

Press release

Exhibition at the Bauhaus-Archiv/Museum für Gestaltung presenting the winner and other prizewinners from the architecture competition for the new museum building

Berlin, 1 December 2015. Starting tomorrow, the nine designs that were awarded prizes and special mentions in the architecture competition for the renovation and extension of the Bauhaus-Archiv/Museum für Gestaltung are on exhibition on the future site – in the Berlin Bauhaus institution’s listed building. The exhibition, entitled ‘Moving Forward’, is open until 29 February 2016 and focuses on the design by Staab Architekten, Berlin, which the competition jury unanimously awarded the first prize at the end of October 2015 and recommended that it should be implemented. A total of 41 international architecture offices submitted contributions to the closed competition held by Berlin’s Senate Administration for Urban Development and the Environment.

Dr. Annemarie Jaeggi, Director of the Bauhaus-Archiv/Museum für Gestaltung, said: ‘We are delighted that we’ll be able in the future to present the world’s largest Bauhaus collection in a way that will match its importance. Presenting the prizewinning designs to a wide audience here in the Bauhaus-Archiv is the best possible way of giving the public an impression of the different design solutions that were proposed. The fact that people will be able to compare the existing building and the scale of the site with the designs is a decisive consideration here.’

Against the background of visitor numbers that have been constantly increasing for many years, the approaching centenary of the Bauhaus in 2019 provided a suitable occasion for extending the museum. The Bauhaus-Archiv building, designed by Walter Gropius, will in the process be renovated in accordance with historic monument requirements and the existing services will be distributed across two buildings: the archive and library will be located in the existing building, while exhibition and event areas will be housed in the extension. Completion of the building project is planned for 2021.

The jury for the architecture competition, chaired by architect Hilde Léon, explained the decision in favour of Staab Architekten by stating that the design, ‘with its clear and well thought-out intervention succeeds ... in enhancing the existing building while at the same time creating a striking symbolic entrance to the lowered exhibition areas’. A glass tower some 20 metres high is to become an iconic eye-catcher in the urban space and will also serve as the entrance to the museum below it. The flexibly usable exhibition spaces, with an area of 2300 square metres, are linked to each other and accessible from a gallery running underneath the existing building’s access ramp. The gallery offers a view of the inner courtyard, which will be the central location in the overall architectural ensemble. At the side of the tower, in which rooms for museum educational services and a digital information area will be housed, there will an elongated block along Von-der-Heydt-Strasse housing the cafe and Bauhaus shop.

In the exhibition, architectural plans and models will bring to life the winning design and the ideas of the other prizewinners. An extensive supporting programme will include architectural guided tours in the grounds of the Bauhaus-Archiv. A catalogue in German and English is being published to accompany the exhibition.

Prizewinners and special mentions

1st prize: Staab Architekten, Berlin; 2nd prize: Bruno Fioretti Marquez Architekten, Berlin; 3rd prize: ARGE sinning architekten, stinner architekten GmbH, Darmstadt; 4th prize: dasch zürn architekten, Stuttgart; 5th prize: EM2N Architekten AG, Zurich; special mentions: F29 Architekten GmbH, Dresden; AFF architekten, Berlin; Konermann Siegmund Architekten, Hamburg; PPAG architects ztgmbh, Vienna

Publication

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Admission: Sat, Sun, Mon € 8, concessions € 5; Wed, Thu, Fri € 7, concessions € 4

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