

Pop Art pops up at Barbican



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Forthcoming exhibition devoted to the colourful art that defined the 1960s.

June 17, 2013, 11:36 am -- [/EPR NETWORK/](#) -- A new exhibition at the Barbican Centre will celebrate Pop Art, the colourful, dynamic art movement that helped define the post-war period in Europe and the United States. The groundbreaking Pop Art Design will take place in October at the Art Gallery at the Barbican Centre, one of Europe's finest contemporary arts spaces. Visitors to London hoping to attend the exhibition should check out LondonTown.com which contains details of dozens of hotels near Barbican that will help those looking for accommodation to suit all tastes and budgets.

Pop Art was born in Britain in the 1950s and helped to shape a new cultural identity for western Art, with a focus on celebrity, mass production and the growing industries of advertising, television, radio and print media. The movement is said to have started with the appearance of Richard Hamilton's collage *Just What Is It that Makes Today's Home So Different and So Appealing?* (1956), which appeared in an exhibition at Whitechapel Art Gallery in 1956. As the title of Hamilton's work suggested, Pop Art was characterised by an exciting exchange of ideas between the related fields of design and art and how these applied to everyday life. Pop Art Design is an exhibition that explores the nature of this relationship featuring 150 works by artists such as Hamilton, Andy Warhol, Peter Blake and Roy Lichtenstein as well as designers Charles and Ray Eames, George Nelson, Achille Castiglioni and many others.

As well as featuring iconic art and colourful items furniture, the exhibition will illustrate the way Pop Art spilled over into numerous facets of cultural life by displaying posters, magazines, album sleeves,

film, photography and examples of Pop Art interiors and architecture. For full details of the exhibition, see LondonTown.com, London's most reliable source of information for tourists and visitors.

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