

## **Frederick Kiesler Foundation | Exhibition**

### **FREDERICK KIESLER. THE ENDLESS SEARCH**

Opening: Tuesday, 27 May 2025, 6 p.m.

Duration: 28 May until 14 November 2025

Location: Austrian Frederick and Lillian Kiesler Private Foundation, Mariahilfer Straße 1b, 1060 Vienna

Opening times: Tuesday until Friday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., closed on public holidays

Free admission

In the final years of his life, artist-architect Frederick Kiesler worked on a collection of diary-like notes, anecdotes, and travel reports, complemented by poems and reflections on architecture and art. Due to Kiesler's death in December 1965, the book project remained unfinished and was posthumously published by his widow Lillian Kiesler under the title *Inside the Endless House. Art, People and Architecture. A Journal*. Kiesler himself had chosen the working title *The Endless Search*.

The exhibition picks up on these ideas and takes the visitors on an "endless search"—or rather, an endless journey through Kiesler's architecture and art, as well as to the companions who shaped his artistic network in New York.

Selected projects are presented through exemplary objects—from his most famous works, such as the *Endless House*, to his stage designs for the Juilliard School of Music, the Galaxy sculptures, and portrait drawings of his friends.

The exhibition also highlights the rich diversity of the Frederick Kiesler Foundation's archive, encompassing a wide range of media types—including glass plate slides, diaries, small models, drawings, and personal documents, many of which have rarely or never been shown before.

### **A Significant Turning Point for the Frederick Kiesler Foundation**

With the opening of the exhibition "Frederick Kiesler. The Endless Search", the Friedrich Kiesler Foundation not only embarks on an in-depth engagement with the archive and Kiesler's visionary work—it also marks the final exhibition at the Foundation's current location. The closing event in November 2025—held as part of Vienna Art Week—will not only be a festive finale to this presentation, but also signal the end of a defining era for the Foundation: Immediately afterwards, it's time to pack the moving boxes, as the Frederick Kiesler Foundation will relocate to a new home in Apolllogasse, on the grounds of the former Sophienspital in Vienna's Neubau district, in January 2026. We look forward to the next chapter in the Foundation's history and to fresh synergies at the new location!

More details to follow.

## **Programme 2025/26**

### **Overview**

#### **14th Austrian Frederick Kiesler Prize for Architecture and Art**

Jury meeting and announcement Kiesler Prize winner: autumn/winter 2025

Award ceremony: spring/summer 2026

The Austrian Frederick Kiesler Prize for Architecture and Art —one of the most highly endowed international awards in this field—will be presented for the 14th time in 2026.

The honorary prize carries an endowment of € 55,000. It recognizes “outstanding achievements in the fields of architecture and the arts that correspond to Frederick Kiesler’s experimental and innovative approach and his theory of *correlated arts*, which transcends boundaries and connects the disciplines of architecture and the arts” (excerpt from the statutes of the Frederick Kiesler Prize).

#### **Exhibition Programme at the Frederick Kiesler Foundation 2025:**

##### **The Endless Search**

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##### **Book Presentation:**

##### **Brigitte Mahlknecht „Invisible Worlds – in situ“**

Wednesday, June 11, 2025, 6 p.m.

#### **National and International Exhibition Collaborations:**

##### **Frederick Kiesler. Endless House**

mumok Wien (permanent display since June 4, 2024)

<https://www.mumok.at/ausstellungen/kiesler-endless-house>

##### **Schöner Wohnen. Architekturvisionen von 1900 bis heute**

Kunsthalle Tübingen (June 7, 2025 – October 19, 2025)

<https://kunsthalle-tuebingen.de/ausblick/>

##### **Varian Fry. Les chemins de l'exile**

Le Mémorial de Caen (June 18, 2025 – January 4, 2026)

<https://www.memorial-caen.com/>

**The Stammering Circle**

JAM Factory Art Centre, Lviv (June 21, 2025 – November 1, 2025)

<https://jamfactory.ua/>

**Vally Wieselthier. Sculpting Modernism**

Austrian Cultural Forum New York (October 15, 2025 – February 9, 2026)

<https://acfn.org/>

**Publication:**

**Frederick Kiesler, Magic Architecture. The Story of Human Housing**

Publication date: September 23, 2025

Spyros Papapetros, Gerd Zillner, eds., *Frederick Kiesler, Magic Architecture. The Story of Human Housing* (Chicago: MIT Press, 2025)

## **About the Foundation**

The Austrian Frederick and Lillian Kiesler Private Foundation was established in 1997 upon the acquisition of Frederick Kiesler's estate by the Republic of Austria and the City of Vienna and with the support of a number of private donors. The role of the foundation is to research into the legacy of the Austro-American architect (1890-1965) and to position this legacy vis-à-vis current architectural and artistic production.

Kiesler rooted his efforts to unify artistic and social fields of activity in a multidisciplinary approach that combined theory and practice. He was active in a range of disciplines – architecture, the visual arts, design, and theater. The Frederick Kiesler Foundation develops its interdisciplinary and transmedial activities on the basis of this holistic way of thinking and acting. In their investigations of Kiesler's work and its impact over the decades, the research projects, symposia, and exhibitions overseen by the foundation address both historical aspects and the current cultural-scientific debate.

*The questions raised by Frederick Kiesler's works in the fields of architecture, the visual arts, design, and theater retain their relevance today. These works bring together social and artistic aspects and are the product of holistic design processes. It is very important to the foundation to continue researching into the work of Frederick Kiesler and to make his forward-looking ideas more accessible to the public.* Elke Delugan-Meissl, Chair of the Frederick Kiesler Foundation

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