



Gio Ponti. Amare l'architettura

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- Documents a major retrospective on the versatile genius of Italian architect and designer Gio Ponti forty years after his death, with essays by a roster of notable architectural historians
- Ponti's work embodied an Italian-style art of living, and he was a major force in the renewal of Italian design after the Second World War
- The exhibition will take place at the Museo nazionale delle arti del XXI secolo (MAXXI) in Rome from 7 November 2019 - 26 April 2020

Gio Ponti – architect, designer, art director, writer, poet, professor, and critic – was one of the most renowned protagonists of Italian architecture and design in the 20th century. Forty years after his death, the Museo nazionale delle arti del XXI secolo (MAXXI) in Rome is dedicating a major retrospective to this exceptional figure. Beginning with his architecture, which can be characterized as a unique and original synthesis of tradition and modernity, history and design, elite culture and everyday life, the show explores his many-faceted talent, selecting projects that concretely illustrate the key concepts found throughout his architecture and design work. Included here are archival materials, models, photographs, books, magazines and objects which illustrate the many achievements of his six decade career.

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