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# BETTER FUTURE

The question everything revolves around: What's next? There is no way around rethinking and redesigning the future. In light of the current situation, this is not just an empty phrase, but a mission of utmost urgency.

One thing is certain: design will contribute massively to this endeavor. The Design Month Graz 2021, which is under the program focus "Better Future", shows us exactly what can be done.



# OPEN- ING

Friday,  
May 7, 2021  
6:00 pm, online

Opening

Different from before. Innovative as always. Exciting as never before. It is happening. There will of course be no opening event. In-person events will be few and far between. Nevertheless, there is an immensity to experience virtually and online in the UNESCO City of Design Graz that is now celebrating its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Opened by:

**Barbara Eibinger-Miedl**, Minister of Economy, Tourism, Regions, Science & Research

**Siegfried Nagl**, Mayor of the City of Graz

**Eberhard Schrempf**, Managing Director Creative Industries Styria

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Program →

# PROGRAM OUTLOOK

Exhibitions in the  
Design Month Graz

Open from  
May 8

**FANTASTIC PLASTIC** Old resources for new products. The exhibition raises awareness for the value of plastic as a raw material and shows a wide range of products made from recycled plastics, incorporated into a sustainable product life cycle. The exhibition can be seen at Herrengasse 26.

**SUREAL. SUSTAINABLE RESPONSIVE ART LAB** The exhibition offers insights into the design process of the newly built Merkur Campus. Both the concept by the SelfSightSeeing Company and the implementation of the design were guided by sustainability. The exhibition can be seen at designforum Steiermark.

**THE 4<sup>TH</sup> BLOCK** The poster exhibition takes a critical look at the ecological, social and cultural challenges facing the world. It was originally conceptualized in the wake of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster. The exhibition can be seen at the underground parking garage at Andreas-Hofer-Platz.

The Graz Museum shows **"The City As A Data Field. How we want to live in the future"** and the exhibition **"Material Loops. The Circular Economy"** is on the program in the House of Architecture. The exhibition **"taste the ortwein"** with final projects of students from the Ortweinschule Graz will take place from June 5 in the designforum Steiermark.

Other highlights



**DESIGN IN THE CITY** 30 design-savvy shops provide a platform for designers to present their unique products. Discover the diversity of design in the city on special tours with the GrazGuides.

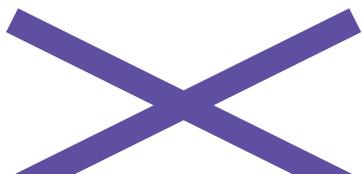
**PARKLETS FOR THE CITY** The public urban space will be expanded by four parklets in May to increase quality of life. These prototypes the size of a car parking lot are intended to provide an impetus for people to linger in the city. The project is a cooperation with the Holzcluster, the City of Graz and the Hechenblaickner Holzhandelsges.m.b.H.

## **SYMPOSIUM „REDESIGN THE FUTURE“**

International design and ecology experts reflect on the possibilities and measures for designing a better future – not merely in response to the pandemic, but rather as a complete redesign of a future that we have to rethink from now on beyond the current situation. The symposium will take place on May 10 and 11 in cooperation of FH JOANNEUM, Creative Industries Styria and the Green Tech Cluster. Program and link to the live stream: [www.designmonat.at](http://www.designmonat.at)

## **30 WAYS TO A BETTER FUTURE**

Based on 30 selected program items addressing a “Better Future”, 30 analogue and digital micro-tours with projects, exhibition contributions, discussions and meetings with designers attempt to provide answers and solutions for a better future. Program and sign-up: [www.designmonat.at](http://www.designmonat.at)





## WHAT ELSE IS HAPPENING

Small events and big exhibitions, stimulating discourses and discussions, workshops and much else that is exciting, thoughtful, and stimulating awaits you throughout the Design Month Graz 2021. And not only in Graz, but also in other regions, for example in **Weiz**, in **Kirchberg an der Raab**, at **Schloss Holleneegg for Design** or at the **Teichalm**.

Opening hours and all other information about the program is available at [www.designmonat.at](http://www.designmonat.at)

Of course, all events take place in accordance with the statutory provisions for mitigating the spread of COVID-19.



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