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Contemporary Finnish Design at the Musée des Arts décoratifs in Paris

The Musée des Arts décoratifs in collaboration with Design Forum Finland will stage the exhibition "**Design contemporain finlandais – Promenons-nous dans le bois**", open from **29 May–31 August** (opening on 28 May) and presenting the works of over 20 designers on the theme of wood and the forests. The showing is part of the Finnish cultural season **100 % Finlande – en France printemps 2008** in France. "Promenons-nous dans le bois" is a well-known French children's song, and its title means "let's take a walk in the woods". The exhibition will be curated by **Dominique Forest**, curator of the museum's department of modern and contemporary design, and the exhibition architecture is done by French designer and architect **Nestor Perkal**.

The showing is divided broadly into four sections: 1) furniture, interior and industrial design, 2) experimental design, 3) applied art and jewellery and 4) graphic design.

The exhibition will feature the works of the following designers: **Harri Koskinen**/Montina (Muu table and chair), **Mikko Paakkanen** (Takkajakkara stool), **Jouko Kärkkäinen**/Showroom Finland (Ply wall panels, Lumberjack stool and Parkettiasentajan lakko [Parquetry Layer's Strike] chair), **Seppo Koho**/Secto Design (light fittings), **Henrik Tjaerby**, **Tom Dixon**/Artek (bamboo stools), **Brian Keaney**, **Tony Alfström**, **Cecilia Johansson**/Tonfisk Design (Warm tea set, Maku tray), **Fiskars design team**/Fiskars (30 scissors and tools of various kinds), **Elina Helenius** (Lusto carpet), **Markku Kosonen** (Willow baskets), **Kristina Riska** (one-off ceramic vases), **Terhi Tolvanen** (jewellery), **Eila Minkkinen** (jewellery), **Maria Jauhiainen** (Lehti dishes), **Klaus Haapaniemi**/Iittala (Taika plates) and Domestic (wall decorations), **Erja Hirvi**/Marimekko (Lumimarja textiles), **Plus Arkkitehdit** (the PlusVilla service concept), **Anna Ahonen & Katariina Lamberg** (picture collage). For the first time for a showing in this specific exhibition space the museum will publish a catalogue.

The museum's **107 Rivoli** shop (80% ownership by Galeries Lafayette) will have a Finnish design campaign from 29 May until 30 June. Products by Artek, Markku Kosonen and the Rehti group of designers will be on display in the shop's three display windows. Finnish design will also be well represented at the Galeries Lafayette Maison department store during the campaign.

"DESIGN CONTEMPORAIN FINLANDAIS - PROMENONS-NOUS DANS LE BOIS"
Le musée des Arts décoratifs, 29.5. –31.8.2008, 107, rue de Rivoli, 75001 Paris
Opening hours: Tue-Fri 11 a.m.–6 p.m. (Thursdays until 9 p.m.), Sat.-Sun 10 a.m.–6 p.m., closed Mondays

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