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The MAK Center for Art and Architecture presents *Schindler By MAK*
An exciting new guide to Rudolph Schindler's architecture in Los Angeles
\$17 with Schindler House Admission
\$15 without admission

Los Angeles, CA (June 2005) – In celebration of its 10 year anniversary, the MAK Center for Art and Architecture has published an updated guide to famed architect Rudolph Schindler's Los Angeles, entitled ***Schindler By MAK***. Available to the public on June 30, 2005, the book is an idiosyncratic guide to Los Angeles, the foremost guide to Rudolph Schindler's architecture, and a terrific chronicler of the MAK Center in LA. Published by Prestel Verlag, the book includes a social history of the Schindler House on Kings Road; an illustrated survey of the MAK Center and its activities, as well as an updated and comprehensive list of Schindler's buildings in the Los Angeles region. Additionally, the book includes a historical text by Ellen Janson and notes on highlighted houses by David Le Clerc. Most notably, ***Schindler By MAK*** includes a self-guided driving tour that begins at Schindler's Kings Road house, showcasing Schindler's contributions to the landscape of Los Angeles devised by architect and designer Andrea Lenardin.

A chronicle of the life of Rudolf M. Schindler's is in many ways a chronicle of modern architecture in Los Angeles. His studio-residence on Kings Road in West Hollywood is understood to be "the first modern house to respond to the unique climate of California." Built in 1922, the house served as his home and studio until his death in 1953. In the 30 intervening years, Schindler built homes and commercial buildings that are now significant landmarks of modern architecture. Considered innovative as both a social as well as an architectural experiment, the Schindler house expressed his philosophy about structure and materials. The entire site demonstrates his exploration of the relationship between space, light, and form.

Land marked by the City of West Hollywood and the National Historic Register, the Schindler House was restored by the non-profit group Friends of the Schindler House (FOSH) and is now a space dedicated to preserving Schindler's cultural and artistic legacy, increasing the public's awareness of architecture, and sustaining his principles. Recently referred to by the *Los Angeles Times* as one of the ten places in L.A. that "nourish the soul," the Schindler House serves as the location for most MAK Center programs, making it once again a focal point for L.A.'s artistic community.



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The MAK Center for Art and Architecture is located at the Schindler House and presents projects that break the disciplinary boundaries between the fields of art and architecture. Through exhibitions, performances, lecture series and events, the MAK Center acts as a think tank for current issues in art and architecture, encouraging risk, experimentation and invention. By using modernist architect R.M. Schindler's House and Studio (1922) as an exhibition space, artists, architects, and curators engage the house as a living object, extending it far beyond a traditional museum construct.

Related Schindler events:

July 10– September 4, 12 pm

Summer Sundays – Schindler Sampler

It's better to go on the self-guided tour with a friend (one to drive, one to navigate). The MAK Center hosts a weekly meeting time for this: come to the Schindler House on Sunday, have a cup of coffee, and join other like-minded explorers for the Schindler Sampler Tour. Gift bags for all Schindler Sampler Sunday Tourists!

Saturday, September 10, 11 am – 6 pm

Schindler's Birthday – at the Schindler House

Architects, Artists, Builders, Owners discuss contemporary life, architecture, preservation and the future. What makes a building stay alive? What are the gray zones of preservation? How does architecture intersect with contemporary concerns? What does history mean in Los Angeles? Special consideration will be given to the newly restored Mackey Apartments.

Sunday, September 11, 12 pm – 5 pm

Mackey Restoration

The Mackey apartment building will open for public tours.

Saturday, October 1, 11 am – 7 pm

MAK Architecture Tour 2005

Contemporary concerns/Historic houses: Select and historical houses in Los Angeles will be opened for an architectural tour. Please contact the MAK Center for details.

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Open Hours: Wednesday – Sunday 11 am to 6 pm

Admission: \$7 general admission/\$17 with *Schindler by MAK*; \$6 admission for students with valid ID and seniors/\$16 with *Schindler by MAK*; admission is free for Friends of the Schindler House and children under 12.

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For more information about *Schindler By MAK* and the MAK Center, please contact Sarah Stifler at

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