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Opening of the Centennial 2025/26. Public festival programme the entire weekend, 5–7 Sep 2025, at the Bauhaus sites in Dessau.

In an official ceremony yesterday evening, 4 Sep 2025, the opening of the centennial To the Core: Bauhaus Dessau 100 was celebrated in Dessau. An artistic programme awaited the invited guests from the worlds of culture, business and politics on the historical stage in the Bauhaus Building with, among other things, the world premiere of Piero Mottola's Voices of Bauhaus, films, and contemporary interpretations of Oskar Schlemmer's famous Material Dances. The Minister President of the State of Saxony-Anhalt, Dr. Reiner Haseloff; the EU Commissioner for Start-ups, Research and Innovation, Ekaterina Sachariewa; and the director and CEO of the Bauhaus Dessau Foundation, Dr. Barbara Steiner emphasized in their speeches the continued importance of the Bauhaus today.

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Dessau-Roßlau,
5 Sep 2025

From today, Friday, 5 September to Sunday, 7 September, the Bauhaus Dessau Foundation will be celebrating the opening of the Bauhaus Centennial with a large public programme. At and in the Bauhaus Building, in the Bauhaus Museum Dessau, at the Tierpark Dessau, and at the Kornhaus, three days of concerts, dance, performance, film screenings, workshops and tours await the public.

Minister President Dr. Reiner Haseloff on the Bauhaus Centennial 2025 in Saxony-Anhalt: “Das Bauhaus is site of modernity with a rich tradition. It is associated with a new dawn in architecture, design and art that has had a powerful influence on the aesthetics and nearly all aspects of life right up to the present. In Saxony-Anhalt, we also recognise the Bauhaus as a successful example of #moderndenken, as part of the identity of our state. I thank all those who contributed to the Bauhaus centennial in Dessau-Roßlau and hope it is a success.”

Director and CEO of the Bauhaus Dessau Foundation Dr. Barbara Steiner: “The centennial programme *Bauhaus Dessau 100* brings the legacy of the Bauhaus into the present – we are looking back at history but always ahead as well. Our point of departure is questions of material and substance, the foundations of the Bauhaus, which then as now open design latitude to change society. The exhibitions and events of the coming weeks and months will concern the products of the Bauhaus itself as well as manufacturing processes, working conditions, skills and technologies. They examine the connections between landscapes, materials and regional identities, explore local and global production cycles, trade routes, and effects on nature and ecosystems. We are interested in how an understanding of materials and an approach to them have transformed over the course of time. We get to the core in our search for socially and ecologically responsible design today. We invite the public on this weekend to celebrate and discuss with us and our many partners the Bauhaus buildings throughout the city of Dessau-Roßlau – in March 2026, the big centennial exhibitions will follow, to which I already invite you very sincerely.”

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The President of the EU Commission, Dr. Ursula von der Leyen, greeted the attending guests in a video message in which she presented the EU initiative New European Bauhaus. It refers to the historical Bauhaus and stands for a sustainable, inclusive, and aesthetically appealing design of the future.

A brief guide to the centennial programme 2025/26 is available as of today for 4 euros at all ticket offices of the Bauhaus Dessau Foundation. Additional information at bauhaus-dessau.de



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Programme

Centennial Opening

5 Sep 2025, 6 pm

>> Bauhaus Building

At 6 PM, the Foundation opens with an artistic evening programme on the historical Bauhaus Stage, supported by the Ostdeutsche Sparkassenstiftung and the Stadtsparkasse Dessau and Altro Deutschland GmbH & Co. KG. Three world premieres by contemporary artists – Isabell Schad & Manuel Lindner, Mike Dele Dittrich Frydetski & Raiko Sánchez as well as Joanna Tischkau – take up such themes as space, bodies and materials at the Bauhaus.

It will be accompanied by a programme of short films including works by Ludwig Hirschfeld-Mack, Walter Ruttmann and Kurt Schwerdtfeger, among others, that focus on cinematic materiality. The highpoint of the evening is the world premiere of a choral work with many voices: *Voices of Bauhaus* by Piero Mottola – interpreted by the *Extrachor* of the Anhaltisches Theater under the direction of Sebastian Kennerknecht with soloist Marina Drobyshevskaya and baritone Alexander Argirov.

Festival for the Opening of the Centennial

6 Sep 2025, 7 PM

>> Tierpark Dessau

The Bauhaus Dessau Foundation and the Anhaltisches Theater Dessau are celebrating a big festival together. The Anhaltisches Theater Dessau commences the evening programme with a concert on the large stage in front of the mausoleum. *Hedwig Dances* from Chicago is performing *Pupations*—an excerpt from META/MOR/PHOS.

This celebrated dance piece was inspired by Oskar Schlemmer's *Triadic Ballet*. It centres on humanity's evolving relationship to technology as well as the need to reconnect to nature in the face of the environmental destruction. Also performing are Celia Millán with her poetic dance piece *Bauhaus Ghosts* and the brass band *Frohe Zukunft* from Halle.

Another highpoint will be the light projections of the artist Philipp Geist, which integrate space, sound and moving images and transform the festival space into a visual landscape. The works follow a painterly, compositional approach with superimpositions, structures and graphic elements.

In addition to paid admission tickets for the seats that the theatre is setting up for the concert, the box office will also be giving away free so-called scorecards for standing room. Both the tickets for seats and the free tickets will ensure admission to the opening of the centenary festival that follows the concert. Admission is free. After the concert, visitors to the festival without tickets can enter the grounds until the official maximum number of visitors has been reached.

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> Concert tickets at the usual sales locations of the Anhaltisches Theater Dessau or at anhaltisches-theater.de

> Scorecards available at the usual sales locations of the Anhaltisches Theater Dessau.

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Pop Around @ Bauhaus

6.9. + 7 Sep 2025

>> Bauhaus Museum Dessau

This renowned ZDF/3SAT concert series is being held at the Bauhaus Museum Dessau for the first time. Presented by host Jo Schück, Max Giesinger, the Fantastische Vier, MiA, and Loi are performing. On 6 September from 8:15 to 10:15 PM, two of a total four concerts will be broadcast live on 3SAT. Tickets available at: tvtickets.de

Material Previews

5. – 7 Sep 2025

Brief Tours

The centennial year will focus on material as the core of the Bauhaus. Brief guided tours will explore the sites of future exhibitions and striking buildings in Dessau such as the former Zeeck Department Store and the Junkers Slat Hall

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Workshops

Bauhaus³

6 Sep 2025, 9:30 AM–3 PM

>> Bauhaus Building

Creative educational offerings with Cox Ahlers and Irene Lehmann. Registration required.

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6 Sep 2025, 9:30 AM–3 PM,

>> Bauhaus Building

7 Sep 2025, 10 AM–3 PM

>> Kornhaus

Mobile digital workshop offering 3-D printing, VR and robotics.

Tricks of Transformation

6 Sep 2025, 9:30 AM–3 PM

>> Bauhaus Building

7 Sep 2025, 10 AM–3PM

>> Kornhaus

Open workshop with experiments with the materials concrete, glass and metal.

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A Sunday at the Kornhaus

7 Sep 2025, 10 AM–5 PM

>> Kornhaus

Along with the Kornhaus, the Foundation invites you to a Sunday on the Elbe River. Between the Kornhaus, the canoeing club, and the playground, there is a colourful programme of creative workshops, tours, music, brunch (from 10 AM) and grilling (from noon).

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Cooperation partners:

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