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THE ASSOCIATION OF ARTS AND INDUSTRIES, ILLINOIS was founded in Chicago, 1922 with the main objective of establishing a School of Design (not for profit).

After long years of experiment it has been found that a successful art education can be built up only through a training that faces reality: that the machine, the new scientific and technical devices must be incorporated in any new teaching program. Such a school has the practical task of serving its graduates and the community by equipping its students for well trained designers, and reintegrating the artist into the daily work of the nation.

In 1936 Marshall Field III generously presented his residence at 1905 Prairie Avenue to the Association of Arts and Industries for the purpose of housing a practical training school of design. The house has been thoroughly remodelled and the school opened October 18, 1937.

Dr. Walter Gropius

Professor of Architecture at Harvard University, acts as adviser in all school matters.

Professor Gropius was the founder of the world famous art university, the Bauhaus, in Dessau. He first proclaimed the closest cooperation of art science and technique for the new art education. The influence of the Bauhaus is already a matter of history. It was acknowledged internationally to be the outstanding educational institution in design and architecture.

L. Moholy-Nagy

formerly Professor of the Bauhaus, painter and designer of international reputation is the director of the new school.

Because of Dr. Gropius' confidence that Professor Moholy-Nagy and his faculty will continue and extend the best Bauhaus tradition he has granted permission that the School of Design be called

the new bauhaus

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