



## **PRESS RELEASE**

### ***BIELEFELDER KUNSTVEREIN: MICRO HOUSE***

***MAY 30 – JULY 26, 2009***

#### **PRESS PREVIEW: THURSDAY, MAY 28, 2009, 11 AM**

Press talk and guided tour through the exhibition with Andreas Wannemacher (architect and president) and Thomas Thiel (director), in attendance of the invited architects and artists

#### **OPENING: FRIDAY, MAY 29, 2009, 7 PM**

In the series »architecture« the Bielefelder Kunstverein is this year taking up the phenomenon of the »micro house«. Miniature houses are defined as micro houses, which permit living, residing and working on a few square metres by optimally using space. This requires a multifunctional use of space and flexible dimensions. Beyond that, new materials, construction possibilities and technologies find application in micro houses. Ever-increasing prices per square metre, the lack of free clear land in the metropolises, an increasing mobility, but also the wish for individual places of retreat demand solutions and accommodation of the changing needs. Micro houses can often be quickly located and conform to the demands of their residents. Accordingly, they also have to bear the idea of something parasitic as well as independent. That is because micro houses settle in among existing architecture, they use interstitial spaces, moor themselves alongside bigger structures or become completely independent. These cells for living in are frequently produced to the latest ecological guidelines and exceed the existing standards with their innovative concepts. With that they not only make it possible for individuals to realise their dream of an inexpensive first or second house but also represent new forms of rural housing as well as of social and ecological construction of dwellings and towns. Micro houses thus maintain their own tradition. Many projects are inspired by the simplest sorts of structure like tents, bus shelters, garages, refuges, stables and huts. And in addition, ideas of modular building come up again, which have already been formulated by modernist architects like Richard Buckminster Fuller, Walter Gropius or Frank Lloyd Wright. The exhibition at the Bielefelder Kunstverein gathers together a selection from the diverse architectural projects, which are representative examples of various initiatives in the area of micro housing. Furthermore, unrealised designs and prototypes by students form the Chair for Building Theory and Product Engineering (TU Munich) will be presented in their own particular space. And last but not least, artistic contributions add another dimension to the exhibition by tackling particular aspects of transformation and its social function.

#### **WITH PROJECTS BY**

studio aisslinger / exilhäuser architekten / Haack + Höpfner Architekten and Horden Cherry Lee Architects / Folke Köbberling & Martin Kaltwasser / Korteknie Stuhlmacher Architekten and BikvanderPol / naumann.architektur / Michael Sailstorfer / Architekturbüro Hans Peter Wörndl / Yasuhiro Yamashita | Atelier Tekuto / projects by students of the Chair for Building Theory and Product Engineering (TU Munich)

Curators: Andreas Wannemacher und Thomas Thiel

The Bielefelder Kunstverein was honored by Arts Foundation of North-Rhine-Westphalia with the award of Jump – Grants to Art Associations for its artistic programme 2009.

## **KUNSTSTIFTUNG → NRW**

IN COOPERATION WITH: Bund Deutscher Architekten BDA

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## **FOLDER**

On the occasion of the exhibition a folder will be published (German/English).

## **EVENTS FROM MAY TILL JULY 2009**

### FRI, MAY 29, 2009, 7 PM

Opening of the group exhibition »Micro House«

### SAT, MAY 30, 2009, 4 PM

Talk with the present architects and artists

### WED, MAY 25, 2009, 7 PM

Jour Fixe for members – Guided tour with Andreas Wannemacher

### SAT, JUNE 13 2009, 8 PM

Jazz im Skulpturengarten – Paul van Kemenade & Jan Kuiper

In the case of rain: Theater DansArt, Am Bach 11, 33602 Bielefeld

Organiser: Kulturreamt der Stadt Bielefeld

### SUN, JUNE 21, 2009, 11 AM–3 PM

Picknick im Park – Picnic and entertaining social and cultural program in the Ravensberger Park

Organiser: Bielefelder Bürgerstiftung in cooperation with Kulturreamt der Stadt Bielefeld

### THUR, JUNE 25, 2009, 7 PM

Jour Fixe for members – Studio visit at Jochen Stenschke

Location: Weißenburger Str. 25, 33607 Bielefeld

### SAT, JUNE 27, 2009, 7 PM

»Tag der Architektur« – Lecture by Lydia Haack (architect, Haack + Höpfner Architekten, Munich), »mehr oder weniger - micro compact« in the context of the lecture series »Denkanstöße-Architektur«

Location: Vortragssaal, Kunsthalle Bielefeld, Artur-Ladebeck-Straße 5, 33602 Bielefeld

Organiser: Bund Deutscher Baumeister, Architekten und Ingenieure e.V.

Following: Guided tour through the exhibition »Micro House«, Bielefelder Kunstverein

### SUN, JUNE 28, 2009, 5 PM

Guided tour with Andreas Wannemacher

### THUR, JULY 2, 2009, 7 PM

Touching on Lecturing – Lecture by Dr. Thomas Hermann (computer scientist, »Ambient Intelligence Group im

CITEC - Center of Excellence in Cognitive Interaction Technology«, Universität Bielefeld), »Wenn Daten klingen -

Sonifikation als wissenschaftliche Methode«

### THUR, JULY 9, 2009, 7 PM

Touching on Lecturing – Presentation in English by Gabriel Acevedo Velarde (artist, Berlin), »The Z-Voice:

Playfulness and illegality in some new internet software«

### SAT, JULY 25, 2009, 8 PM

Jazz im Skulpturengarten – Roger Hanschels Heavy Rotation

In the case of rain: Theater DansArt, Am Bach 11, 33602 Bielefeld

Organiser: Kulturreamt der Stadt Bielefeld

SAT, AUGUST 29, 2009, 8 PM

Jazz im Skulpturengarten – NoTango!

In the case of rain: Theater DansArt, Am Bach 11, 33602 Bielefeld

Organiser: Kulturrat der Stadt Bielefeld

FRI, SEPTEMBER 4, 2009, 7 PM

Opening of the solo exhibitions of Latifa Echakhch and Flo Maak

## **EDUCATION PROGRAMME**

TUES, JUNE 9, 2009, 5 PM

Introduction for teachers – Free guided tour and discussion with Cynthia Krell

SAT, JUNE 13, 2009, 10 AM–3 PM

Kinderaktion – Guided tour and workshop for children (6–10 years)

(Appointment necessary)

FRI, JUNE 19, 2009, 5–7 PM

COLLABORATION.SITUATION – Presentation of the results of the art education programme with the group of the Ratsgymnasium

SAT, JULY 11, 2009, 10 AM–3 PM

Kinderaktion – Guided tour and workshop for children (6–10 years)

(Appointment necessary)

MON, JULY 6 – FRI, JULY 10, 2009

### **COLLABORATION.SITUATION – WORKSHOP**

Workshop #1, 10–12 am for children (8–10 years)

Workshop #2, 2–5 pm for teens (12–14 years)

Group: max. 8 children/teens

Further information will be available beginning of June on our website and will be offer at the Kunstverein.

## **SUMMER BREAK**

The Bielefelder Kunstverein will be closing from July 27 till September 3, 2009.

## **GUIDED TOURS**

During our exhibitions we offer free guided tours every Sunday at 5 pm. We also offer individual guided tours at a date of your choice.

You will find further information (texts and images) related to the exhibition in the press section of our website [www.bielefelder-kunstverein.de](http://www.bielefelder-kunstverein.de).

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