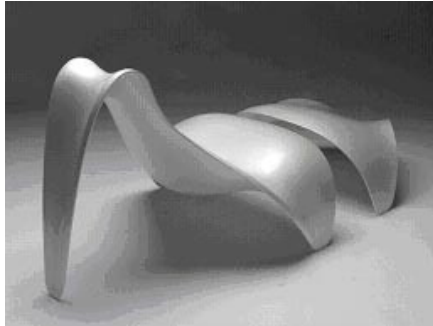

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Bombay Sapphire Design Discovery Award Exhibition showcases 2007 finalists



(left to right) Nick Rennie, *Squash Bowl*, 2007, stainless steel. Photo: courtesy the artist; John Smith, *Stingray*, 2007, fibreglass. Photo: courtesy the artist

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The ten finalists in the Bombay Sapphire Design Discovery Award 2007 are: Anthony Dann, Kelly Freeman & Rina Bernabei, Michael Hoppe, Nick Rennie, Elliot Rich, Simone LeAmon, Stefan Lie, Berto Pandolfo, John Smith and Edward Wong. Selected from over sixty of Australia's finest contemporary designers, Object Gallery is proud to showcase the work of the Award's ten finalists for the second year in a row.

In 2007 the *Bombay Sapphire Design Discovery Award Exhibition* presents groundbreaking contemporary functional designs in lighting, furniture, accessories and homewares. This year's group includes a bowl that pays reference to the humble aluminium can by Nick Rennie, John Smith's sting ray-form chair and Simone LeAmon's stainless steel votive candle holders. Each designer will be represented by their Bombay Sapphire Design Discovery Award entry as well as other designs from their broader body of work. This selection will be made by Object Gallery's curatorial team, with the exhibition design by Stephen Goddard.

The *Bombay Sapphire Design Discovery Award Exhibition 2007* continues Object's ongoing partnership with Bombay Sapphire by providing these exceptional designers with the opportunity for broadened exposure. The winner of the Bombay Sapphire Design Discovery Award will be announced in October. This year's prize increases to A\$30,000 and, as with past years, also includes a trip to the Milan Furniture Fair.

This exhibition is your opportunity to experience first-hand some of the most exciting design being produced in Australia right now.

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