



**a\_show. AUSTRIAN ARCHITECTURE IN THE 20th AND 21st CENTURIES**  
UPDATING THE EPISODE 'THE PRESENT'

On October 30, 2013 the Architekturzentrum Wien presents the completely overhauled permanent exhibition 'a\_show. Austrian Architecture in the 20th and 21st Centuries' in the exhibition space Neue Halle.

In relation to the country's size Austria today has a particularly rich and lively architecture scene. Eight years after the opening of the permanent exhibition 'a\_show', the episode 'The Present' has been renovated so that it lives up to its name. The episode 'The Present' has been brought up to date and shows around 200 projects by more than 170 architects' offices from all nine Austrian federal states. The digital presentation on two monitors presents a richly diverse spectrum of current positions, protagonists and projects across the whole of Austria. It ranges from mountain shelters and mountain peak platforms to low-budget interventions in public space and various forms of housing and to headquarter buildings and cultural centres.

In 2005 the Architekturzentrum Wien opened a permanent showcase for the cultural identity of the nation, the 'a\_show'. The imaginative use of 300 square metres provides an in-depth presentation of 150 years of impressive domestic architecture history. The division into 10 episodes (Prologue, Red Vienna, Landscape, Power, Reconstruction, International, System, Utopia, Collage and Present) focuses the viewer's attention on the most relevant phenomenon and currents. The chronological succession of certain phases in the development of architecture are covered and highlighted under specific headings. Plans, sketches, texts, photographs, models and film footage bring the 20th century to life as they lead the viewer into the present.

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Opening hours: daily 10AM -19PM  
Tickets: € 7 (€ 4,50), Family Ticket € 10



## **ARCHITECTURE ARCHIVE AUSTRIA**

The Architekturzentrum Wien's online collection of buildings

On the occasion of updating the 'Present' section of a\_schau, the interactive building database of the Az W, previously only embedded in [www.nextroom.at](http://www.nextroom.at), is now newly presented:

[www.azw.at/datenbank](http://www.azw.at/datenbank)

All the buildings from the database of the Architekturzentrum Wien can now be found for the first time on one page. You can now search through the online collection of the Az W using the filters functions, protagonists, places, districts, and years. New entries are also attractively presented.

**The press release as well as photo material is available for download here**  
**[www.azw.at/press\\_a\\_show\\_new](http://www.azw.at/press_a_show_new)**

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