

THE GOLDSTEIN MUSEUM OF DESIGN

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Techno Textiles: Inner Space to Outer Space New Exhibition May 16 - July 17, 2008



Left: The NuMetrex™ Heart Rate Monitoring Sports Bra has tiny electrodes woven into its fabric that can detect heart rate and display the result on a watch. In addition to the bra, Textronics Inc. makes a heart monitoring shirt for men. Photo credit: Textronics Inc. **Right:** Stretched fabric walls, lit from within, enclose a chiropractic clinic in Northeast Minneapolis in this design by LEAD Inc. architects of Minneapolis and Husnes, Norway. Photo credit: Banner Creations/LEAD Inc.

St. Paul, MN--The world of specialty textiles has been changing at a rapid pace with new materials, technologies and innovations in production around the world. On May 15 the **Goldstein Museum of Design** will open *Techno Textiles: Inner Space to Outer Space*, which examines many of these innovative materials and how they are being used by leading designers from around the globe.

Some of the concepts will feature protective clothing, intelligent buildings that dynamically respond to the environment, luminous wall interiors and interactive digital displays that are part of the furniture upholstery, as well as fabric balloons used to ensure interplanetary probe vehicles land safely on the surface of Mars. New materials have always inspired designers to innovations in design and the past several years have seen a more far-reaching revolution in materials science and development than at any time in the past. Although many of these innovations involve the highest level of material science and manufacturing finesse, a recent surge in interest has favored so-called “naturals” or organic and sustainable sources, such as fabrics made from recycled plastics, corn-based cellulose, organic polymers and other sustainable chemistry.

Curators: Bruce N. Wright, AIA, the Editor of Fabric Architecture, Design Minor Fellow

Karen LaBat, Professor of Clothing Design and Director of the Human Dimensioning© Lab

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Opening Party and Panel Discussion

May 15, 2008

7-9p.m.

Panel discussion at 8p.m. with Su Sokolowski of Nike and Mary Carey of Procédés Chénel International

VISITOR INFORMATION:

Goldstein Gallery Hours

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| 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. The Goldstein Gallery is room 241 on the second floor of McNeal Hall on the St. Paul campus of the University of Minnesota. Parking in the nearby Gortner Ramp at 1395 Gortner Avenue is \$2.50 per hour (daily maximum of \$12.00). Parking on Sundays is free (except for special events). The parking ramp and the Museum are both handicapped accessible.

Tours

Groups are invited to schedule a tour of the exhibition at least three weeks in advance. Tours generally last one hour and can be tailored to meet your group's needs. Tours may include gallery activities or a visit to the Goldstein Museum's Research Center. Contact us at (612) 624-7434 or gmd@umn.edu to schedule a tour or for additional information.