

## iittala Unique Days: collector's paradise

The Unique Days organised twice a year at iittala stores are major events that are eagerly awaited by collectors of design glass and limited numbered editions in particular. Cubes and birds by **Oiva Toikka** are again featured, together with designs by past master **Tapio Wirkkala**, at this spring's Unique Days, held between March 26 and 29. Items will be available for just the four days of the event and only at iittala stores.



Art-piece 3894



Ice Float



Ovalis-vase



Big cube no. 3360



Kaahko



Lollipop

Tapio Wirkkala has been one of the biggest names in Finnish design since the 1950s, and received numerous awards at the Milan Triennale over the years. A very versatile artist, Wirkkala created numerous classic designs, ranging from the *Kantarelli* vase to banknotes for the Bank of Finland, ketchup bottles, labels, and the original bottles for Finlandia vodka. The iittala range still includes a number of his creations, such as the *Tapio* and *Ultima Thule* ranges of glassware, the latter of which celebrates its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year.

### Rare Wirkkala designs

Wirkkala drew his inspiration for *Ultima Thule* from the melting ice and snow of the Finnish winter. The same theme is featured in his *Ice Float*, a true Wirkkala rarity, which has been produced for the first time, in a limited edition of 100, for this spring's Unique Days. As well as being an intriguing object d'art, the Ice Float can also be used as a tray.

Wirkkala's *Ovalis* vase will also be available during the Unique Days, in both red and a new colour, black, and in two sizes (160 mm and 250 mm). The clean lines of the vase set any flowers off to perfection. New colours are also featured in Wirkkala's cylindrical glass sculptures, with two combinations available as well as a clear version (No. 3894 and 3580). A special run of Wirkkala's handsome *Karahvi* decanter in three different colours – turquoise, sand, and clear – has also been produced for this spring's Unique Days. All Wirkkala pieces will be engraved on the bottom with *Tapio Wirkkala IITTALA 2008*.

### New collector's pieces from Toikka

Oiva Toikka's glass cubes are a particular favorite that collectors look forward to every year. His latest, a large piece (No. 3360), is the third in a series of three, the first of which was launched at the spring Unique Days in 2007. The cubes have been produced in a limited numbered edition of 50. The series of four cubes produced in 2007 and 2008 will also be available. In addition to his cubes, Toikka has also created some new *Lollipop* sculptures, inspired by similar pieces he showed in the 1960s. A limited numbered edition of 60 of these one-of-a-kind pieces will be available.

Two new Toikka birds – the black, metallic, and gold *Kaahko* and *Rubiroosa*, with its shimmering rose and silver plumage – will be available in limited editions of 150 each.

## Special colours

Aleksi Perälä's *Ote* glassware, winner of the Design Plus Award, has been produced in a new colour, denim, especially for this spring's Unique Days. The *Aalto* vase and bowl (160 mm, 50 x 195 mm) have also been produced in special colours inspired by the Finnish natural world: sky blue on the inside, and snow white on the outside. Collectors of black pieces in the Teema range will be pleased to hear that 1,500 dinner plates (26 cm) and square dishes (16 x 16 cm) will be available at the Unique Days to complement the four pieces in the standard range.

Visitors to this spring's Unique Days can be sure of finding some exciting designs that will bring them pleasure for years to come.

**Product information:** Unique Days products are available only on March 26-29 at Iittala stores.

**Art piece no. 3894**, Tapio Wirkkala 1955, 185-200 mm, Sand/black and sand/moss-green, limited numbered editions of 100

**Art piece no. 3580**, Tapio Wirkkala 1955, 100x150 mm, clear, limited numbered edition of 100

**Decanter 2512**, Tapio Wirkkala 1959, 265 mm/85 cl, turquoise, sand, and clear, each in a limited edition of 200

**Ice Float**, Tapio Wirkkala 1976, 260 mm, limited edition of 100

**Ovalis vase**, Tapio Wirkkala 2008 edition, 160 mm, red, limited numbered edition of 120

**Ovalis vase**, Tapio Wirkkala, 2008 edition, 250 mm, red, limited numbered edition of 120

**Ovalis vase**, Tapio Wirkkala, 2008 edition 160 mm, black, limited numbered edition of 120

**Ovalis vase**, Tapio Wirkkala, 2008 edition, 250 mm, black, limited numbered edition of 120

**Large Cube no 3360**, Oiva Toikka 2007, limited numbered edition of 50

**Kaahko**, Oiva Toikka 2008, limited edition of 150

**Rubiroosa**, Oiva Toikka 2008, limited edition of 150

**Lollipop**, Oiva Toikka, limited numbered edition of 60

**Aalto vase**, Alvar Aalto collection, 160 mm, white/sky blue

**Aalto bowl**, Alvar Aalto collection, 50 x 195 mm, white/sky blue

**Teema**, Kaj Franck 1952, dinner plate 26 cm, black

**Teema**, Kaj Franck 1952, square dish 16x16 cm, black

**Ote**, Aleksi Perälä 2007, glass 25 cl, denim

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