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## **POSTMODERNISM 1980 – 1995** **30 January–17 May 2015**



The main exhibition of the spring season continues Design Museum's series on 20th-century styles in design. It will extensively present the broad frame of reference of postmodernism from a Finnish perspective of the years 1980 – 1995 in architecture, design, popular culture and the arts. Also presented are international influences and actors in the field.

Postmodernism – as a style or way of thinking – challenged the faith in linear progress and a better future that was typical of modernism. It emphasized freedom – there was no need to argue for form. Past and present, parody and conceptualism all came together. Room was left for interpretation and there was a desire to renew forms of expression.

The exhibition addresses topical themes. International politics once again reflect the atmosphere of the Cold War, and Finlandization is being debated. Social media and the various levels of being are fragmentizing values and life. Dialogue is created by breaking boundaries.

The exhibition includes work by the following artists and designers, among others: Stefan Lindfors, Leena Luostarinen, Rita Taskinen, Vesa Varrela, Kimmo Sarje, Martin Relander, Aldo Rossi, Peter Shier, Natalie du Pasquer and Philippe Starck.

The Postmodernism exhibition is curated by Salla Heino and Harry Kivilinna.

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**Design Museum, opening hours:**

1 September – 31 May: Tue. 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., Wed. – Sun. 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; closed Mondays.

**Address:**

Korkeavuorenkatu 23, 00130 Helsinki

**Guided visits:**

In Finnish: 5 p.m. Tuesdays and 4 p.m. Saturdays.

In Swedish: 2 p.m. on Saturdays once a month

In Russian: 2 p.m. on Sundays once a month

**Coming events:**

**Design Evening** with a special programme from 5 to 8 p.m. on the last Tuesday of the month, free entrance.

**Design Workshop for Families** from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturdays around the middle of the month.

**Series of lectures and talks on postmodernism** in March.

More information on events at Design Museum on our webpages: [www.designmuseum.fi](http://www.designmuseum.fi)

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