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Exhibition Showcases Czech Artistry in Glass and Porcelain

**(Frankfurt/Main, Germany) *-   
“Brilliant By Design“ is the title of an exhibition accompanying the Ambiente 2013 fair, showcasing the work of current Czech designers as produced by the country’s premier glass and porcelain manufacturers. The contemporary designer pieces are set against their historical predecessors, highlighting different aspects of the Czech glass and porcelain manufacturing tradition. The exhibition can be viewed at the Czech Republic stand in the Foyer 4.2, Messe Frankfurt, between 15-19 February.***

Czech glass and porcelain are rank among the Czech Republic’s most successful exports, as witnessed by their ample representation at the Ambiente 2013 design fair in Frankfurt. A long manufacturing tradition has contributed to their current high quality and artistic excellence.

Since the mid-19th century, when showcasing their products at exhibitions around the world, Czech glass manufacturers have used designs by academically trained artists. Nowadays, artists and designers are an integral part of the entire manufacturing process. Czech glass and porcelain products owe part of their worldwide success to the designers’ willingness to push the boundaries of what is technically possible.

The exhibition presents designer glass and porcelain made by contemporary Czech companies. Specifically, it aims to emphasise the continuity of glass and porcelain production by selecting successful, timeless examples from the past 100 years. The historical aspect is represented by photographs; visitors can thus see each contemporary piece in the context of the evolution of Czech glass and porcelain production, with references to period design icons as well as their specific manufacturing technology.

The exhibition Brilliant By Design, curated by Petr Nový, presents the work of Czech designers **František Vízner, Jiří Pelcl, Olgoj Chorchoj, Martin Žampach, Matěj Chabera, Vanda Mocová, Martin Fait, René Roubíček, Arik Levy, Rony Plesl, Zdeněk Lhotský, Jiří Laštovička, Viktor Chalepa, and Daniel Piršč.**

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