

SILVER DROPS

Lapponia Jewelry is Finland's largest jewellery manufacturer. In honour of its 50th anniversary, Lapponia held an international jewellery design competition entitled "The Next Episode". It was won by **Mari Isopahkala** with her Pisara (Drop) collection. This collection was also commended for its simple solutions that nonetheless create impressive and exquisite variations. www.mariisopahkala.com, www.lapponia.com



PHOTO: TERESA TOIVAKA

SOUND AND DESIGN

Genelec is the world's leading manufacturer of studio loudspeakers. The Genelec 5040A is an active subwoofer that can also be used in the home. Its speaker element is ingeniously hidden in the base. The shape, materials and manufacturing technology of the enclosure are all innovations in this field. The 5040A has a distinctive character, and its unassuming appearance makes it suitable for many kinds of space. The speaker's excellent sound reproduction properties are matched by top-level design by **Harri Koskinen**. The Genelec 5040A won the Grand Prix in the Fennia Prize 2009 competition. www.harrikoskinen.com, www.genelec.com



RINGRING

Jewellery designer **Eero Hintsanen** is fascinated by urban culture. His RingRing collection was inspired by graffiti. Each piece tells what it is – a pendant, ring, or earring. The powerful graphic appearance of graffiti was transferred into three-dimensional form. www.chaoanderojewel.com



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PAINTERLY VISIONS

Anyone who has painted a wall knows how hard it is to choose the right colour among the bright lights and the array of goods in hardware stores. Proceeding from the wishes and needs of customers, **Pentagon Design** created a shop concept for the Tikkurila paint company that gave the main role to selecting colours and suitable paints. Inspiration is provided by samples of paint and materials, and the final choice can be made in a "fitting room" for paints. www.pentagondesign.fi, www.tikkurila.fi

SIMPLY CONVINCING

Mikko Kärkkäinen's Tunto LED lamp received the red dot design award in 2009 and Chicago Athenaeum's Good Design 2010 prize. It is turned on by simply touching the pedestal: a touch-sensitive switch is hidden in the assembly of the piece. This elegant lamp is made of wood. www.tunto.com

