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Exhibition image provided courtesy of John Galvin

The University's CUBE gallery is currently hosting two new exhibitions – one of which is housed in DESIGNLab, a new space dedicated to the celebration of some of the most cutting-edge designers around.

A collection of work by award-winning cabinetmaker, craftsman and furniture artist John Galvin is on display until 4 February 2012.

Glasgow-based John specialises in the application of traditional cabinet making methods to design unique pieces of bespoke furniture that intrigue and captivate. His innovative creations integrate contemporary design with quality craftsmanship.

Having launched John Galvin Designs in 2008, the self-funded business has gone from strength to strength in the past three years.

As part of DESIGNLab, John will be exhibiting his Manolo Lounger chair which has just won the furniture section of the 2011 Trada Wood Awards – the UK's premier architecture and furniture competition celebrating excellence in design in the world's most sustainable material. Now in its ninth year, the Wood Awards is the most respected award for building and design in wood.

Also at the gallery until 4 February 2012 is CUBEOpen 2011 – the UK's only annual open competition and exhibition of its kind.

Launched in 2007, artists, architects and designers are invited to apply with work that reflects current trends and debates surrounding the spaces and places in which we live.

The CUBEOpen receives applications from around the globe and visitors to the exhibition will have the unique opportunity to see the diverse and engaging ways that artists, architects and designers have been influenced by our surroundings.

The University's Collections Curator Stephen Whittle and CUBE's Creative Director Jane Anderson formed part of this year's panel of judges.

More than 30 artists have been chosen for this year's exhibition. Pieces include a compactable TATE model, guerrilla artwork and interventions that lead you outside.

CUBE (Centre for the Urban Built Environment) is located at 113-115 Portland Street, Manchester M1 6DW.

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