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ICDAD Talk - Thursday, October 17, 2024

4 pm Paris | 10 am New York | 11 pm Tokyo
Online Zoom Meeting (approx. 1 hour program)

Archiving Moholy-Nagy: A Bauhaus Legacy in America

Andreas Hug on digitalisation of László Moholy-Nagy archive in Ann Arbor, Michigan



In this presentation, Moholy-Nagy Foundation archivist Andreas Hug, grandson of the artist, will discuss the digitalization of the extensive archives of the

Hungarian artist and Bauhaus professor László Moholy-Nagy (1895–1946). After working in Hungary, Germany, the Netherlands, and England in the early twentieth century, Moholy-Nagy moved with his wife Sibyl Moholy-Nagy (1903–1971) and young daughters Hattula (b. 1933), and Claudia (1936–1971) to the United States in 1937, where he founded the School of Design in Chicago, known as the New Bauhaus.

Following Sibyl's death in 1971, Hattula Moholy-Nagy quickly realized that it was vital to preserve her father's archive, moving it to Zurich, Switzerland, and later back to the United States to Ann Arbor, Michigan. Over the past half-century, she has made it her mission to collect correspondence, publications, negatives, reprints, catalogues, etc., cataloging these items chronologically and by type. The archive encompasses roughly 35,000 linear feet (10,668 meters) of resources. The goal is to digitize it all.

Andreas Hug, Hattula's eldest son, will present on the Estate's efforts to create an online database of the László Moholy-Nagy archive to serve as a wellspring for collectors, academics, and students. He will focus on the process implemented and show various examples of why the Moholy-Nagy Foundation thinks it is important to share this collection with the world.



Andreas L. Hug

Board Member and Archivist at the Moholy-Nagy Foundation

https://www.moholy-nagy.org/

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This ICDAD organised talk is the sixth in a series of online conversations with decorative arts and design professionals.

During this talk, ICDAD members will get the chance to officially vote, in the context of an Extraordinary General Assembly, on changing ICDAD's name into 'ICOM-DESIGN International Committee for Decorative Arts and Design' from 2025.







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