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THE 1937 OPENING OF MOHOLY-NAGY'S NEW BAUHAUS IN CHICAGO

Gallery Talk by Jeffrey Head

Saturday, September 21, 2013 at 7:00 pm

A story told through the photographs of Herbert Matter

The inaugural events at the opening of this history-making new school were documented by Swiss photographer and graphic designer, Herbert Matter. The talk will be illustrated with photographs at both the school on Prairie Avenue (the former Marshall Field mansion) and the formal Palmer House dinner where speeches were given by László Moholy-Nagy and Walter Gropius about the importance of education and design. In addition to many Chicago socialites, the events were attended by Sibyl-Moholy Nagy, George Fred Keck, teacher Alexander Archipenko and first year students Nathan Lerner and Alex Corazzo.

Matter's virtually unknown and unpublished black and white photographs of the opening will be presented for the first time by architectural writer and historian Jeffrey Head, former curator of the Herbert Matter Collection at Stanford University. Head will share his research in uncovering the photographs and highlight the speeches from the opening. He will also include details from interviews with members of the original 1937 New Bauhaus class.

Los Angeles based Jeffrey Head is a self-described research hound who writes about art, architecture and design. He is author of *The Bubble Houses of Wallace Neff and Paul Evans: Designer & Sculptor*, and a contributing writer to *Modern Americana: Studio Furniture From High Craft to High Glam*. Jeffrey writes for various publications and is currently researching U.S. post-war prefab housing.