

**Press conference invitation**

28 February 2023, 11 am

Exhibition opening

**Unpacking Jak R. Maier**

**Inherited and Unpacked – The Value of Things**

**1 March – 30 June 2023 | temporary bauhaus-archiv**

In the new exhibition *Unpacking Jak R. Maier* from 1 March to 30 June 2023, the Bauhaus-Archiv / Museum für Gestaltung presents the story of a surprising inheritance and the first exhibition on the life and work of a fascinating Berlin artist who passed away in 2010. The public vernissage will take place on Wednesday, 1 March 2023 at 6:30 pm at the *temporary bauhaus-archiv*, Knesebeckstraße 1, 10623 Berlin.

**Press conference with tour and photo opportunity**

**When:** Wednesday, 28 February 2023, 11 am – 12 pm

[Accreditation](#) and preview starts at 10:30 am

**Where:** the temporary bauhaus-archiv  
Knesebeckstraße 1, 10623 Berlin

**Greeting:** Dr Annemarie Jaeggi, director of the Bauhaus-Archiv / Museum für Gestaltung

**Tour:** Dr Nina Wiedemeyer, curator at the Bauhaus-Archiv / Museum für Gestaltung  
Gloria Fock, research associate at the Bauhaus-Archiv / Museum für Gestaltung and curatorial member of the project team  
Max Wahlich, research associate at the Bauhaus-Archiv / Museum für Gestaltung and curatorial member of the project team

If you wish to attend the press conference, **please notify us by 21 Feb. 2023, specifying personal details (first and last name) and medium**, at [presse@bauhaus.de](mailto:presse@bauhaus.de).

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## Exhibition and accompanying programme

Everything began with an unexpected phone call and a testament. The Bauhaus-Archiv was to inherit the entire estate of the artist Jak R. Maier. But who was Jak R. Maier? And why was his estate bequeathed to us? What does it mean to assume ownership of and decide what to do with someone else's property? **The exhibition *Unpacking Jak R. Maier* takes a first look at Maier's artistic and private archive and focuses on key questions of museum collection practice.** At the same time, it invites visitors to reflect on their own estate. What are the things that define us and what do we want to leave behind?

**The six-part event series *unpackings*** dynamically presents the themes of the exhibition. In discussions with experts from the academic and professional fields and in live unpacking events, the museum team examines the hidden treasures of the artist's estate. The findings will be documented on site by the designers *sieblersiebler*, which will steadily change the exhibition as more of the estate comes to light.

## Unpacking Jak R. Maier

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the temporary bauhaus-archiv  
Knesebeckstraße 1, 10623 Berlin  
Mon–Sat, 10 am – 6 pm  
free admission

## Unpacking events

Wed., 1 Mar. 2023, 6:30 pm – 8 pm | unpacking 1 – public vernissage  
Wed., 29 Mar. 2023, 6:30 pm – 8 pm | unpacking 2: Who was Jak R. Maier?  
Wed., 26 Apr. 2023, 6:30 pm – 8 pm | unpacking 3: What does the estate contain?  
Wed., 24 May 2023, 6:30 pm – 8 pm | unpacking 4: What can be sorted out?  
Wed., 14 Jun. 2023, 6:30 pm – 8 pm | unpacking 5: How is an estate catalogued?  
Fri., 30 Jun. 2023, 6:30 pm – 8 pm | unpacking 6 – public finissage

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