

THE GOLDSTEIN MUSEUM OF DESIGN

364 McNeal Hall, 1985 Buford Avenue, Saint Paul, MN 55108

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PRODUCTS OF OUR TIME EXHIBITION OPENS

Saint Paul, MN— *Products of Our Time*, curated by Daniel Jasper, Assistant Professor of Graphic Design at the University of Minnesota's College of Design, presents work by an international group of designers and artists who comment on the current environmental, economic, cultural and political landscape using products. *Products of Our Time* will be on view at the Goldstein museum of Design from July 21-September 30, 2007.

Products tell us about ourselves. With the rise of the consumer economy, designed products function as cultural indicators of who we are as a society and where we are going. However, products tell us about past civilizations, too. Archeologists study human-made artifacts and products to reveal complex histories. For example, over 5500 years ago, the Sumerians produced one of the first known writing systems to record exchanges of goods and products.

Some of the designers in *Products of Our Time* pose theoretical questions, such as Dominic Wilcox's *Bird Cage for Exactly One Bird*. Others, including Mike Libby and *Insect Lab*, create customized variations on a theme. Still others, such as Tobias Wong's chrome-plated *Box Cutter*, have been engineered for mass production.

Products of our Time will include work by Kate Bingaman Burt, CSA Design, DNA II, Dunne & Raby, Mark Franchino, Keith Farley, FredriksonStallard, Marti Guixe, Insect Lab, Jimmyjane, Ju\$t Another Rich Kid and Tobias Wong, Koffski, Studio Ooms, Noam Troan, Tobias Wong and Philip Wood.

VISITOR INFO

The Goldstein Museum of Design, 241 McNeal Hall, 1985 Buford Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55108.

Gallery Hours

Monday-Wednesday, & Friday	10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Thursday	10:00 am - 8:00 pm
Saturday-Sunday	1:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Admission and Parking

Admission to the Goldstein Museum of Design is free. Parking in the nearby Gortner Ramp at 1395 Gortner Avenue. The parking ramp and the Museum are both handicapped accessible.

Tours

Please schedule a tour of the exhibition at least three weeks in advance. Tours generally last one hour and may include gallery activities or a visit to the Museum's Research Center. Contact us at (612) 624-7434 or gmd@umn.edu to schedule a tour or for additional information.