Press Release

Robert Welch - Design: Craft & Industry by Charlotte and Peter Fiell to be launched at London Design Festival

Robert Welch – Design: Craft and Industry by Charlotte and Peter Fiell is published in September 2015. The book is a comprehensive, lavishly illustrated survey of one of the leading British designers of the twentieth century, with exclusive material from the Robert Welch Archive.

The book will be officially launched at London Design Festival, at the Margaret Howell store on Wigmore Street, on 23rd September - http://www.londondesignfestival.com/events/robert-welch

Robert Welch’s design legacy remains strong after sixty years, a testament to the endurance and quality of the designer’s products. Trained at the Royal College of Art in London, Robert Welch was one of the leading British designers of the twentieth century.

In 1955 Robert Welch set up his design studio on the top floor of the Old Silk Mill, Chipping Campden, where the company is still based today. Surrounded by hundreds of years of history in this working building, many of the products he designed have helped shape British modernist product design.

Robert Welch: Design: Craft and Industry traces both the progress of Welch’s career, design philosophy and the evolution of the company and products that he created.

Illustrated with exclusive material from the Robert Welch Archive, including working sketches and rare archive photography, this is the definitive book on one of the 20th century’s greatest product designers. With a foreword from Alice and Rupert Welch, Robert’s children and successors at the head of the family business, this book offers a truly personal insight into the life and work of this groundbreaking designer.
Released alongside the book is the Robert Welch Legacy Collection, a selection of Welch’s most iconic and celebrated designs, charting six decades of exemplary design. The Legacy Collection celebrates Robert Welch’s contribution to the evolution of British product design for the home by bringing best-selling classics such as Radford Cutlery and our Limbrey Salt & Pepper mills together with limited production versions of cast iron products.


The Robert Welch Legacy Collection is available at www.robertwelch.com

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Charlotte and Peter Fiell are the authors of more than 20 books on design and the visual arts, including Scandinavian Design, The Story of Design, Designing the 21st Century and the bestselling 1000 Chairs.

ABOUT ROBERT WELCH DESIGNS

With over 50 years of industry experience and award winning products from their in-house design team, Robert Welch offers a unique range of cutlery, kitchen knives, utensils and tableware.

Company founder, Robert Welch RDI MBE (1929-2000) was an inspirational designer who believed that everyone should be able to use beautifully designed pieces in everyday life. Still family-run, the company is now an international brand with an extensive range of products including award-winning Signature kitchen knives and over 30 cutlery designs. Today the company’s products can be found around the world in department stores, on the tables of top restaurants, in the rooms of 5 star hotels and in the Robert Welch Studio Shops in Chipping Campden and Bath.