

## **In deep mourning and great appreciation**

It is with great sadness and grief that we bid farewell to **John Sailer**, long-time associate, private benefactor and co-founder of our Austrian Frederick and Lillian Kiesler Private Foundation in Vienna.

As gallery owner of **Galerie Ulysses**, John Sailer was not only a committed supporter of contemporary art, but also - along with Dieter Bogner - one of the key personalities behind the establishment of our foundation. His tireless commitment, his great personal enthusiasm and his passion for Frederick Kiesler's work were significantly factors in securing his artistic legacy and making it the cornerstone of our institution.

In addition to his own gallery work, John Sailer devoted himself with great dedication to the estate of the artist-architect. With a deep comprehension of the relevance of **Frederick Kiesler's visionary work** and his unique ability to inspire and convince others, he made a significant contribution to winning over public and private patrons for our shared vision: the establishment of an independent institution based in Vienna, dedicated to researching, preserving and communicating this exceptional work.

**His loss is deeply felt - but the great joy of what we have achieved together will remain.**

John Sailer was a great conversationalist and a gifted storyteller who was a pleasure to listen to - not least because of his comprehensive and in-depth knowledge of the history of 20th century art and architecture and his unique perspective as a contemporary witness. Especially in view of the poignant loss, his participation in the celebration of the **Foundation's 25th anniversary** and the **awarding ceremony of the Kiesler Prize 2024 to the Japanese architect Junya Ishigami** remains an engaging memory - moments that we associate with him today with particular gratitude.

The Board of Directors and the Foundation's team mourn the loss of an exceptional art connoisseur and patron, to whom we remain deeply connected with sympathy and gratitude.

Our condolences go to his partner and all who mourn his passing.