

# MOD SQUAD: CONTEMPORARY DESIGN + OBJECTS

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*Mod Squad: Contemporary Design + Objects* presents the work of twenty top Queensland designers who have influenced, impacted and are inspiring contemporary design in Australia. Showcasing product, furniture, lighting, jewellery and textile design, this touring exhibition also examines the innovative practices of these key creative individuals.

Design has experienced a significant recent increase of awareness within the general public nationally. Collecting of coveted functional objects of beauty has become a leisure activity for some. Queensland designers are starting to gain recognition for their innovation and creative contribution to the industry. However the challenges of realizing their unique designs into production pieces still requires enormous inventiveness and nous even in the age of constant technical advances.

*Mod Squad* offers a range of contemporary functional objects, designed by the individuals who can be seen as the creative innovators and trend-setters of our time.

Prominent Queensland designers featured in *Mod Squad* include Ari Athans, Jason Bird, Bruce Carrick, Matt Dwyer, Marc Harrison, Barbara Heath, Jill Kinnear, Lasse Kinnunen, Alexander Lotersztain, Paul Morris, Luis Nheu, David Shaw, Elizabeth Shaw and Brian Steendyk.

Exhibited alongside the veterans of Queensland design, the works of accomplished emerging design talents Nicole Lacey, Jenni Baxter, Bjorn Rust and Surya Graf can be encountered. These 'edgy' and engaging designers bring a freshness to the exhibition and provide an insight into the work of those who are beginning to inspire the direction of contemporary Australian design.

*Mod Squad* also features exquisite pieces by several unique creatives inclusive of Craig Flood, Barbara Heath and Susan Lincoln, whose work crosses between Art and Design. Their work explores the important link between the two fields of practice, pushing the boundaries of both in the pursuit of aesthetic and innovative excellence.

Annette Turner - Exhibition Co-Curator



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Luis Nheu *Pure Gravity* 2004  
fibreglass silver ash timber



Elizabeth Shaw, *Salt Flake Pinch Bowl III*  
2009 sterling silver



Lasse Kinnunen, *Antero Swivel Armchair*  
2002 stainless steel soft upholstery



Matt Dwyer *Hard Furnishings* 2005  
Vacuum formed opalescent acrylic, bi-pin halogen, low voltage, electronic

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