

Press Release

MAK to Reopen on 1 June 2020

**Special exhibitions / entire permanent collection from 1 July 2020 /
Women Artists of the Wiener Werkstätte postponed until 2021**

After its temporary closure due to the coronavirus crisis, the MAK will be reopening its doors on 1 June 2020. On Whitmonday all current special exhibitions, above all the major exhibition *SHOW OFF: Austrian Fashion Design* and *BENTWOOD AND BEYOND: Thonet and Modern Furniture Design*, will once again be open to the public. They will be followed in mid-June by the opening of the exhibition *RAIMUND ABRAHAM: Angles and Angels. Drawings Models Prototypes*. Furthermore, the entire MAK DESIGN LAB including the project *HELMUT LANG ARCHIVE: An Intervention by Helmut Lang* will be accessible once more. Mid-June will also see the launch of a cycle of pop-up exhibitions about *CREATIVE CLIMATE CARE*. As a result of lost preparation time, the exhibition *WOMEN ARTISTS OF THE WIENER WERKSTÄTTE* has had to be postponed until next year (21 April – 3 October 2021). The remaining rooms of the collection will be reopened on Wednesday, 1 July 2020.

This is how the MAK is reacting to the reopening of museums from mid-May, which has been made possible by State Secretary for Cultural Affairs Ulrike Lunacek. “We are looking forward to the gradual return to everyday museum operations and would like to thank the countless people who have had us in their thoughts or shown their support digitally since the museum’s closure on 11 March. The discussion in the media about when the federal museums should reopen has shown that art and culture are socially relevant forces –even and especially during times of crisis like the coronavirus pandemic,” according to Christoph Thun-Hohenstein, General Director and Artistic Director, and Teresa Mitterlehner-Marchesani, Managing Director of the MAK.

With the new cycle *CREATIVE CLIMATE CARE*, the MAK wants to shine a spotlight on the many dimensions of the crisis: in collaboration with the University of Applied Arts Vienna, emerging artists and creatives are developing pop-up exhibitions on the subject of climate change and climate protection. In the MAK FORUM from 16 June (from 6 p.m.) until 30 August 2020, we will be asking the question “What can we learn for the future from the coronavirus crisis?” and inviting our visitors to contribute their own ideas to this growing exhibition.

Christoph Thun-Hohenstein and Teresa Mitterlehner-Marchesani: “The coronavirus pandemic hit art and culture hard and has left many artists and creatives worried about their professional survival. At the same time, the climate crisis demands that we make radical changes to our economy and our society in order to create a model that is ecologically and socially futureproof. In this difficult situation, an applied and visionary museum like the MAK must provide guidance and ensure that designers, architects, and artists can sustainably participate in shaping the future. We need the experiments and ideas of artists and creatives to redefine progress in this digital age and help us push through a turnaround in climate policy.”

The decision to postpone the exhibition *WOMEN ARTISTS OF THE WIENER WERKSTÄTTE* until 2021 was taken in order to ensure adequate preparation time and the best conditions for visitors to this major project, which has had significant resonance with the public from the moment it was announced.

The exhibition schedule for the second half of 2020 has been altered: The majority of the already open exhibitions will be extended, and new openings will be postponed until the summer. In addition to the *WOMEN ARTISTS OF THE WIENER WERKSTÄTTE*, the annual exhibition at the Josef Hoffmann Museum, Brno (a joint branch of the Moravian Gallery in Brno and the MAK) and the Erwin Wurm exhibition at the MAK Branch Geymüllerschloß will be postponed until 2021. The Geymüllerschloß will remain closed in 2020.

REOPENING AND EXHIBITION SCHEDULE 2020 IN DETAIL:

Reopening of special exhibitions from Whitmonday, 1 June 2020:

SHOW OFF: Austrian Fashion Design
MAK Exhibition Hall, until 30 August 2020

BENTWOOD AND BEYOND: Thonet and Modern Furniture Design
MAK Exhibition Hall, until 6 September 2020

“SITZEN 69” REVISITED
MAK Permanent Collection Historicism Art Nouveau, until 23 August 2020

OTTO PRUTSCHER: Universal Designer of Viennese Modernism
MAK Permanent Collection Contemporary Art, until 11 October 2020

(in parallel: MAK Permanent Collection Vienna 1900 reopened)

HUMAN BY DESIGN (MAK DESIGN LAB) and *IN MACHINE WE TRUST*
(MAK FORUM), until 7 June 2020

Openings on Tuesday, 16 June 2020

New: *RAIMUND ABRAHAM: Angles and Angels. Drawings Models Prototypes*
MAK Works on Paper Room, 16 June (from 6 p.m.) – 18 October 2020

New: Pop-up exhibition 1: *CREATIVE CLIMATE CARE*
(in cooperation with the University of Applied Arts Vienna)
MAK GALLERY, 16 June (from 6 p.m.) – 5 July 2020

MAK DESIGN LAB reopened

HELMUT LANG ARCHIVE: An Intervention by Helmut Lang
MAK DESIGN LAB, until 1 November 2020

Opening of the remaining rooms of the permanent collection on Wednesday, 1 July 2020

(Re-) openings in the second half of 2020:

BAKELITE: The Georg Kargl Collection
MAK DESIGN LAB, 14 July (opening from 6 p.m.) – 26 October 2020

Pop-up exhibition 2: *CREATIVE CLIMATE CARE*
(in cooperation with the University of Applied Arts Vienna)
MAK GALLERY, 14 July (opening from 6 p.m.) – 23 August 2020

Pop-up exhibition 3: *CREATIVE CLIMATE CARE*
(in cooperation with the University of Applied Arts Vienna)
MAK GALLERY, 8 September (from 6 p.m.) – 4 October 2020

Pop-up exhibition 4: *CREATIVE CLIMATE CARE*
(in cooperation with the University of Applied Arts Vienna)

MAK GALLERY, 20 October (opening from 6 p.m.) – 8 November 2020

Pop-up exhibition 5: *CREATIVE CLIMATE CARE*

(in cooperation with the University of Applied Arts Vienna)

MAK GALLERY, 17 November (opening from 6 p.m.) – 8 December 2020

100 BEST POSTERS 19: Germany Austria Switzerland

MAK DESIGN LAB, 11 November 2020 – 14 March 2021 (opening 10 November 2020)

ADOLF LOOS: Private Houses

MAK Permanent Collection Contemporary Art, 18 November 2020 – 14 March 2021

(opening 17 November 2020)

SHEILA HICKS

MAK, 25 November 2020 – 28 February 2021 (opening 24 November 2020)

JOSEF HOFFMANN: Progress through Beauty

MAK Exhibition Hall, 10 December 2020 – 18 April 2021 (opening 9 December 2021)

Josef Hoffmann Museum, Brtnice

JOSEF HOFFMANN – OTTO PRUTSCHER

extended until 18 April 2021

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