

Design im Kunstverein: a multi-faceted programme at the Kölnischer Kunstverein for professionals, trend scouts and the interested public

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In January 2019 Cologne will become the meeting place for the furniture industry and interior design fans during imm cologne. With "Design im Kunstverein" ("Design at the Art Society") from 14-20 January, the German Design Council is presenting a diverse programme at the Kölnischer Kunstverein with exhibitions, guided tours and workshops that invite visitors to discover new design trends, exciting newcomers and the joy of actively engaging in design.

The "Design im Kunstverein" programme will once again focus strongly on interior design: the highlight of the event is the exhibition of the winning projects of the ICONIC AWARDS 2019: Innovative Interior. Visitors can also discover award-winning young designers in the exhibition of the newcomer competition ein&zwanzig 2018. Finally, the German Design Museum Foundation invites everyone to exercise their own creativity in workshops. Via this unique blend of industrially manufactured products, prototypes and the personal experience of a design process, the programme provides insight into the phases of developing design projects. At the same time, visitors can explore new trends and find inspiration.

ICONIC AWARDS 2019: Innovative Interior

It all starts on 13 January 2019 at 7:30 p.m. with the opening of the winners' exhibition of the ICONIC AWARDS 2019: Innovative Interior, to which the public is cordially invited. The annual competition honours interior design and furniture products with outstanding designs and is considered a trend barometer for the professional world as well as for the general public. The three incisive trends for 2019 are "Genuine", "Jewel" and "Summer Party". In cooperation with the German Design Museum Foundation, guided tours of the exhibition will be offered daily.

ein&zwanzig Newcomers provide fresh inspiration

The 21 winners of the newcomer competition ein&zwanzig 2018 set new trends with fresh, contemporary ideas. The prize-winning projects can be experienced firsthand at an exhibition at "Design im Kunstverein", including the Gradient lamp designed by the "Best of Best" winner Sofia Souidi. The lamp changes its colour and geometry during the day and is intended to help people working in little daylight to synchronise with the natural rhythm of the day.

Workshops of the German Design Museum Foundation

Those who want to try their hand at creative design themselves can do so in a mini-workshop. Following the daily guided tour through the winners' exhibition of the ICONIC AWARDS 2019: Innovative Interior,

a workshop entitled "The 10-minute Chair" will be offered: a creative exercise that focusses on the active exploration of design with limited materials.

PASSAGEN Prize 2019

The PASSAGEN Prize 2019, hosted by PASSAGEN/Sabine Voggenreiter and the German Design Council and supported by the City of Cologne, will be awarded at the Kölnischer Kunstverein on Tuesday, 15 January at 5:00 p.m. The competition focusses on the interaction of product and staging. The special feature of the prize is the honouring of a design in conjunction with the exhibition scenography.

Design im Kunstverein – the programme

13 January 2019 – 7:30 p.m.: Opening of the exhibition of the ICONIC AWARDS 2019: Innovative Interior
14. - 20 January: Exhibition of the ICONIC AWARDS 2019: Innovative Interior and ein&zwanzig 2018
14. - 20.01. – 3:00 p.m.: Daily guided tour entitled "What Is Design?" with workshop afterwards
15 January 2019 – 5:00 p.m. Presentation of the PASSAGEN Prize 2019

Venue and opening hours

Kölnischer Kunstverein | Hahnenstrasse 6 | 50667 Cologne, Germany

14 - 20 January 2019: Mon to Sat 11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. | Tue 11:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. |

Sun 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

How to get there: Lines 1 and 9 to the Neumarkt station

More information about the programme at: <https://www.innovative-interior.com/design-im-kunstverein>

For more information about the trends, visit <http://www.innovative-interior.com/trends>

You'll find more information about PASSAGEN at: www.voggenreiter.com/passagen2019

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