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Brighton to host world's first exhibition of student typeface designs

In the first exhibition of its kind, Ampersand 2013 is delighted to present the best of student type design work from around the world. With more than a hundred entries from 35 countries, this one-day exhibition presents a panorama of emerging designers' work in web and print specimens, along with a take-home catalogue recording the thriving landscape of design education today.

The Ampersand Conference is an annual web typography event for web designers and type enthusiasts, now in its third year and taking place on 28 June at Brighton's Corn Exchange. Erik Spiekermann is giving this year's keynote address.

The type exhibition is open to conference delegates. See www.ampersandconf.com for booking details. Press interviews and tours by appointment during lunch hour (13.00–13.45). Email Ben Mitchell on ampersand.conference@gmail.com

THE EXHIBITION

The 2013 Student Typeface Exhibition is the first of its kind in welcoming submissions from design schools anywhere in the world, the only requirement being that students must have created their typefaces as part of their studies within the last two academic years.

This inclusiveness means that students have submitted work created for varying purposes and from different perspectives. We have engaged students from as far afield as Chile and Japan, from full-time courses devoted wholly to type design as well as from courses that cover typography only as a short module

within a broader programme. As such, the exhibition is intended as a panorama of typographic education, showcasing the diverse interpretations of what it means to design a typeface, and hopefully enabling cross-pollination of influences among upcoming type designers.

It is with great pleasure that we invite you to take a peek behind classroom doors around the world, and to share with you the enthusiasm and innovation going on in type design education today.

Exhibition Coordinator Ben Mitchell says "We are delighted to give students this opportunity to showcase their work in front of such a perfect audience. Type design is a booming industry with the recent developments in web typography, so it's a very exciting time to look at the influences and aspirations of the next generation of type designers."

THE CONFERENCE

Ampersand, now in its third year, is an affordable one-day event for knowledgeable web designers and type enthusiasts.

Ampersand 2013 will be a day of incisive presentations that will untangle all the practical details of web typography, given by experts in typeface design, responsive layout, typesetting, icon fonts, performance and optimisation, and front-end development. Speakers include: Erik Spiekermann, Mark Boulton, Gerry Leonidas, Ben Terrett and Chris Heathcote, Kutlu Çanlioğlu, Nina Stössinger, Andy Hume, Jenn Lukas and Christian Schwartz.

