

# DINOSAUR DESIGNS

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### GOMA TO UNVEIL MAJOR NEW WORKS BY DINOSAUR DESIGNS



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Australia's Louise Olsen and Stephen Ormandy of Dinosaur Designs have been commissioned to produce a new body of work to mark the fifth anniversary of Brisbane's Gallery of Modern Art (GoMA).

Queensland Art Gallery Director Tony Ellwood said the commission recognised the Gallery of Modern Art's ongoing commitment to contemporary design since opening in December 2006.

'Designers Louise Olsen and Stephen Ormandy of Dinosaur Designs have created the stunning, new series and their largest works to date, to be displayed at GoMA from October 15 to March 25, 2012,' Mr Ellwood said.

'We are thrilled that one of the most visible, successful and inspiring design teams in the country with a distinctively Australian design vocabulary has created this dynamic installation for GoMA's foyer cabinet.

'Audiences will enter GoMA and encounter eight large, disc-shaped resin forms in a dazzling array of colours, each one measuring 1.2 metres in diameter.

'This must-see commission recognises the important place contemporary design holds in an art museum of the twenty-first century.'

Mr Ellwood said the commissioning of the technically ambitious works demonstrated the Gallery's programming commitment to contemporary design.

'It follows contemporary design exhibitions including *Place Makers: Contemporary Queensland Architects* (2008), *Easton Pearson* (2009), *Hats: An Anthology by Stephen Jones* (2010), from the Victoria and Albert Museum, London, and *Valentino, Retrospective: Past/Present/Future* (2010) from Les Arts Décoratifs, Paris,' he said.

'Over 25 years Dinosaur Designs has forged an important place in the national art and design community, not only through their longevity and popularity but through their use of colour and the distinctively Australian character of their work. They have built a national and international reputation producing innovative designs that intersect the boundaries between art, craft, design and fashion.

'We are thrilled to be presenting this major new display as part of a program of exhibitions to mark GoMA's fifth anniversary milestone. They include: *Matisse: Drawing Life* (December 3 – March 4, 2012), *Yayoi Kusama: Look Now, See Forever* (November 19 – March 11, 2012) *Ten Years of Contemporary Art: The James C Sourris, AM Collection* (November 12 – February 19, 2012) and *Pip & Pop: we miss you magic land!* (November 26 – March 4, 2012).'

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