

## Press Release



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# ESSENTIAL EAMES

## ArtScience Museum brings the story of iconic design duo Charles and Ray Eames to Singapore

**Singapore** (17 May, 2013) – Making its Singapore debut at ArtScience Museum™ on 29 June, 2013, *Essential Eames: A Herman Miller Exhibition* will capture the spirit and philosophy behind the most famous couple in design, Charles and Ray Eames. Based on the book, *An Eames Primer* by the pair's grandson Eames Demetrios, the exhibition traces the life and work of the husband-and-wife design team who are credited with "...changing the way the 20th Century sat down" (*The Washington Post*). It is co-presented by ArtScience Museum and global furniture company Herman Miller in collaboration with the California-based Eames Office.

Featuring over 100 pieces, *Essential Eames* will showcase a number of rare and never-before-seen works and images from the Eames family collection, the Eames Office, and the archives of Herman Miller. The design duo's unique relationship with Herman Miller, the manufacturer of Eames products, will also be highlighted throughout the exhibition.

The timeless furniture creations of Charles and Ray Eames have provided the visual backdrop in homes and offices around the world for the better part of the last century. Yet their influence and innovation extends far beyond furniture, as their distinctive work in architecture, exhibition design, toy making, film and philosophy is prolific. *Essential Eames* will showcase the vastness and variety of the couple's unmatched creative output.

Among the unique and original furniture designed by Charles and Ray Eames and included in the exhibition are a special chair designed for Pope John Paul II and the newly released Herman Miller Eames wood shell chair. Additionally, original paintings by Ray Eames will be displayed through the exhibition for the first time in Asia Pacific.



The exhibition will also include an original segment of the Eames' exhibition, *Mathematica*. Designed by the husband-and-wife team in 1961, *Mathematica* debuted at the California Museum of Science and Industry and remained on continuous display for 37 years. It remains one of the most recognisable and heralded exhibitions that explains complex mathematical concepts through simple forms. *Essential Eames* will showcase two interactive objects reproduced from the original *Mathematica* exhibition which help shed light on the mathematical theories behind the Moebius band and celestial mechanics.

Novel designs for toys and play were also a hallmark for Ray and Charles Eames. *Essential Eames* will feature perhaps the couples' most loved toys, the House of Cards. This fun and educational offering includes a series of notched cards with a variety of images that can be joined together to build different structures. Over 1,500 giant House of Cards will be jointly constructed at the exhibition, making it the largest installation of its kind in the Asia-Pacific region. Visitors to *Essential Eames* will be able to explore, interact and have fun at this innovative and mammoth structure.

*Essential Eames* will also feature a number of films chosen from among the over 125 produced by the design icons during their lives. These include the groundbreaking 'Glimpses of the U.S.A' and 'Powers of Ten'. Additionally, films created by the Eames Office and Eames Demetrios, will be on display as well.

Mr. Demetrios will also serve as curator for *Essential Eames*. During the exhibition's opening weekend of 29-30 June at ArtScience Museum, he will be providing a series of guided tours and lectures. Both will draw on his unique insight regarding his grandparents' extensive work and legacy as design icons.

Tickets for *Essential Eames: A Herman Miller Exhibition* will go on sale from 1 June, 2013. For additional details regarding these visitor opportunities and ticket information as they become available, please visit [www.marinabaysands.com/ArtScienceMuseum](http://www.marinabaysands.com/ArtScienceMuseum).

ArtScience Museum at Marina Bay Sands is known as the museum that celebrates creativity, the processes at the heart of art and science, and their role in shaping society. The Museum seeks to understand what drives creative people, how they acquire and use their skills, and how the world around us is changed because of it. ArtScience Museum presents exhibitions and programmes to deliver these stories using a combination of beautiful design, intriguing content and intellectual discussion, in order to inspire the creativity in all of us.



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Featuring 21 gallery spaces totaling 50,000 square feet, the boldly iconic lotus-inspired ArtScience Museum is also the premier venue for major international touring exhibitions from the most renowned collections in the world. Since it opened in 2011, ArtScience Museum has been home to some of the best-attended exhibitions in Singapore, including “Titanic: The Artifact Exhibition”, “Harry Potter: The Exhibition”, “Andy Warhol: 15 Minutes Eternal”, “Dali: Mind of a Genius” and “The Art of the Brick”. “Essential Eames: A Herman Miller Exhibition” will be the fourteenth exhibition to be staged at ArtScience Museum.

ArtScience Museum at Marina Bay Sands was awarded TripAdvisor’s Certificate of Excellence in 2012, earning a top rating of 4.0 out of 5. This recognition places the museum amid a select group of attractions that have been recognized by worldwide travelers for providing outstanding tourist experiences.

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#### **About the Eames Office**

The Eames Office is dedicated to communicating, preserving and extending the work of Charles and Ray Eames. All three of those dimensions are important to keeping the office useful and vital. At Eames Office, we believe that Charles and Ray’s work was the result of a way of looking at the world – a design philosophy and process that is worth sharing in many different dimensions. We also believe that creating wholly new works is as consistent with that philosophy as restoring and distributing classic ones.

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