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EXHIBITION DETAILS

**Jack Lenor Larsen
at 90: Transformations
by a Textile Innovator**

September 22, 2017 –
January 7, 2018

EVENT DETAILS

**Exhibition Opening and
Jack Lenor Larsen
Birthday Celebration**

September 22, 2017
6:00-8:00 PM
Gallery 241

Panel Discussion

November 2, 2017
6:00 PM
McNeal Hall, Rm. 32

Gallery 241
241 McNeal Hall
1985 Buford Avenue
Saint Paul, MN 55108



Co-curated by Professor Stephanie Zollinger and GMD Associate Curator Jean McElvain, *Jack Lenor Larsen at 90: Transformations by a Textile Innovator* opens with a 90th birthday party for and attended by Mr. Larsen himself on September 22, 2017. This event and exhibition are free and open to the public.

For 45 years, Larsen led Jack Lenor Larsen Incorporated in the production of fabrics for the interior environment. In later years he produced carpet and furniture under the Larsen Carpet and Larsen Furniture names. Larsen took his design inspiration from around the world, visiting scores of countries to learn traditional hand-weaving and loom techniques, which he interpreted in new and innovative ways. In 1997, Jack Lenor Larsen Incorporated was purchased by the English firm Colefax and Fowler. On the occasion of the purchase, Larsen's entire archive was donated to the University of Minnesota (Elmer L. Andersen Library Archives and the Goldstein Museum of Design [GMD]) and Minneapolis Institute of Arts.

The textiles in this exhibition are informed by Larsen's mastery of craft techniques, technological innovation, and inspiration from global design traditions. The inclusion of drawings, correspondence and production samples makes possible the intriguing narration of the creative process. The Goldstein Museum of Design is proud to contribute to a better understanding of the diversity and complexity of textiles created during the latter half of the 20th Century.

To accompany the exhibition, a free panel discussion will be held on Thursday, November 2, 2017. Panelists will discuss their experiences working with Mr. Larsen and his textile innovations. Panelists include:

- **Ellie Karanauskas**, former Vice President of Sales and National Sales Director for Jack Lenor Larsen Inc.
- **Krista Stack**, former Director of Design for the Larsen Design Studio
- **Lotus Stack**, former Textile Curator for the Minneapolis Institute of Arts
- **Lori Weitzner**, worked as an independent textile designer for Jack Lenor Larsen Inc. where she created many notable collection.

For more information on the exhibition, our Larsen collection, or Jack Lenor Larsen and his influence, please visit us at <https://z.umn.edu/Larsenat90>.

General Information

The Goldstein Museum of Design (GMD), part of the University of Minnesota's College of Design, supports design teaching, research, and discovery through exhibitions, publications, programs, and partnerships.

Location

Gallery 241 is on the second floor of McNeal Hall, 1985 Buford Ave., St. Paul, MN 55108

Gallery 241 Hours

Tuesday-Friday 10:00am-5:00pm
Weekend 1:30pm-4:30pm
Closed Mondays and all University holidays
Free admission

Parking

Parking is available in Gortner Ramp at 1395 Gortner Avenue and the lot at the top of Lower Buford Circle. Bicycle racks are available by the west entrance to McNeal Hall.

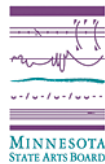
Accessibility

Metered handicapped parking is available in front of the Lower Buford Circle entrance. Handicapped parking is also available on Upper Buford Circle at the north end of the building.

An automatic door is located just around the corner from the metered handicapped parking at the back east side of the building. Visitor drop-off/pick-up is available at the accessible Buford Avenue south entrance and the west entrance on Lower Buford Circle.

Public Transit

For bus information, call (612) 373-3333 or visit <http://www1.umn.edu/pts/bus/connectors.html> or <http://www.metrotransit.org/>



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