

ALBERTINA

Klaus Albrecht Schröder reappointed as General Director of ALBERTINA until 2024

The head of the ALBERTINA, who has been in office since 1999, will remain in office. Minister of Culture Gernot Blümel (ÖVP) has reappointed Klaus Albrecht Schröder as Director General of the museum, which was fundamentally reformed by the art historian and cultural manager. Schröder (63) will now lead the museum's fortunes as scientific director until the end of 2024.

In a press release, the Ministry explained why the incumbent was chosen from among the nine applications received: "Klaus Albrecht Schröder was proposed by the Commission as the most suitable candidate, and Federal Minister Gernot Blümel subsequently appointed Schröder for a further period. ALBERTINA's reputation in Austria and internationally speaks for itself. Under Klaus Albrecht Schröder, the museum has written a success story, which is partly due to his extremely professional management of the museum and his farsightedness with regard to the future of the ALBERTINA," says Blümel. The fact that Schröder will continue in his position brings additional stability and the best conditions for the coming term of office.

Klaus Albrecht Schröder considers the new appointment a high honour: "I thank you for the trust you have placed in my decades of work for art, the ALBERTINA and its visitors. I take the extension of my contract not least for our entire house as recognition of the successful reorientation of this tradition-rich museum. I am pleased that the Minister, as well as the search committee he appointed, have welcomed and affirmed the founding of a second ALBERTINA location for modern and contemporary art with their decision in favour of my museum concept."

With the opening of the ALBERTINA MODERN, another museum for contemporary art was established in the immediate vicinity of the main building in 2020. With its more than 60,000 works by 5,000 artists, it will be one of the world's great art museums.

BIOGRAPHY

Prof. Dr. Klaus Albrecht Schröder, born in Linz in 1955, studied art history and history at the University of Vienna. In 1985 he became the founding director of the Kunstforum Wien, from 1996 to 1999 he was on the management board of the Leopold Museum. Since 1999 Klaus Albrecht Schröder has been director, and since 2017 general director, of the Albertina, which has been extensively renovated, modernised and expanded under his leadership. Since the reopening of this house in 2003, more than 130 exhibitions have taken place. Since then, his ambitious exhibition programme has brought more than 12 million visitors to the Albertina.