez (addenda architects) will talk about the architecture of the new building. The curators Regina Bittner, Wolfgang Thöner and Dorothée Brill as well as Detlef Weitz (chezweitz, scenography) will present the concept for the exhibition Versuchsstätte Bauhaus. The Collection. Following the press conference, media representatives are invited to a guided tour of the exhibition.

Schedule 7 September 2019

9 am – 12.30 pm
The exhibition is opened for camera teams and photographers

1 – 2.30 pm
Press conference

Podium:
Regina Bittner, curator
Dorothée Brill, curator
Roberto Gonzalez, addenda architects
Claudia Perren, Director and CEO of the Bauhaus Dessau Foundation
Rainer Robra, Chairman of the Foundation Council of the Bauhaus Dessau Foundation
Wolfgang Thöner, curator
Detlef Weitz, chezweitz

Moderator:
Ulrike Lippe, Press Officer of the Bauhaus Dessau Foundation
The press conference will be held in German with simultaneous translation into English.

**The Bauhaus Museum Dessau opens**

Press conference and press preview on 7 September 2019

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**Accreditation**

Representatives of the media are asked to register by 11 August 2019 at: bauhaus-dessau.de/accreditation

Note: Please be aware that accreditation is valid only after you have received confirmation via email. Because space is limited at the Bauhaus Museum Dessau, we cannot guarantee that all accreditation requests are confirmed. Media representatives without valid accreditation will not be admitted to the press conference on 7 September 2019. If granted, requests will be confirmed by 23 August 2019 at the latest.

Additional press information and photos on the Bauhaus Museum Dessau are available at: bauhaus-dessau.de/en/press.

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