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The Design Museum marks Sir Terence Conran's 80th birthday with a major exhibition that explores his unique impact on contemporary life in Britain. Through his own design work, and also through his entrepreneurial flair, Conran has transformed the look of the British home. He has established a design studio and an architectural practice with a worldwide reach. He was the founder of Habitat and a pioneer of the new restaurant culture driven by a passion for simplicity. The exhibition traces his career from postwar austerity through to the new sensibility of the Festival of Britain in the 1950s, the birth of the Independent Group with its flare for the avant-garde and the Pop Culture of the 1960s, to the design boom of the 1980s on to the present day.

DESIGNS OF THE YEAR 2012

8 FEBRUARY – 15 JULY

The Design Museum's Design Awards, 'the Oscars of the design world', showcases the most innovative and progressive designs from around the world, spanning seven categories: Architecture, Fashion, Furniture, Graphics, Digital, Transport and Product. A high profile judging panel will decide the best entries in each of the seven categories. Category award-winners and the overall winner of the Design of the Year Award 2012 will be announced at an Awards event in April 2012.

This year's winner was British designer Samuel Wilkinson and product designer Hulger for their unique Plumen light bulb 001 design.

CHRISTIAN LOUBOUTIN

28 MARCH – 1 JULY

Christian Louboutin's exquisite shoes, with their trademark glossy red soles, are a unique fusion of craftsmanship, engineering and sculpture. Since the launch of his label in 1991, the French designer has stayed true to his original aim - 'to make shoes that are like jewels'. From razor-sharp stilettos to lace-up boots and studded sneakers, Christian Louboutin shoes evoke style and glamour and are highly sought after. This exhibition will be the first comprehensive presentation of Louboutin's work in the UK. It will explore how, over the past twenty years, Christian Louboutin has transformed the design of the shoe. In a dramatic exhibition environment, Louboutin's creative approach will be profiled, together with the influences behind his work ranging from the Parisian music hall, travel, art, landscape architecture and film.

SPORTS VS DESIGN

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18 JULY – 18 NOVEMBER


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Sports Vs Design will look at the various ways in which design has helped athletes break records and push the boundaries of what was previously thought possible. It will look at performance, safety, and material innovations. The exhibition will reference key moments where design has

played a significant role in progressing sports, and investigate cases where sporting bodies have intervened to limit the effects of new sporting equipment. The exhibition will also look at key moments where sporting innovations have been celebrated and expressed through visual culture by designers, photographers and artists, celebrating both the function and beauty of sports design.

UNEXPECTED PLEASURES

THE ART AND DESIGN OF CONTEMPORARY JEWELLERY

5 DECEMBER 2012 – 3 MARCH 2013

Unexpected Pleasures is a celebration of current jewellery design and examines what we mean by jewellery from a number of different perspectives. The exhibition traces the radical experiments of contemporary jewellers who have challenged the conventions of jewellery design. The exhibition also explores the essential meanings of jewellery, celebrating jewellery from the point of view of both wearer and maker. The exhibition will also bring together important work from around the world, demonstrating the relationship between jewellery, art and design.

DESIGNERS IN RESIDENCE

29 AUGUST 2012 – 27 JANUARY 2013

The Design Museum continues to support the next generation of designers and creatives with its Designers in Residence programme. This exhibition showcases the work of young designers at the beginning of their careers, recent alumni have included Giles Miller, Asif Khan and Bethan Laura Wood. The programme includes a series of events, offering the designers the opportunity to interact and engage with the public, whilst using this platform as a test-bed for ideas, designs and innovations.

THIS IS DESIGN

PERMANENT DISPLAY

This is Design is the Design Museum's varied and exciting Collection display featuring era defining designs from furniture, transport and product design. This permanent exhibition showcases items from the Collection with a focus on design innovation, and the impact of design on the public and society. Using key items from the collection, the display will also be supplemented with high-profile loans and new acquisitions.

EVENTS, TALKS, ACTIVITIES AND UPDATES

Throughout the year the Design Museum presents a series of educational workshops, activities, talks and late-night events to encourage fun and participation, interaction and debate. For more information and to receive the latest media releases and downloadable images, visit the online Press Office at Designmuseum.org/press.

Further projects and events for 2012 will be announced in due course.

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