**The women are co-authors of Villa Tugendhat or Vesna Health School at Lipová street. Open House Brno 2023 reveals a proportion of women in buildings attributed to men.**

What is the creative share of women in Brno buildings often attributed exclusively to men, and why we do not often associate these buildings with women, will be revealed over the weekend of May 13 and 14 by the Open House Brno 2023 architectural and urban planning festival. In addition to the opportunity to look at usually inaccessible places in Brno, visitors can take part in discussions and workshops, enjoy a children's programme, and sample the Brno food scene.

“In this year's Open House Brno, in addition to tours of well-proven locations, we will offer several dozen tours focusing on female creation in Brno architecture. One of the events of the festival will be a discussion about a public space in the newly restored Moravské Square, whose urban and architectural design involved Janica Šipulová and the greenery was designed by Klára Zahradníčková. We will also focus on the Vesna healthcare school at Lipová, whose authorship is attributed to Bohuslav Fuchs and Josef Polášek, but we would like to highlight Lotte Stam-Bees, who is also a co-author of the project," the festival's creative director Lucie Pešl Šilerová lists specific tips.

Other buildings from this year's curatorial concept focused on women's creation mentioned by the organizers include Villa Tugendhat, the Policlinic at Lesná as well as sculptures in the public space of this city's district, the International Hotel with the adjacent Vkus department store, the site of a former city slaughterhouse, or the site of the Brno Exhibition Centre. The Marriott Hotel, Domeq or Vlněna with the Clubco Coworking space, which will be the main festival information centre, will also be opened to interested parties. This set of buildings was designed by the architectural studio Acht, whose Brno team is predominantly made up of women and is the ‘house designer’ of CTP, the festival's partner.

The festival will also include exhibitions by Architects 60-80, and one of the aims of both the exhibition and the festival is to look at the creation in the period of socialism in the reality of the period, but without the ideological flair and optics of the then active, often budding female creators.

The detailed programme of Open House Brno 2023 is gradually being revealed by organizers on [www.openhousebrno.cz](http://www.openhousebrno.cz), where interested parties can easily filter the kinds of buildings and places they are most interested in. There is also current information on [fb.com/openhousebrno](http://fb.com/openhousebrno) and [instagram.com/openhousebrno](http://instagram.com/openhousebrno).

The festival is completely free for visitors mainly thanks to the work of volunteers and the financial assistance of partners. Volunteers can report to the festival's website. "Volunteering work in organizing the festival offers the opportunity to meet new friends, look at non-traditional places and last but not least make other people happy, such as our visitors" adds Pešl Šilerová. In the previous year, 66 volunteers helped with nearly 22,000 visits to all festival locations.

OHB falls under Open House Worldwide, a network of more than 50 metropolises around the world, hosting architecture festivals for the public. Organised events reach more than two million people worldwide each year. The Brno team has been part of this network from 2018.

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