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Pitt Rivers Museum inspires Rycotewood students

Oxford's Pitt Rivers Museum has inspired a new exhibition by emerging furniture design talent.

All objects in the exhibition have been designed and made by second-year foundation degree students from the Rycotewood Furniture Centre, at City of Oxford College.

The exhibition, entitled 'That's Entertainment', runs at the Museum from April 4 to May 26.

Drew Smith, who teaches the course, said: "Through a series of visits to the Museum the students have been inspired by the exhibits and the Museum itself. They have used a range of materials and processes to create practical and conceptual pieces. English yew and reclaimed timber sit alongside steel nails and oak. The processes used include veneering, wood turning and metalwork."

The project is one of a series of community projects involving students from Rycotewood. Last year students entered a competition to create new external seating at The Queen's College, Oxford, where the winning design is now being installed.

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Notes for Editors

- The Pitt Rivers Museum is one of Oxford's most popular attractions, famous for its period atmosphere and outstanding collections from many cultures around the world, past and present. Admission, exhibitions and events are FREE.
- The Pitt Rivers Museum was founded in 1884 when General Pitt-Rivers, an influential figure in the development of archaeology and evolutionary anthropology, gave his personal collection of 20,000 items to the University on condition that a museum was built to house the material, and that a post was created to lecture in anthropology. Today the collection numbers some 600,000 items, and the Museum remains an active department of Oxford University doing and supporting research and teaching in archaeology and anthropology.

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