

artistic CREATION



You'll find artistic design everywhere in Paris. Not just in museums but in haute couture, design, jewellery, objects and works of art – all very much in the present.

The capital of fashion is a breeding ground for young stylists. This avant-garde current runs through the area in and around place des Victoires, Palais-Royal, and in the Marais. Discover contemporary creation at one of the seasonal fashion events (the Biennale de Paris, the festivals d'Automne et Émergences, the FIAC, the Mois de la photographie, etc.). But also in galleries, specialist markets, museums of course, art foundations (la Maison rouge, les fondations EDF-Electra, Cartier, etc.), cultural centres: Swedish (rue Payenne) or Swiss (rue des Francs-Bourgeois), the institutes: du Monde Arabe (place Mohammed-V), Goethe (avenue d'Iéna), Finnish (rue des Écoles) or Mexican (rue Vieille-du-Temple) and more. On a smaller scale, there are workshops, and alternative scenes like Artists in Residence as well as authorised squats, like the Point éphémère (quai de Valmy), the squat 59 Rivoli-Électrons libres (rue de Rivoli) or La Générale (rue du Général-Lassalle).

Artists studios

It is possible to see artists other than in museums and art galleries. You can visit them in their workplace and some even open up their studios on a permanent basis; others just open from time to time, notably during the "Journées Portes Ouvertes", organized by associations of artists. Don't miss them: they take place in the summer, sometimes in quite unusual places.

Anvers to Abbesses (9th)

3rd w/e in November.
Tel: 08 77 04 45 10.
www.anversauxabbesses.fr

Ateliers de Belleville (19th)

In May.
Tel: 01 58 53 55 44.
www.ateliers-artistes-belleville.org

Ateliers de Ménilmontant (20th)

In September/October.
Tel: 01 43 66 54 87.
www.ateliersdemenilmontant.org

Ateliers des Frigos (13th)

In May.
www.les-frigos.com

Père-Lachaise (20th)

In May.
Tel: 06 11 20 77 06.
www.apla.fr

Markets/ specialist shops

These markets and shops are full of beautiful things! Discover the expertise of designers – water-colourists, ceramicists, creators of original jewellery and textiles, designers, engravers, painters, photographers, visual artists, sculptors ... – and give in to temptation!

Galerie Elsa Vanier

7, rue du Pré-aux-Clercs (7th).
M° Rue-du-Bac.
Tel: 01 47 03 45 00
www.elsa-vanier.fr
Jewellery of jewellers and gold- and silverware designers.

L'Île aux Images

51, rue Saint-Louis-en-l'Île (4th).
M° Pont-Marie.
Tel: 01 56 24 15 22.
www.lileauximages.com
Purchase-sale of collectors' photographs and lithographs.

Marché de la création Paris Bastille

Bd Richard-Lenoir (11th).
M° Bastille.
Sat: 10am-7pm.
www.artistesparisbastille.fr
200 artists (water-colourists, etc.) present and sell their works.

Talents – Ateliers d'art de France

1 bis, rue Scribe (9th).
Tel: 01 40 17 98 38.
www.ateliersdart.com

This boutique showcases modern creativity with unique pieces and limited series by more than 100 French creative artists.

Art galleries

Take your time to examine that highly-coveted object, discuss it with the gallery owner and if a sale is agreed you will receive a certificate of authenticity. Prestigious galleries of art objects and antiques (fine paintings, jewellery, furniture, etc.) have, since the 1850s, occupied the area near the Drouot auction rooms (9th), the surrounding covered arcades and the neighbourhood of the Bourse (2nd). Also very up-market are the numerous galleries in Saint-Germain-des-Prés. Contemporary design reigns at Bastille, around the Centre Pompidou and in the Marais, rues Saint-Claude, de Turenne and Vieille-du-Temple. Every two months or so, each gallery renews its exhibition of objects for sale: photos, paintings and installations. A new generation of gallery owners has moved into the former industrial districts of the 13th arrondissement, rues Chevaleret, Duchefdelaville, Louise-Weiss.

N.B.: contemporary art is also becoming popular on the heights of Belleville and around the Parc des Buttes-Chaumont.

Galerie de Paris

10, bd des Batignolles (17th).
M° Rome.
Tel: 01 45 22 57 23.
www.galeriesdeparis.fr
Exhibitions by contemporary artists on the theme of Paris.

PARIS, CAPITAL OF CREATION

Each year, this operation brings together some thirty professional trade fairs for fashion, design, art professions and house and home. Over 400,000 sq.m. of exhibition space play host to professionals from 115 countries: 17,500 designers and manufacturers including 6,000 foreigners, and 700,000 buyers including 350,000 foreign buyers. Get the Guide des 100 adresses incontournables (100 top addresses guide). Also available to download from the website, it suggests a design trail across the capital to discover designers, museums, art galleries, fashion designers, cafes, bookshops, etc. Information: www.pariscapitaledelacreation.com

Blandin Nicolas

Tel: 01 45 08 52 83.
Personalized accompaniment and advice on buying art at auction rooms, from major galleries, and from Parisian antique dealers and flea markets.

Outdoor art and street art

The streets, squares and gardens of Paris are home to thousands of works of art. There are well-known ones like the Buren columns at the Palais-Royal or the Stravinsky fountain on the esplanade at the Centre Pompidou. Others are more unobtrusive, as were the 135 Arago medallions, by Jan Dibbets, before the success of the Da Vinci Code. The medallions are set into the pavement on the old Paris Meridian line. On the sidelines of official commissions, 'clandestine' art expression – frescoes, graffiti, stencils, ceramics, etc. – occupy public areas. The more or less incognito artists of these works sometimes become so notorious that ... they end up receiving public commissions.

Belleville's art works can be found in Belleville along with the phantom silhouettes of Jérôme Ménéger. As for the 'love graffiti' of the tagger André and the mysterious mosaic Space Invaders, just look around and you will see them more or less all over!

EVENT

Nuit Blanche (Sleepless Night)

Every first Saturday in October, from 7pm to dawn, this event organized by the City of Paris, provides free access to contemporary design sites that are sometimes quite surprising, in several neighbourhoods of Paris. It is a great success! Interactive works, concerts of images, live shows: these aesthetic explorations with their festive air are becoming ever more popular. Programme on www.paris.fr