

2014 PROTOSHOP

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

The concept

Protoshop is an annual event produced jointly by the Messukeskus Helsinki and Imu Design for the Ahead! -design area at the Habitare fair. Imu Design invites all designers working in Finland to submit product idea proposals for the event that takes place in September 2014. The 10-15 best ideas will be selected for further development. The prototypes created through this development process will then be displayed at Protoshop, where the core objective is to find suitable homes for the products in businesses. The event is a fresh and exciting forum for cooperation between designers and businesses. Both domestic and international businesses will be targeted with effective advance marketing to increase awareness of the event and its goals.

Who can participate

Product ideas may be submitted by all designers working in Finland. Ideas may be submitted by individuals or by teams of designers. For team submissions, the participants must determine the distribution of rights pertaining to the idea prior to submitting it for consideration. All works must be previously unpublished.

Application period

Applications will be accepted from 10 January 2014 to 19 February 2014. The proposal must be marked with the designer's real name and contact information (on the back of the A3 card). Proposals must be delivered by 19 February to the following address: Anniina Pyykönen, Messukeskus Helsinki, Messuaukio 1, P.O. Box 21, 00521 Helsinki. The envelope or package should be labelled "Protoshop". If the proposal is delivered by post, a stamp with the date 19.2. is sufficient.

The Jury

The members of the jury are the founding members of Imu Design; Elina Aalto (designer, TaM), Krista Kosonen (designer, TaM) and Saara Renvall (designer, TaM) along with Mikko Paakkanen (designer). The competition secretary will be the Messukeskus Helsinki's exhibition coordinator Anniina Pyykönen.

Selection criteria

The jury's primary selection criteria will be the degree of strength and creativity in the work. The work must be applicable to industrial production in accordance to the core idea of Protoshop. The aim is to find products which do not merely represent a passing trend, but rather concepts that will live on in the world of Finnish design.

Entries

The entries may be any design product related to the interior decoration of homes or public spaces. In line with the Protoshop concept, the work must represent an idea that can be readily developed into an actual product. The work must be presented on A3 lightweight card (maximum 2 per entry). The idea must be presented with sufficient clarity to make its assessment possible without the designer being present. The presentation must include the designer's written description of the product's raison d'être and target market.

Rights

The designers retain all rights to their work.

Announcement of selected entries

The jury will choose 10-15 entries for further development during February 2014. All the participants will be notified immediately after the jury's decision.

Documents and questions pertaining to the event

The event programme may be downloaded from 10 January 2014 onwards at www.imudesign.org/protoshop or www.habitare.fi. Questions related to the submission of entries may be asked until 31 January 2014 by e-mail to saara@imudesign.org.

POST-SELECTION PHASE

Further development of selected works and the exhibition event

The selected designers will be responsible for the manufacture of their prototype and any expenses involved with it. The event organisers will provide a stand at the fair, a product description, media communications and marketing, a product brochure, a website and expert assistance for any negotiations with representatives of businesses. The Messukeskus Helsinki insures the works for the duration of the exhibition, but designers are responsible for insurance arrangements for any other time, if necessary. Designers are also responsible for transportation of the work to a photography session and to and from the exhibition. The fair stand will be staffed by a representative of Imu Design for the entire duration of the exhibition.

The finished prototypes must be delivered to the event organisers during week 23/2014, which is followed by a photography session which must be attended by the designer. The event organiser reserves the right to exclude any selected work which is not completed on schedule. Exclusion may also apply to cases where the finished product does not correspond to the submitted designs, unless such deviations from the plan have been specifically discussed with and approved by the organisers.

Contracts between designers and participating businesses

If necessary, designers will be provided expert assistance for contract negotiations by Ornamo.

More information at

www.imudesign.org
www.habitare.fi
www.messukeskus.com
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