

DESIGN MUSEUM

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HISTORY OF MODERN DESIGN IN THE HOME - opens 1 November 2003

The Design Museum is tracing the **History of Modern Design in the Home** from the origins of the modern movement in the late 1800s to a futuristic living and working space specially commissioned from the rising stars of contemporary design, Ronan and Erwan Bouroullec, in an exhibition opening on **1 November 2003** and running until the following autumn.

Drawn from the Design Museum Collection and other important archives, this exhibition will tell the stories behind the innovative and inspiring landmarks in modern design that have transformed our relationship with our homes and the way we use them in the context of social and political changes, advances in technology, cultural and aesthetic trends.

The exhibition will reconstruct a series of the iconic modern interiors which influenced the design of the home in particular decades. It will span the living rooms of a 1920s Master's House at the Bauhaus Dessau in Germany and the prefabricated house that Charles and Ray Eames built in late 1940s Los Angeles, to a Pop Art-inspired dining room designed by Verner Panton in the 1960s and the contemporary home office by the Bouroullec brothers.

History of Modern Design in the Home will also deconstruct the design and development of influential objects in modern design history: from the visionary bentwood furniture with which the Austrian manufacturer Thonet pioneered mass-production in the late 19th century; to the first collection of Penguin paperbacks and early Anglepoise lamps introduced in the 1930s; to recent innovations such as Apple's Powerbook computers and iPod players.

Information and images on the designers and architects whose work will be featured in this exhibition is available free on the Design at the Design Museum research archive on the Design Museum's award-winning website at www.designmuseum.org. The exhibition will also be accompanied by a new series of evening courses on Discovering Modern Design, which will cover the major movements in modern design history in six weekly sessions.

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