

Press release

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**Exhibition: Bucky Fuller & Spaceship Earth**

Ivorypress Art + Books is to stage an exhibition of the work of Buckminster Fuller, from 1 September to 30 October, in Madrid. The show, which is curated by Lord Foster and Luis Fernández-Galiano, brings the different strands of Buckys influential career together with original drawings and models and will be the first chance to see the recently completed recreation of the Dymaxion Car.

Lord Foster writes:

Richard Buckminster Bucky Fuller (1895-1983) was an American genius who defied categorisation. He could be described variously as a green environmentalist, a prophetic visionary, a poet, architect, mathematician, map-maker and teacher, although he is most popularly known for his geodesic domes.

I was privileged to collaborate with Bucky for the last 12 years of his life and this had a profound influence on my own work and thinking. Inevitably, I also gained an insight into his philosophy and achievements. With Luis Fernández-Galiano, my co-curator for this exhibition, we have tried to show Bucky and the broad range of his work in the context of his time.

Buckys early career coincided with the streamline age which touched everything from the design of Zeppelins and aircraft to cars and trains and even houses. We reveal how these designs set the scene for some of his most radical proposals in the late 1920s and 30s. The exhibition charts the key chapters of Buckys long career using photographs, original drawings, models and structures together with the recently completed recreation of his futuristic Dymaxion Car, which is shown here for the first time.

In 1951 Fuller drew attention to the ecological issues of today when he referred to spaceship earth and the fragility of the planet, as such his work and observations are even more important now than they were in his lifetime.

This exhibition has been produced in collaboration with Foster + Partners.

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