## **CLASSIC DRIVER**

## The Spirit of Bauhaus to guest-star at Paris' Musée des Arts Décoratifs

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Ahead of the centenary of the Bauhaus movement, a large exhibition at the Pariser Musée des Arts Décoratifs will celebrate the wide-ranging fruits of the influential art and architecture school. No fewer than 900 works and objects from the creative phenomenon will be displayed...



In his Bauhaus manifesto, architect Walter Gropus famously decreed "Architects, sculptors, painters, we must all get back to craft!" This time, even enthusiasts are invited to the party. Before the movement's 100-year anniversary arrives in 2019 (and the world inevitably catches Bauhaus fever once again), Paris exhibition organisers Olivier Gabet and Anne Monier have curated a display of the most important milestones in the history of the celebrated formative art school. The aim of the Gropius-led think-tank had been to revolutionise modern life by bringing arts, crafts and industrial design together in a cauldron of creative inspiration.





Accordingly, the exhibition – held 19 October 2016 until February 26, 2017 and supported by the Fondation d'Entreprise Hermès – showcases the creative outpourings of numerous Bauhaus artists and designers: more than 900 objects will fill the building, including textiles, drawings, models, paintings and pieces of furniture. In such a context, the Dessau school's wider influence on 20th Century art, architecture and design will become evident. A spin-off display by artist Mathieu Mercier will show how today's creative spirits still draw inspiration from the movement. For those who want to begin their

re-education of the phenomenon ahead of the centenary in a year and a half, this exhibition is not to be missed.

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## Gallery

