

V&A Dundee to open in September

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V&A Dundee - designed by Kengo Kuma Ross Fraser McLean

V&A Dundee, Scotland's first design museum and the first V&A museum in the world outside London, will open to the public on 15 September 2018.

Thanks to £14million of funding from The National Lottery, the V&A Dundee will be an international centre for design, a place of inspiration, discovery and learning. Visitors will be able to experience the remarkable story of design past, present and future, and discover how vital design is to everyone's lives.

Inspired by the dramatic cliffs along the east coast of Scotland, the complex geometric building has been designed by internationally acclaimed Japanese architect Kengo Kuma. It stretches out into the River Tay – a

new landmark reconnecting the city with its historic waterfront, and a major new cultural development for Scotland and the UK.

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New exhibitions at V&A Dundee

- **The Scottish Design Galleries:** telling the story of Scotland's exceptional and international design heritage, the Galleries will feature around 300 exhibits including a beautifully decorated 15th-century Book of Hours, a spectacular Cartier 'Valkyrie' diamond tiara, original Beano artworks from Dundee publishers DC Thomson, and the snap40 digital healthcare device
- **Charles Rennie Mackintosh's magnificent Oak Room:** a fully restored and preserved room from Miss Cranston's Ingram Street tearooms from Glasgow 1907.
- **Ocean Liners: Speed & Style:** the opening exhibition will re-imagine the golden age of ocean travel and explore all aspects of ship design from the remarkable engineering, architecture and interiors to the opulent fashion and lifestyle on-board
- Newly commissioned work by **Turner Prize-nominated artist Ciara Phillips**
- **The Michelin Design Gallery:** showcasing contemporary design talent from communities across Scotland

A major new cultural hub for Dundee

Philip Long, Director of V&A Dundee, said: "In just eight months we will be opening the doors and welcoming the first visitors to this new museum, a major new cultural hub for Dundee, the UK and beyond. V&A Dundee brings something new to Scotland. Not only is it the country's first museum dedicated to design, it is also the first opportunity to show major V&A exhibitions here."



Artist's impression of the new V&A Dundee museum



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The construction site for the V&A Museum of Design Dundee V&A Dundee/Ross Fraser McLean - Studio RoRo

Kengo Kuma visits V&A Museum of Design Dundee site