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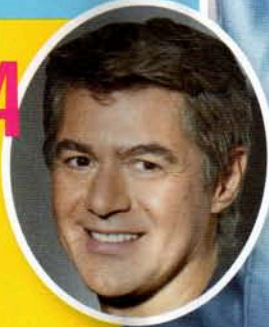
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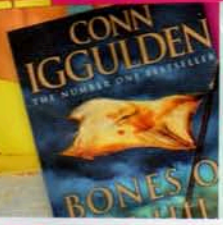
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Stylish and Irish

We take a look at what's going on in Ireland and speak to some of those on the cutting edge of the industry *By Angharad Williams*

FIVE QUESTIONS FOR IRISH DESIGNERS

Irish furniture design company, VaughShannon, was set up by Trevor Vaugh and Nic Shannon who met while studying Industrial Design at the Institute of Technology in Carlow. Their fun and funky furniture has been featured from Dublin to Darwin, most recently they represented Ireland at the Palermo design week in Italy. We managed to track the guys down to find out more.

HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE YOUR DESIGNS?

"We try not to take ourselves or our designs too seriously. However, right from the beginning we decided that we didn't want to create anything just for the sake of it, there are enough pointless and useless products which end up on scrap pile without us adding to it. For this reason we set ourselves three loose guidelines for the design of all our products. Everything we create must be fun, helpful and charming."

WHAT INSPIRES YOUR WORK?

"Inspiration can come from, and has come from everywhere. It is impossible to pinpoint exactly where it comes from, or when it will happen, but when it does it's a great feeling. I guess most of the time it comes from a need. A functional need, an emotional need or just a need to experiment."

WHICH IS YOUR MOST POPULAR PIECE?

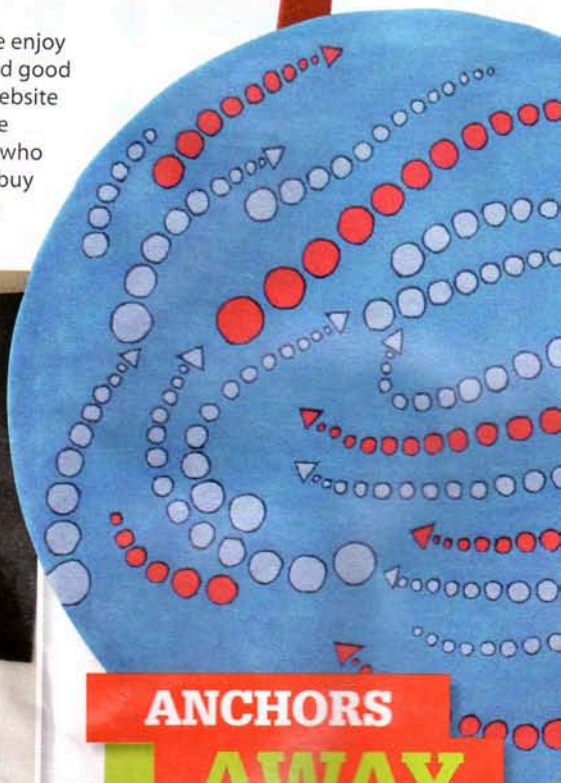
"Defiantly our Madra magazine rack has really touched people in a way which we never expected! The piece was designed almost as a joke, we brought it to London in 2007 and since then it has appeared in magazines all over the world, and there are now happy Madras in homes from Milan to New York. The design has now been licensed to an American retailer, so soon there will be packs of Madras all over the place!"

WHERE CAN PEOPLE SEE / BUY YOUR WORK?

"We sell some of our products through the Irish design shop (www.irishdesignshop.com) We currently do not have a showroom but hopefully that will be coming soon. In the mean time just email and we will do our best to help!"

NETTING A BARGAIN

The new online home accessories store, eBoutique, is a Waterford-based company set up by Joanne Fennell. Having returned from The Netherlands where she spent five years working as an IT Consultant and Service Delivery Manager, she wanted to do something that she could be passionate about, based on the fact that she enjoys technology, shopping, home accessories and good service – and so eBoutique was born. The website offers the possibility to buy affordable home accessories online and is perfect for people who don't have time to go from shop to shop to buy home accessories. Visit www.eboutique.ie or call 087 955 6434 for more information.



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