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Made in Clerkenwell

Winter Open Studios at Craft Central
24-27 Nov 2011

2 buildings. 100 designers. The ultimate shopping treat!

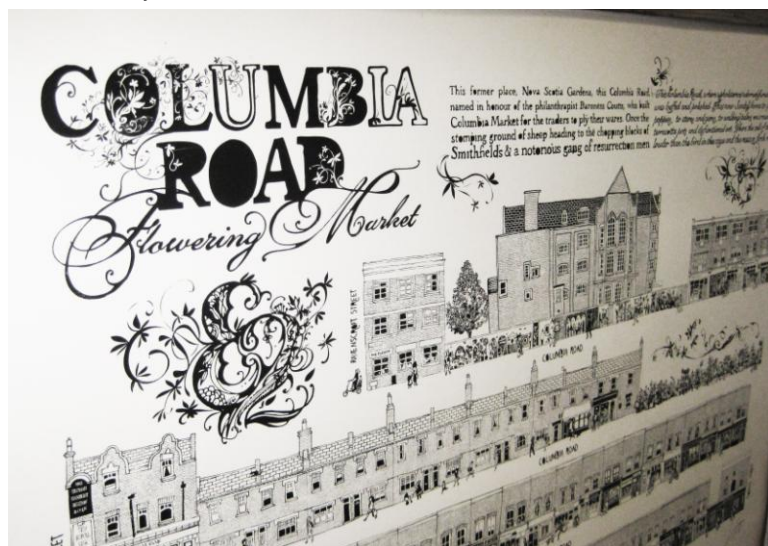
Special Launch Night on Thurs 24 Nov, 5-8pm (join us for a drink)
Late Night Shopping on Fri 25 Nov, 12noon - 8pm
Avoid the High Street crowds on Sat 26 & Sun 27 Nov, 12-6pm

Venue: CRAFT CENTRAL HAS TWO GREAT BUILDINGS!
Craft Central, 21 Clerkenwell Green, London EC1R 0DX
AND 33-35 St John's Square, London EC1M 4DS
Admission: £2.50 per person (under 16's free)
TWO BUILDINGS FOR THE PRICE OF ONE!

Step out of the cold and unearth this oasis in the city - a hot bed of cutting edge craft and design. Visitors are thoroughly spoilt this winter as Craft Central opens the doors to its two fascinating buildings. This unique shopping event offers an intriguing 'behind the scenes' chance to explore the studios of our community of renowned designers. Whether you've got an hour to pop in or a whole day to mooch, mingle with the makers in the studios where they work their magic. One ticket allows unlimited access over the 4 days, including Thursday's launch event and Friday's late night shopping.

Avoid the nightmare before Christmas and pick up distinctive pieces of jewellery, fashion, interior products, ceramics, accessories and traditional crafts, by 100+ designers at the forefront of their disciplines. Prepare to be tempted and put an end to bad presents! Whether selecting a unique gift or browsing for personal pleasure, this exceptional shopping treat will be topped off by meeting the maker and discovering the studio in which they work their magic. Wow your friends by commissioning your own piece or discover a bespoke design service that will make you the envy of the street.

Made in Clerkenwell is renowned for great jewellery design and this winter is no exception. Adorn yourself with stunning fine jewellery by **Sonia Cheadle**, **Andrew English**, **Amy Keeper** and **Mark Nuell** (amongst other big names). Continuing the fashion theme milliner to the stars (including Deeta Von Teese, Alexa Chung, Lily Allen and the Noisettes), **Katherine Elizabeth** will help you prepare for those Christmas parties with her sumptuous vintage-inspired hats – the perfect finishing touch for any outfit!



Once you've finished decorating yourself, why not focus on your home? Find a world of intricacy and detail in **Ikuko Iwamoto's** studio with her bizarre and exquisite ceramics, **Michelle Mason's** popular London inspired interior products will brighten any home, **Helen Beard's** endearing hand-illustrated characters come to life on her hand-thrown porcelain, spot your favourite London street in **Vic Lee's** unmistakable prints and **Sarah Hocombe** reveals the captivating ancient process of fresco with her enchanting paintings.

Go back to the roots of making and discover the fascinating processes... and get your Christmas shopping done whilst you're at it! More details of participating designer makers coming soon...

Re-fuel for a busy crafternoon of shopping with delicious handmade treats by **Chop's Cakes**.

Notes to the Editor...

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At the cutting edge of craft for 30 years, Craft Central (CC) is an oasis in the city - actively promoting, nurturing and strengthening the future of UK craft and design. Designer makers flourish through insightful support, affordable studio spaces, accessible exhibition facilities and valuable opportunities. We understand designer makers, connecting over 550 through our growing dynamic national Network. We build relationships within our creative community and reach out to diverse audiences. CC is a destination for innovative craft and design, showcasing stimulating exhibitions, talks and 'meet the maker' experiences.

Special Services for Industry and Press...

Media and buyers industry are invited to use Craft Central as a resource. Craft Central's current Network includes a portfolio of 550 cutting edge designers producing work in a vast array of disciplines (including; fashion, textiles, accessories, jewellery and interior products). Craft Central can help you source new products, maker's profiles, accessories for shoots, news stories and more. **In order to bring talented designers and trade professionals together Craft Central offers a range of special service for industry and press visitors...**

Designer Introductions... Bringing talented designers and trade professionals together.

To maximise your time, Craft Central can arrange a day of meetings providing the chance to view and discuss work by designers selected to match your requirements. International buyers already utilise this service and find it an essential tool when sourcing new products. These meetings take place at Craft Centrals offices in London EC1M. View a selection of Craft Central designers in the online Designer Maker Gallery and just let us know if you would like to organize an appointment!

www.craftcentral.org.uk/designermakergallery

Keeping you in touch... Keep up to date with the hottest design talent!

Throughout the year Craft Central organises an exciting programme of exhibitions and events to promote new work by contemporary designers. Press releases are circulated regularly, but if you have a specific request please get in touch!

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