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MADE IN NORWAY

OSLO You can see their work during this month's London Design Festival, but where do

LARS OLAV DYBDAL & WILHELM GRIEG TEISNER

Operating under the name of Gridy, designers Lars Olav Dybdal and Wilhelm Grieg Teisner create rational **furniture and striking homewares** out of local wood and other traditional Norwegian materials. www.gridy.no

- **Stay** In the oldest part of Oslo, **Krausturen**, **Grims Grenka** is a design hotel with an impressive rooftop lounge, and a restaurant which specialises in food cooked at low temperatures or served raw. 00 800 37 26 83 87. www.designhotels.com. Doubles from NOK1,555 (about £180)
- **Eat** For a cosy, buzzy atmosphere after dark, we like **Delicatessen**, a small tapas place in the central Grünerløkka district. It doesn't take bookings so it can get busy but the food is worth the wait. 00 47 22 71 45 46. www.delicatessen.no
- **Drink** Built in the former showers

of a public bathroom, **Tilt** bar has a great beer selection and games such as shuffleboard. 00 47 97 78 20 25. www.tiltoslo.com

• **Style hunt** In Grünerløkka, **Pur Norsk** (above) is a cool shop that sells only Norwegian designs, from door knobs to baby clothes. 00 47 22 46 40 45. www.purnorsk.no

• **Insider tip** There are 40 islands out in the **Oslofjord** and they're easily reached by ferry – take food, drinks and a blanket.

VIBEKE SKAR

Skar's designs range from **chairs to tea strainers** and her work has been shown in Milan, Tokyo and Stockholm. She has just launched a **tableware collection**. www.vibekekar.com

- **Stay** At the **Grand Hotel Oslo** in the heart of town, the breakfast alone justifies a stay, plus you can take a swim in the top-floor pool. 00 47 23 23 20 00. www.grand.no. Doubles from about £190
- **Eat** As an Italian-food addict, I like **Villa Paradiso** (00 47 22 35 40 60; www.villaparis.no) in Grünerløkka for a pizza and **La Donna del Tufo** (00 47 67 10 68 83; www.ladonna.no) at Lysaker, for a nice dinner outside on the pier.
- **Drink** During the daytime **Fuglen**, near the National Gallery, is a traditional coffee shop full of vintage

design items. By night, it changes into a deliciously genuine speakeasy bar. 00 47 22 20 08 80. www.fuglen.no

• **Style hunt** Walk around Grünerløkka if you are looking for design pieces: it's hard to resist the footwear at **Shoe Lounge**. 00 47 27 37 50 07; www.shoelounge.no

• **Insider tip** Just up the street from your studio there is a big flea market, **Bruktbutikk Sinsen**, great for secondhand and vintage treasures. www.bruttbutikkensin.no

Oslo's hottest designers hang out in their home town? Photographs by Julian Anderson

RAGNHILD WIK & LINDA SVEDAL WALSØE

The duo behind porcelain design company **Wik & Walsøe** take inspiration from Norwegian nature and Scandinavian folklore to create whimsical crockery. www.wik-walsøe.no

- **Stay** Beautifully situated in the hills above Oslo, **Lysebu** blends Norwegian and Danish influences. (and it stocks our porcelain in its shop). 00 47 21 53 10 00; www.lysebu.no. Doubles from about £195
- **Eat** Take the ferry to the island 'hide-out' of **Lille Herbera**. It has a waterfront restaurant with a great terrace. www.sult.no/lilleherbera
- **Drink** **Lorry** is a rustic bar just north of the Royal Palace gardens, where creative souls come for simple meals and more than 100 types of beer. 00 47 22 69 69 04; www.lorry.no

PETTER SKOGSTAD

This 26-year-old product designer only graduated last year but has already won *Elle Decor Norway's* coveted Young Designer of the Year Award for his furniture and lighting products. www.peterskogstad.com

- **Stay** Design hotel **Grims Grenka** (see far left) may be in the oldest part of Oslo, but it has a fresh atmosphere.
- **Eat** Hillside restaurant **Ekeberg** is in a 1920s Functionalist building set above the east of the city. Sit outside and enjoy steamed mussels, french fries and aioli. 00 47 23 24 23 00; www.ekebergrestauranten.com
- **Drink** I go to **Aku-Aku** tiki bar, which was inspired by Norwegian adventurer Thor Heyerdahl and his legendary Polynesian expeditions. Near Sofienberg Park, it's small but very popular. Try the Mai. Tel: 00 47 41 17 69 66; www.akuku.no
- **Style hunt** Traditional trattoria meets Eighties Italian design at **Trattoria Popolare** in Grünerløkka, which I collaborated on with designers Andersen & Vøll. The Italian food is excellent. 00 47 21 38 39 30; www.popolare.no
- **Insider tip** Hidden by the river close to Grünerløkka, **Bli club** is a popular venue with lots of concerts, from rock to jazz, hip-hop to electronics. 00 47 982 56 386; www.bliasto.no

• **100% NORWAY** is at Earts Court from 22–25 September as part of the London Design Festival. www.norway.org.uk/100percent