



## Curriculum vitae Otto Beckmann

- May 5<sup>th</sup>, 1908 (Julian Calendar) born in Vladivostok, Russia  
Father: Oskar Wilhelm von Beckmann, born in Kiev, Ukraine; officer (captain) of the czarist army  
Mother: Leopoldine Poppenberger, daughter of a gardener, born in Erlaa near Vienna, Austria.
- 1918 - 1920 Grammar school (gymnasium) I + II classes in Russia, probably in Kiev. Visiting an exhibition of Marc Chagall Beckmann personally becomes acquainted with the artist; the meeting has an essential influence on his decision to become artist himself. (Marc Chagall was the first Commissar for Fine Arts in Vitebsk in 1917. He formed the Vitebsk Popular Art School in 1919.)
- 1922 Beckmann's mother and her children flee with a transport of prisoners of war in a railway-car from Kiev to Erlaa, Austria.  
The father has to stay in Kiev where he dies on Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>, 1922.
- 1923 - 1924 Beckmann attends the secondary school in Vienna-Atzgersdorf.
- 1924 Apprenticeship as a mechanic at Auler & Co in Vienna
- 1924 - 1925 Beckmann attends the professional evening class Mechanical Engineering / Electrical and Mechanical Engineering at the trade school in Vienna VI for two semesters.  
  
In 1924 Beckmann is warranted the right of residence in Lower Austria. He forfeits the Russian citizenship and obtains the Austrian Citizenship in 1925.
- 1926 - 1927 He attends painting classes at the adult education center Stoebergasse in Vienna as student of Franz Lerch.
- 1927 Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> – he passes the Journeyman's examination as mechanic magna cum laude.  
Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> – Beckmann works as mechanic at H. Wadler & Co / Electrical Lightening and Power Transmission in Vienna X.
- 1927-1931 Attendance of the Higher School of Technology and Commerce (HTL)

- Moedling, Higher Department for Wood Technology (boarding school)
- 1931 June 19<sup>th</sup> – School leaving examination (A-level) with distinction
- 1931 - 1934 He works as assistant of the academic sculptor Professor Josef Heu in Vienna.
- 1932 June 1<sup>st</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup>, Beckmann attends the professional course for showcase decoration at the Commercial Academy of the Vienna Mercantile Community in Vienna VII and graduates magna cum laude.
- 1932 - 1934 Temporary stays abroad
- 1934 - 1935 Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> - Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> – visiting student of the School of Arts and Crafts of the Austrian Museum in Vienna I, Professional class for sculpture, nature studies and negative-cut of Professor Povolny
- 1935 - 1936 Academic Master School of Medal Arts of Professor Marschall in Vienna
- 1936 - 1937 Studies sculpture in the class of Professor Albrecht Bechthold at the Vienna Academy of Fine Arts
- 1937 - 1938 Studies sculpture in the class of Professor Josef Muellner at the Vienna Academy of Fine Arts
- 1938 - 1941 Attends the Master School of Sculpture at the Vienna Academy of Fine Arts, class of Professor Josef Muellner
- 1939 Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> – He graduates as engineer in wood technology at the Higher School of Technology and Commerce Moedling.  
Dec. 30<sup>th</sup> – marriage with Johanna Maier (born in Eichhorn, Lower Austria)
- 1940 Aug 8<sup>th</sup> – birth of the first son Otto
- 1941 Beckmann graduates as academic sculptor.  
Aug. 15<sup>th</sup> – begins to teach at the German Staatliche Kunstgewerbeschule (State School of Arts and Crafts) in Krakow (Professional Class for Metal)  
Head of the Department of Metal Sculpture
- 1942 Head of the Department of Metalworking and Email as well as of the pilot design workshop  
Aug 2<sup>nd</sup> – birth of the second son Oskar W.
- 1944 March 31<sup>st</sup> – birth of the third son Georg

- The school is closed.  
 Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> – Beckmann is drafted to fight in the “Volkssturm“ (folk storm) although he was declared unfit for military service due to health reasons several times before.
- 1945            May 19<sup>th</sup> – return to Vienna  
                    Beckmann begins to work as an independent artist in Vienna.  
                    Sept 26<sup>th</sup> – admission to the Austrian Professional Association of Visual Artists
- 1946            Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> - birth of the forth son Richard
- 1948            Participation in the Salzburg Summer Seminar in Schloss Leopoldskron, Austria (together with other Austrian artists)
- 1950 - 1961    Aug. 28<sup>th</sup> – Nov. 1961 – Beckmann is employed at the Academy of Music and Performing Arts in Vienna III.
- 1951            He becomes member of the Vienna Secession (Union of Austrian Artists).
- 1953            2<sup>nd</sup> Austrian Graphic Arts Competition – Beckmann is awarded the 1<sup>st</sup> prize of the Provincial Capital of Innsbruck, Austria.
- 1958            April 18<sup>th</sup> – Beckmann is awarded the academic title “professor” by the Austrian Federal President.
- 1960            April 29<sup>th</sup> – Wiener Kunstfonds der Zentralsparkasse Wien: Promotional Prize of the Vienna Art Foundation of the Zentralsparkasse of the City of Vienna
- 1966            Foundation and management of the experimental group ARS INTERMEDIA
- 1970            May 12<sup>th</sup> – prize of the Vienna Art Foundation for art in technical media.
- 1973            Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> – prize of the Dr. Adolf Schaerf Fonds for the Promotion of Sciences (category Architecture/Urban Planning) for the achievements of the experimental group ARS INTERMEDIA and the atelier computer “a.i.70/71” constructed by his son Oskar Beckmann.
- 1982            Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> – death of his wife Johanna.
- 1983            Marriage with Monika Tanzberger
13. Feb. 1997    Otto Beckmann dies in Vienna.