
Media Release

Want to be ahead of the crowd? You can be with *Design Now!*



Image captions (R – L): FeiFei Feng, *Go Art District*, 2007, Styrene model; Sian Power, *Poppy*, 2007, digital print; Louisa Vilde, *Darkness in Light*, 2007, CNC cut chemical wood, paint. Photo: Christopher Ng

Do you ever wonder what the next big thing in design will be? What are the best emerging ideas and trends? Well, here is your chance to be one step ahead of the crowd. Young designers from across the country have competed with fellow students to exhibit their work in Object's annual national graduate exhibition *Design Now!*, opening in Sydney at Object Gallery on 5 April until 15 June 2008.

The group of **18 finalists** represent the best and freshest upcoming designers in Australia, selected from over 120 nominees from 21 universities. This year's finalists are:

Design for Studio Practice

Louisa Vilde (Monash), Lee Mathers (SCA), Christopher Earl Milbourne (RMIT)

Design for the Home

Jye Edwards (UTAS), Sian Power (COFA), Patrick J Miller & Peter Cole (Curtin)

Design for the Built Environment

Gabi Parke (UNSW), Linda Matthews (UTS), Feifei Feng (COFA)

Design for Industry

Benjamin Campbell Forsyth (Swinburne), Hiro (Chao-Jung) Lai (COFA), Viktor Legin (Swinburne)

Design for the Body

Kevin Azzopardi (RMIT), Tane Andrews (Curtin), Denae Trickey (RMIT)

Design for Communication

Karin Colpani (UTS), Prema Bhakti Weir (UTS), Daniel Peterson (Swinburne)

The exhibition will provide a fantastic opportunity for you to preview the very latest in design, and meet Australia's next generation of iconic designers.

Object's graduate exhibition has launched the careers of Australian designers since 2001, showcasing and nurturing almost 100 outstanding graduates over the past seven years. Previous winner and now established designer, Campbell Boyer was keenly watched by industry, and launched into the public eye.

"The impact of winning [Design Now!] exceeded my expectations as far as propelling my career to a new level," Campbell Boyer said.

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