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Radio House in Vienna-Wieden Transforms into Neighborhood Hub

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Das Funkhaus in Wien-Wieden. APA/GEORG HOCHMUTH

The broadcasting house on Argentinierstrae in Vienna-Wieden is transforming into a neighborhood hub.

The broadcasting house in Vienna-Wieden will become an open cultural hub this year - including concert and event locations, dining areas, studios, and recording studios. This was announced by the owners of the Rhomberg Group on Tuesday together with the architectural firm BWM Designers & Architects at a press conference. The neighborhood should benefit, said Hubert Rhomberg. "The broadcasting house will thus become a part of the city," added architect Erich Bernard.

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"We want to make the house publicly accessible," said builder Rhomberg. The building on Argentinierstrae will be opened to the general public and cultural creators for the first time, it was emphasized. In the run-up to the project, they have "intensively dealt with the history of the house's creation," as architect Bernard stressed.

Apartments are also to be built on the site. The managing director of the ownership company countered "rumors that have been swirling around in recent weeks" in this context. The residential construction will only cover 20 percent of the existing building.

More than 50 condominiums

A total of 57 condominiums are to be built, 22 of them in the rear part of the listed building, and 35 apartments in "innovative wood-hybrid residential construction," as emphasized on Tuesday. The historical building fabric and the external appearance will, of course, be preserved, it was said. A hotel is also planned.

A part of the building will remain connected with the ORF. The courtyard-side "Peichl Wing" and the adjacent broadcasting halls will continue to be used by the ORF for events and programming in the future. The forecourt along Argentinierstrae is also intended to become a "lively meeting place," said Rhomberg and Bernard.

Rhomberg assumed on Tuesday that "we will receive the building permit this year," but did not commit to a specific date. He wants to "lead the historical ensemble into a new era" in any case.

Vienna Festival Weeks with Headquarters in the Broadcasting House

The Vienna Festival Weeks are already using the building from May 16 to June 22. Their proclaimed "Republic of Love" will set up its headquarters here.

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