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B15 – Kaj Franck's Students at Design Museum 15 June – 14 August

Design Museum will celebrate the centenary of the renowned designer, Professor **Kaj Franck** (1911–89) with a series of exhibitions. On show at Design Museum's Gallery from 15 June until 14 August is **B15 – Kaj Franck's Students**, an exhibition presenting the work of Kaj Franck's nationally and internationally recognized students with perspectives on Franck's life's work as a teacher.

From 1960 to 1968, Kaj Franck was the artistic director of the Institute of Industrial Art in Helsinki. He began this work by establishing a one-year basic course in general design, which was initially mandatory for all prospective students applying for entry and later part of the school's curriculum when it adopted a four-year course of study in 1965. The basic course in general design was held in auditorium B 15 in the Ateneum building and its framework consisted of design exercises. Many generations of Finnish designers have received both influences and inspiration from this impressive teacher, whose legacy has lived on through his students to the present day.

"All the people involved in the exhibition are over 60. It's a real senior power event! It includes designers and artists from all the departments of the former Institute of Industrial Art, which means that the exhibits include not only design but also artworks, film and things that everyone knows, but few know who made them," notes interior architect, Professor Simo Heikkilä.

The exhibits not only show how Kaj Franck's legacy was reflected in the work of designers and artists but also how they consider their relationship with this well-liked but demanding design educator.

Invited students of Kaj Franck featured in the exhibition are Jussi Ahola, Lauri Anttila, Kari Asikainen, Jorma Hautala, Ulla and Mattias Ingman, Catharina Kajander, Kaarina Kellomäki, Markku Kosonen, Barbro Kulvik, Irma Kukkasjärvi, Maria Laukka, Teemu Lipasti, Pertti Metsälampi, Eila Minkkinen, Lasse Naukkarinen, Heikki Orvola, Antti Paatero, Kirsti Petäjaniemi, Kari Piippo, Juhani Salovaara, Olli Tamminen, Tauno Tarna, Yrjö Turka, Yrjö Wiherheimo and Ulla-Maija Vikman. The exhibition has been compiled by Kaj Franck's student, interior architect, Professor Simo Heikkilä and the art historian Teija Isohauta.

The Asko foundation will award two €4,000 grants in recognition of work in design to two designers chosen for the exhibition B15 – Kaj Franck's students. The exhibition has been realized in association with **the Finnish Association of Designers ORNAMO**.



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Design Museum's opening hours: 1 Sep – 31 May; Tue 11am–8pm, Wed–Sun 11am–6pm, Mon closed. 1 June – 31 Aug; Mon – Sun 11am–6pm.

Tickets: adults 8 €, pensioners 7€, students 3 €, children under 16 years old free of charge.

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