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output, and lets all aspects of his work stand out clearly. The exhibition will have a historical as well as a contemporary dimension. It will make use of models, drawings, settings and photography, as well as the most recent audio-visual and computer technology. Arne Jacobsen The Egg chair from 1958 was developed for the lobby and reception areas at the Royal Hotel in Copenhagen. 2003

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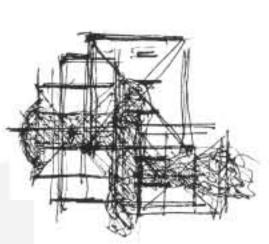
is one of the most influential designers of his generation. His thinking process, use of materials, and innovative style has inspired many different avantgarde designers from the 1950's to present. This exhibition features Charles Eames' series of metal frame furniture, which shows a combination of architecture and design that was revolutionary to the time period. New design process and thinking were brought on by Eames working with designers, architects, manufacturers, and industrialists.

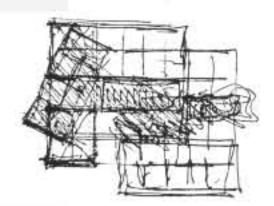
Charles Eames [1907 – 78] was born in the midwest and as a young man worked for engineers and manufacturers, anticipating his lifelong interest in mechanics and the complex working of things. Eames later attended Cranbrook Academy of Art [1940] and profitted from their holistic design approach and its creed of better living through better design. Eames' experiences in the work force, college, and design practice helped to create his "new depth of vision."

Through his furniture design, Charles got the opportunity to demonstrate his avant-garde style. The conceptual backbone of this diverse work was the search for seat and back forms that comfortably support the human body, using three dimensionally shaped surfaces or flexible materials instead of cushioned upholstery. This new method of approaching the design challenge, was supported by Eames' extensive experience and research in these numerous fields.

Eames wire-base side chairs include the singleshell plastic chair and wire chairs. Both the plastic and wire models rest on a bent-wire, welded base, also called the "Eiffel Tower" base. Immediate hits when they were introduced in the early 1950's, the chairs were design breakthroughs in the use of materials. Wire rod remained a favoured material for avant-garde designers all throughout the 1950's but his unique thought process for new material and style is still incorporated in most design today.

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