

# PASSAGEN

Interior Design Week Köln. 16 – 22 January 2017

## **PASSAGEN – Interior Design Week Köln**

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**A programme of events and exhibitions focusing on the latest trends in design, especially in interior design, with exhibitions taking place in Cologne-based showrooms and galleries, in interior design and furniture stores, in cultural institutions, museums and universities.**

In January 2017, PASSAGEN will be kicking off the international design season for the 28th time. The shows staged by German and international designers and manufacturers will once again entice design aficionados to explore the tightly packed route 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.

PASSAGEN will be providing new platforms to the newcomers in the international design scene: Maken/Machen, the brand new collaboration concept by Dutch Design Exchange and PASSAGEN, dedicated to design transfer between Eindhoven, Maastricht and Cologne, will be presenting young Dutch design positions in Cologne. Showcasing the 5th edition of his successful Nieuwe German Gestaltung project, under the title Naked Objects, Max Borka rounds up the youngsters of the scene over 400sqm. of floorspace located in Cologne's Belgian quarter. In Ehrenfeld, the Istanbul'Dan network project will present new collections: limited and unlimited editions of products created by young German designers like Pierre Kracht and Michael Konstantin Wolke and produced by manufacturers in Istanbul.

From newcomer to one of the most important new-generation German designers: that pretty much sums up Stefan Diez's career over the last 15 years. With FULL HOUSE: Design by Stefan Diez, the Cologne Museum of Applied Arts (MAKK) will showcase the work of the Munich-based designer in a spectacular exhibition scenography.

Big design legends will, of course, also be part of PASSAGEN: at the Italian Cultural Institute, Molteni&C will present products by Giò Ponti, as well as re-editions of his most popular pieces. In close collaboration with Adolfo Natalini and Poltronova, the Ungers Archive for Architectural Studies will showcase furniture, design objects and designs by the visionary Superstudio group of architects, while Markanto will be paying tribute to the great Isamu Noguchi, showing design icons like his Akari lamps or his Coffee Table.

At Kölnischer Kunstverein, the German Design Council will be showing Best of Best 2017, featuring the winners of the ICONIC AWARDS: Interior Innovation. The new award concept, which originates from the Interior Innovation Award and focuses on bringing together architecture and interior design, has successfully established itself.

The entire range of PASSAGEN shows is again represented in Cologne's Belgian quarter: from high-end manufacturers like Boffi and De Padova or Jan Kath in their flagship stores to young designers like Kaschkasch, who will be showing new and award-winning products for their 5th anniversary, to Sandra Böhm, werftbeton, OXNBLT and Jeremias Immig and to networks like Angewandte Kunst Köln. Under the title "...frische Fische ff", the latter will be introducing maritime delights made from ceramic, textiles, wood, leather, stone and metal.

As always, the new-newcomers from design schools and universities will also be presenting their fresh and surprising work: Detmold University in the St. Michael's Church in the Belgian Quarter, the Aachen University of Applied Sciences, the Cologne University of Applied Sciences for Media, Communication and Management and Mainz University, which will build on its spectacular 2011 exhibition at the Monte Christo Hotel.

Cologne-based interior design and furniture retailers like Giorgetti, Fermob, Occhio and many others will be staging their shows along Cologne's Ring boulevard. At the Rheinauhafen quarter, Vitra Bad, Durable, markilux, Garten + Design, as well as Quirrenbach, among others, will be welcoming visitors to their showrooms. At Design Post, casaceramica and Bad Eau, the focus will be very much on architectural topics. New trends in textile design will be presented by Jan Kath and markilux and also by Tislit and Ten Eikelder, who will be presenting the Berlin-based label The Knots.

In 2017, design parcours ehrenfeld will be celebrating its 10th anniversary. The route through the shops, studios and temporary exhibition locations of the Ehrenfeld design quarter has, for years, been the place for young design from Ehrenfeld, Germany and many other countries. Besides well-known shops, labels and workshops like Utensil, Polyester shock, Le Pop Lingerie or WERKStoff, there will also be newcomers like the ShipSheip concept store and Stadtkellerei Imi.

In 2017, the focus will be on Dutch design: Salon 2 will host the mo man tai label from Eindhoven while Pou-Belle Design, Sacha Wendt and It's Latta present NL Originals at Saisongeschäft. The RecyclingDesignpreis has become a fixture of the Ehrenfeld parcours and will be showing Best of the award's 8th edition. Presenting fresh design that you can not only look at, but also buy, the Designers' Fair will again be part of design parcours ehrenfeld.

Design 18/12, the new exhibition cluster in the Zollstock and Sülz quarters, will feature for the second time, this time focusing on textile design.

The PASSAGEN design event was founded by Sabine Voggenreiter in 1990. In 2017, the show will take place for the 28th 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 2016 at [www.voggenreiter.com](http://www.voggenreiter.com).

Entrance to PASSAGEN is free.

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