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Lightopia: Everything illuminated

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A life without electric light is no longer conceivable – even designers and architects can't waive the medium. The Vitra Design Museum in the German town of Weil am Rhein is now hosting an illuminated exhibition showcasing some 300 luminous works...

The exhibition leads you through the ages of lighting design, from its origins right up to current and creative visions for the future. 'Light donors' include Wilhelm Wagenfeld, Achille Castiglioni, Gino Sarfatti and Ingo Maurer. It's exciting to see how light is used to enhance and improve space in so many differing ways, over several different eras. A reconstruction of a late Sixties nightclub – made entirely of plexiglass – demonstrates this perfectly. In the face of constant revolution and technological advances, especially with digitilisation and OLED technology, 'Lightopia' focuses mainly on the contemporary, and the extraordinary scope for the future of lighting design.

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