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PASSAGEN – Cologne Interior Design Week

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Events and exhibitions featuring the latest trends in design, especially in interior design, including exhibitions at showrooms and galleries, at interior design and furniture retailers, at cultural institutions and museums and at design schools around Cologne.

It's that time of year again: in January 2016, PASSAGEN will be kicking off the international design season for the 27th time. With some 200 shows by German and international designers and manufacturers, the event will once again attract design aficionados, who will explore the tightly woven course through Cologne's city centre. The programme is defined by a series of happening-like events and exhibition openings, complemented with shows by international cultural institutions and museums.

The *A&W Designer of the Year* exhibition at Kölnischer Kunstverein will again be one of the programme's highlights. Since 1997, *Architektur & Wohnen* magazine has been hosting the award with a show at PASSAGEN. The list of award winners reads like a who's who of design and the exhibitions always attract a great deal of attention, like, for example, the 2015 show featuring Michele De Lucchi. The German Design Council will also present the winners of *ICONIC AWARDS: Interior Innovation* at Kölnischer Kunstverein. Originating from the *Interior Innovation Award*, the new award concept focuses on bringing together architecture and interior design.

Cologne's Museum of Applied Arts (MAKK) will be showing *RADIO TIME. Tube Radios, Design Icons, Internet Radio*, an exhibition showcasing 120 years of radio design from creating new product forms to the disappearance of form in the Internet age. The Institut Français will be presenting new ceramic and glass works by young designer Laura Couto Rosado, a graduate of HEAD (Geneva) and winner of the 9th DESIGN PARADE by Villa Noailles, Hyères. The Ungers Archive for Architectural Studies (UAA) devotes its exhibition to the work of Italian star designer Piero Fornasetti.

The entire range of PASSAGEN shows will again be located in Cologne's Belgian quarter: from exhibitions in the flagship stores of high-end manufacturers like Boffi and Jan Kath and the Tecta show at MAGAZIN Klaus Wolter to Scandinavian design classics by Onecollection, Wohnkultur 66, Finn Juhl Fine Furniture and Brdr. Petersen at Kunstverein Koelnberg to first collections like the one by Johannes Keller at Galerie ampersand and young designers like the Austrian Konrad Friedel from the Vienna-based Galerie Rauminhalt shown at the La Seda temporary design hub.

Cologne-based interior design and furniture retailers like Giorgetti, Fermob, Rolf Benz, HOME Schlafen und Wohnen and Occhio, as well as many others will be staging their shows along Cologne's Ring boulevard. At the Rheinauhafen quarter, Vitra Bad, Durable, Philipp Beilstein, markilux, Garten + Design, among others, will be welcoming visitors to their showrooms. Alcantara will be presenting a special show with their *Creative Hub in Cologne* organised by DAMn° magazine at Kunsthaus Rhenania (Rheinauhafen): a work-in-progress featuring experimental installations by Formafantasma, Moritz Waldemeyer, Henrik Vibskov and Anton Alvarez.

At Design Post, casaceramica, Bad Eau and Wohntechnik, the focus will very much be on architectural topics. New trends in textile design will be presented by Jan Kath and markilux and also by Ten Eikelder, Tislit and Wäsche-Kultur. For example, The Knots, a young Berlin-based label exhibiting at Ten Eikelder, are making headlines with their vintage oriental rugs, which, through special dyeing techniques, are turned into one-off pieces.

The course through the shops, studios and temporary exhibition venues of the Ehrenfeld design quarter will be another young design hub, where local designers present their work alongside designers from Eindhoven, Istanbul or Paris. The subject of recycling design, which has been one of the central PASSAGEN themes for years, will be represented by Museum der Dinge, MARTa Herford and the winners of the Recycling Design Award. The *Istanbul'dan* design workshop by Pierre Kracht, Michael Wolke, Laura Jungmann and others will also focus on sustainable design: at PASSAGEN, the 'best of' products created in Istanbul's Şişhane craft quarter will be on show. The *utensil* design shop will also show design made in Istanbul featuring upcycled carpets by designer duo Samimi: handcrafted carpets made from surplus safety belts.

The PASSAGEN design event was founded by Sabine Voggenreiter in 1990. In 2016, the show will take place for the 27th time. The information supplied here corresponds to the status as of the date of publication of this press release. The catalogue and online programme will be available from the end of 2015 at www.voggenreiter.com.

Entrance to PASSAGEN is free.

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