



Press Release

3 Craft Central Events for the London Design Festival 2008

In celebration of the diversity of UK contemporary craft and design, Craft Central brings you three intriguing events to explore and enjoy during the London Design Festival 2008...

Porcelain

A ceramic exhibition exploring the fascinating versatility of porcelain...

Dates: 17-21 Sept, Wed - Fri 12noon - 7pm
Sat & Sun 10am - 4pm (Free Admission)
Venue: Craft Central, 33-35 St John's Square, London EC1M 4DS

Including an Evening Artist's Talk by 4 ceramicists exhibiting in Porcelain – Wed 17 Sept 6pm
Cost £5 (including complimentary wine) Booking is required. Call 020 7251 0276 or email onshow@craftcentral.org.uk



Marie Hermann



Ikuko Iwamoto



Louisa Taylor



Janet Stahelin-Edmondson



Helen Beard

Five ceramicists will be making their mark during the London Design Festival with an exhibition of porcelain works at Craft Central. **Porcelain** explores the fascinating versatility of this material, through a diverse selection of works from artists at the forefront of contemporary ceramic design. The varied range of porcelain pieces are united by the common theme of functionality; that each object is intended for use.

Each artist considers a different approach to porcelain. **Helen Beard** throws the form, then utilises the porcelain as a canvas for her delightfully intriguing illustrations.

Marie Hermann, another artist working on the wheel, achieves a tactile quality in her work by throwing the pots and then squashing them with dimples.

Louisa Taylor plays with the functional qualities of pots, surprising the viewer with stackable cups that cannot be separated from their saucers. Her clever sugar bowl fits with the milk jug, assembling a neat little set.

Janet Stahelin-Edmondson delicately builds her pots to imitate the appearance of vintage lace. They are hand built, pressed and moulded with fine layers of porcelain.

Ikuko Iwamoto takes a unique approach to functional porcelain with her bizarre spiky vessels, reminiscent of cells from a microscopic world – the result is exquisitely strange.

Bright Ideas Launch

Six exciting new products from talented UK designers...

Date: 13 – 25 Sept 2008

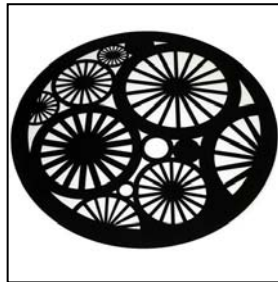
Venue: The Southbank Centre Design Shop



Anthony Roussel



Sasha Boyo



Michelle Mason



Rebecca Chitty

The **Bright Ideas** Award Scheme offers six awards to designer-makers, enabling them to focus on developing one new product over six months from 'bright idea' stage through to 'ready for sale' product. Representing excellence in craft, originality and flair the selected designers are recognised as 'ones to watch' from current UK talent.

Be amongst the first to pick up a luxury felt wool rug from **Michelle Mason**, a quirky sandcastle vase from **Rebecca Chitty** or select from **Selena Rose's** striking wallpaper designs. Also launching are beautifully woven fabric tea and coffee cosies from **Margo Selby**, celtic inspired perspex bangles from **Sasha Boyo** and distinctive wooden bangles from newcomer **Anthony Roussel**.

The Bright Ideas 2008 products will be launched at:

The Southbank Centre Design Shop during the London Design Festival, 13 – 25 Sept 2008

Made In Clerkenwell, Craft Central's Winter Open Studios, 28 - 30 Nov 2008

One Day Designers Sale: Interior products

One day shopping opportunity! Pick up distinctive pieces of contemporary craft for the home at discount prices...



Alex R: Glass Art



Amy Aardvark



Ikuko Iwamoto



Michelle Mason



Lok Ming Fung

Date: Tuesday 23 Sept, 12noon – 7pm (Free Admission)

Venue: Craft Central, 33-35 St John's Square, London EC1M 4DS

Celebrate the last day of the London Design Festival with this one day opportunity to pick up distinctive pieces of contemporary craft for the home, by 10 UK designers at the cutting edge of their discipline. Alongside sneak previews of exciting new work, each designer will offer selected ready to buy pieces at remarkably discounted prices and it will also be the last chance to snap up bargains from previous collections.

Pop in to Craft Central and delve through the tempting interior products on sale, including; Michelle Mason's bold and beautiful lampshades, **Alex R's** exquisitely delightful glass hanging butterflies, **Lok Ming Fung's** intriguing and endearing 'Oohh...' range of ceramic boxes, and bright and funky printed cushions from **Linda Gifford**, **Amy Aardvark** and **Laura Berens**.

This exceptional shopping experience will be topped off by meeting the maker – a treat that makes buying craft much more special. Take advantage of the extraordinary discounts on offer, with selected items up to 50% off retail prices and make your house the envy of the street!

The 10 designers, cherry picked to spruce up your home, are...

Sandy Segal Ceramics, Ceramics

Lok Ming Fung, Ceramics

Amy Aardvark, Textiles

Ikuko Iwamoto, Ceramics

Alex R: Glass Art, Glass

Laura Berens, Textiles

Michelle Mason, Interior Products

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Linda Gifford, Interior Textiles

Matthew Topping, Traditional Contemporary Plasterwork Creations

Notes to the Editor

Further information and high quality visuals for all three events are available from Sarah Hewett at Craft Central: 020 7251 0276 sarah.hewett@craftcentral.org.uk

Craft Central is an oasis in the city providing access to the freshest craft and design products, direct links to designers and inspiring audiences with cutting-edge creative processes. A pioneering not-for-profit organisation established over 25 years Craft Central is dedicated to supporting crafts people and designer-makers in the most appropriate ways to achieve success. Craft Central promotes the work of its designers to the public through an exciting yearly programme of innovative exhibitions, events, talks and behind the scenes tours.

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