

**MIES VAN DER ROHE HAUS**

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## The Annual Program

**The Mies van der Rohe Haus celebrates 2019 with two festivals, four exhibitions and a research project "100 Years Bauhaus".**

### Avanti-Avanti-100

Ludwig Mies van der Rohe designed the Landhaus Lemke (1932/33) during his time as director at the Bauhaus. Lilly Reich, at that time head of the weaving mill and of the Bauhaus's construction/development department, was involved in furnishing the house. And for Mies' students in architecture lessons at the Bauhaus, the simple, L-shaped brick building on the Obersee was a welcome object of study. Pius Pahl, Eduard Ludwig or Rudolf Ortner, to name just three of Mies' students, drew comparable house types with flat roofs.

The architecture of Haus Lemke, with its beautiful proportions, the attention to detail and the staged opening to nature, is almost timeless and still stimulates architects, artists and designers. This authentic place still conveys a vivid picture of the dawn of modernity.

In this spirit, the Mies van der Rohe Haus celebrates "100 Years of the Bauhaus" with four exhibitions, a research project - sponsored by the Federal Foreign Office - and two Bauhaus festivals. The theme for the year is AVANTI-AVANTI 100, because it goes on and on, with humour, criticism and Dada.

### Bauhaus festivals

Sunday, 13.1., 2 p.m.

#### Bauhaus 100 New Year Festival

The Bauhaus 100 New Year's Reception will take place as a joint kick-off event of the Senate Administration for Culture and Europe, the District Office Lichtenberg and the Association of Friends and Sponsors of the Mies van der Rohe Haus e.V. on Sunday, 13 January 2019. This is where the Mies van der Rohe Haus opens its "Bauhaus Year".

Sunday, 30.6., 2 - 9 p.m.

#### Bauhaus Summer Festival in the garden

Thematic picnic in the garden with music, drinks, photo shootings, speeches and of course Mies.

## Exhibition Program 2019

In the exhibitions, the continuing relevance and the multifaceted paths of further development of the Bauhaus concepts will be examined. On the occasion of its anniversary, the building is once again presenting a new exhibition format: Three artists per exhibition will be invited by the house's director to present a contemporary image in the famous "Rear View Mirror of Modernity" on the themes of *Delighting the World*, *Movement as a Dream*, *Innovations and Prescriptions*, and *White Cube*. A wide variety of artistic positions will take shape and interact with the rooms of the Mies van der Rohe Haus.

27.1.-14.4.2019

### Delighting the World

Joachim Grommek (1957) D, Jan van der Ploeg (1959) NL and Jill Baroff (1954) USA

Opening: Sunday 27.1., 2p.m.

28.4.-7.7.2019

### White Cube

Rakuko Naito JP/USA, Thomas Rentmeister (1965) D and Michel Verjux (1956) FR

Opening: Sunday 28.4., 4p.m.

21.7.-29.9.2019

### Innovations and Prescriptions

Daniel Buren (1938) FR, Günter Fruhtrunk (1923-82) D and Sabine Boehl (1974) D

Opening: Sunday 21.7., 5p.m.

13.10.-22.12.2019

### Movement as a Dream

Ilya und Emilia Kabakov (1945/1933) USA, Heike Mutter und Ulrich Genth (1959/1971) D and Sergei Tchoban (1962) D

Opening: Sunday 13.10., 2p.m.

## Research Project 2019

### Michiko Yamawaki - A Japanese woman at the Bauhaus

#### Project funding by the Federal Foreign Office

The Bauhaus, founded in Weimar in 1919 by the architect Walter Gropius, celebrates its 100th anniversary. Although the Bauhaus was forced to close in 1933 by the National Socialists after only 14 years, and after three changes of management and location, it has shaped the international understanding of design and architecture more than almost any other educational institution. Interest in the Bauhaus continues unabated. With various emphases and perspectives, the Bauhaus became the subject of research and exhibitions. It seems to be an almost inexhaustible source.

The fact that four Japanese students studied at the Bauhaus is a topic that has so far been treated rather sparsely outside Japan. Takehiko Mizutani was the first Japanese to enrol at the Bauhaus. Shortly after Mizutani's return to Japan, the couple Iwao and Michiko Yamawaki studied in Dessau. Tamae Ono, the second Japanese Bauhaus student, was able to study at the Bauhaus in Berlin for only a few months until its final closure.

The subject of this research project is Michiko Yamawaki, who was enrolled at the Bauhaus with her husband Iwao from 1930 to 1932. Iwao Yamawaki (formerly Iwao Fujita) had completed his architectural studies at the Tokyo Bijutsu Gakko (Tokyo Art Academy) and worked as a technical draughtsman at the Yokogawa architectural office in Tokyo. The architectural office was one of the market leaders at the time and was regarded as technically innovative. However, Iwao had concerns about the way Japan was designed. Western pattern books were therefore used as models and sources of inspiration to give the façade a final polish.

When Iwao agreed to marry the wealthy Michiko Yamawaki, who was 12 years younger, in 1928, he made a deal with his future father-in-law. Iwao took the family name Yamawaki and was financed to study at the Bauhaus. In 1930 the couple arrived in Dessau for the winter semester.

Michiko Yamawaki occupied a special position as a Bauhaus student. In contrast to many other female fellow students who passed a demanding entrance examination and thus had to prove their strong will to study at the Bauhaus, Michiko simply followed her husband Iwao, who was the driving force. Michiko's gaze was unbiased, and she had no expectations of her studies. On the other hand, she had no previous knowledge in design disciplines and thus sought her own way of interpreting the new environment, culture and Bauhaus.

Michiko's father, Zengoro Yamawaki, was not only wealthy, he was also a tea master and a culturally interested, well-read man. At the Bauhaus, Michiko discovered parallels between the culture of tea, Japanese traditional design and Bauhaus teaching. "It will probably sound unusual, but in both worlds the simple and the functional are perceived as good and the properties of the materials are emphasized. This attitude is shared by both worlds. When I noticed this, I felt for the first time a self-confidence that I could exist at the Bauhaus". (M. Yamawaki 1995). More than sixty years later, Michiko puts her memoirs, with a focus on the two years at the Bauhaus, on paper under the title "Bauhaus and Tea Art".

The project described here is not limited to the biography of Michiko Yamawaki. Rather, Michiko's story is viewed in a larger time context. The reciprocal exchange between the Bauhaus (people, ideas and products) and Japanese design is addressed. On the one hand, the Bauhaus has influenced developments in Japanese design, including architecture, while on the other, similarities in form between Bauhaus works and traditional Japanese forms can also be discerned.



Top left: Michigo Yamawaki 1933

Top right: Iwao and Michigo Yamawaki

Bottom left: Michigo Yamawaki 1932/33

Bottom right: Michigo Yamawaki Apartment

**Reinald Eckert**

**Develop model - Homage to Marguerite Friedlaender**

Living, changing and new - in twelve files, the Bauhaus vase HALLE by Marguerite Friedlaender, developed in 1929 for KPM Berlin, comes in all its glory. The simple geometric shape of this vase is the starting point and reference point for a staging that harmonises architecture, design and art. The vase, which is still produced in the Berlin Porcelain Manufactory today, has a beautiful location in the Mies van der Rohe House and is repeatedly fitted with various Ikebana arrangements, including plants from the Lemke Garden. The design takes up the play of the seasons. Ikebana artist Reinald Eckert (Somu, Sogetsu Ikebana School, Tokyo) will design the vase.

**Dates:** 11.01., 22.02., 29.03, 26.04, 31.05, 28.06., 26.7., 30.08., 27.09, 31.10., 29.11., 13.12.



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## Dates and Events 2019

Sunday 6.1.2019, 11:30 a.m., Sunday guided tour "mies verstehen"

**Sunday 13.1.2019, 2p.m., Bauhaus 100 New Year's Festival**

**Sunday 27.1.2019, 2p.m., Vernissage Avanti-Avanti-100 DELIGHTING THE WORLD**

Sunday 3.2.2019, 11:30 a.m., Sunday guided tour "mies verstehen"

Friday 1.3.2019, 6 p.m., Michiko Yamawaki and the Bauhaus in Japan, lecture

Sunday 3.3.2019, 11:30 a.m., Sunday guided tour "mies verstehen"

Wednesday 27.3.2019, 6p.m., Curator tour

Sunday 7.4.2019, 11:30 a.m., Sunday guided tour "mies verstehen"

**Sunday 28.4.2019, 4p.m., Vernissage Avanti-Avanti-100 WHITE CUBE**

Sunday 5.5.2019, 11:30 a.m., Sunday guided tour "mies verstehen"

Wednesday 15.5.2019, 6p.m., Curator tour

Sunday 2.6.2019, 11:30 a.m., Sunday guided tour "mies verstehen"

**Thursday 6.6.2019, 7p.m., Annual General Meeting (not public)**

**Sunday 30.6.2019, 2 – 9p.m., Bauhaus Summer Festival in the garden**

Sunday 7.7.2019, 11:30 a.m., Sunday guided tour "mies verstehen"

**Sunday 21.7.2019, 5p.m., Vernissage Avanti-Avanti-100 INNOVATIONS AND PERSCRIPTIONS**

Sunday 4.8.2019, 11:30 a.m., Sunday guided tour "mies verstehen"

[31.8.-8.9.2019 Berlin "Bauhaus 100 Week"](#)

Sunday 1.9.2019, 11:30 a.m., Sunday guided tour "mies verstehen"

Saturday 7.9.2019, day of the open monument, guided tour 3p.m.

Sunday 8.9.2019, Day of the open monument, guided tour 3p.m.

Wednesday, 25.9.2019, 6 p.m., Curator's Tour

Sunday 6.10.2019, 11:30 a.m., Sunday guided tour "mies verstehen"

**Sunday 13.10.2019, 2p.m., Vernissage Avanti-Avanti-100 MOVEMENT AS A DREAM**

Sunday 3.11.2019, 11:30 a.m., Sunday guided tour "mies verstehen"

Wednesday, 13.11.2019, 6p.m., Curator's tour

Sunday 1.12.2019, 11:30 a.m., Sunday guided tour "mies verstehen"