

Find your Dream House at V&A Museum of Childhood

13 December 2014 – 6 September 2015

19 of London's best artists and designers have each created a magical, miniature room for the V&A Museum of Childhood. These tiny worlds come together to create Dream House - a dramatic installation for *Small Stories: At Home in a Dolls' House*, a new exhibition, which displays the UK's best-loved dolls' houses. Entry to the exhibition is free.

Specially commissioned for *Small Stories*, the Dream House rooms range from an aquarium bathroom to a bear's front room. PriestmanGoode, who design aeroplane interiors and are the designers of the new tube train for London Underground, have created a never-ending party table, Donna Wilson has designed a llama's bedroom and Emma Mawston and Keighley Shepherdly of Liberty have designed a picture perfect library with scaled down Liberty fabrics and hand woven textiles.

Highlights include:



Offline Hideaway by Dominic Wilcox

Artist and designer Dominic has created the ultimate precipitous get away complete with a candelabra and a jug of juice.



If a Budgie Dreamed of Being a Magpie by Bethan Wood

Furniture designer Bethan has created an exquisite lounge with scaled down versions of her own furniture designs and a miniature television.



Library (A Recent Plan) by Liberty Art Fabrics Interiors

Emma Mawston and Keighley Shepherdly of Liberty have created a beautiful escape with their library. A number of makers contributed including Jewellery designer Alex Monroe made the candlesticks and the rug was embroidered by Royal School of Needlework students.



Home is Bear the Heart is by Mister Peebles

This bear's living room features a honey pot collection and a shelf of books including *The Complete Works of Shakesbear*. Helen McGinley (aka Mister Peebles) is an illustrator.



I Always Dreamed of an Underwater Aquarium Bathroom by Katy Christianson

Illustrator Katy has created the ultimate childhood bathroom full of fish and coral.



A Night in the Studio by Ina Shin

Ina has used multicoloured leather to create a surreal scene in a sewing room. It features a miniature sewing machine and mangle. Ina designs jewellery.

Small Stories: At Home in a Dolls' House reveals the fascinating stories behind some of the UK's favourite dolls' houses. Through the stories of 12 dolls' houses from the past 300 years, visitors are taken on a journey through the history of the home, everyday lives and changing family relationships.

The small stories of each house are brought to life by the characters that live or work there. Day-to-day life is illuminated through tales of marriages and parties, politics and crime. Each house is displayed at a particular time of day and visitors can use buttons alongside the showcases to activate the narration and light up each character as they talk.

The exhibition encompasses country mansions, the Georgian town house, suburban villas, newly-built council estates and high-rise apartments. Displayed chronologically, the houses also show developments in architecture and design. It culminates with Dream House.

The exhibition will tour around the UK, to Europe and the United States.

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Open daily: 10.00 – 17.45, last admission 17.30.

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Small Stories: At Home in a Dolls' House is a FREE exhibition.

The exhibition opened on 13 December 2014 and runs until 6 September 2015.

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