



Made in Clerkenwell

Summer Open Studios at Craft Central 2009

The ultimate shopping treat!

Avoid the high street crowds and meet over 70 designer makers – gain an insight into working practices and be inspired by exceptional craft and design.

Dates: Special Launch Night on Thursday 14 May, 5-8pm

Late Night Shopping on Friday 15 May, 12noon - 7pm

Avoid the High Street crowds on Saturday 16 & Sunday 17 May, 12noon - 6pm

Venue: Craft Central, 33-35 St John's Square, London EC1M 4DS and 21 Clerkenwell Green, London EC1R 0DX

Admission: £2.50 per person, under 16's free



Sarah Stafford



Davina Hawthorne



Virginia McArdle



Katherine Elizabeth

Ikuko Iwamoto



Sarah Hocombe

Unearth this oasis in the city - a hot bed of cutting edge craft and design. Visitors are thoroughly spoilt this Summer as Craft Central opens its doors with **Made In Clerkenwell** - a unique shopping event, offering an intriguing 'behind the scenes' chance to explore the studios and mingle with the community of renowned designers. Take advantage of this magnificent opportunity to buy distinctive pieces of jewellery, fashion, interior products, ceramics, accessories and traditional crafts by over 70 designers at the forefront of their disciplines.

Prepare to be tempted! 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 summer is no exception with stunning work for sale by **Sarah Stafford** and **Sonia Cheadle**. Continuing the fashion theme, milliner **Katherine Elizabeth** will be on hand to help you prepare for those summer weddings with her sumptuous vintage-inspired handcrafted hats and fascinators.

Once you have 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. Explore the captivating ancient process of fresco with **Sarah Hocombe's** enchanting paintings. Discover the delightful studio of bookbinder **Virginia McArdle**, known for her original approach to producing a variety of desirable book and print products. Go back to the roots of making and discover the fascinating processes!

Further information on participating designer makers and high quality visuals are available from Craft Central:
020 7251 0276 onshow@craftcentral.org.uk

Special Feature Exhibition: Reflect Forward Furniture Designer Olivier Droillard

Having satisfied your shopping urges perusing the open studios, why not visit the striking exhibition of new works from talented furniture designer Olivier Droillard in the Craft Central showcase.

Notes to the Editor...

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Craft Central's dynamic Network connects over 400 UK designer-makers, helping them to discover valuable opportunities and benefit from really practical and well thought-out services and resources. Craft Central takes time to understand makers and encourages them to develop groundbreaking new work. Alongside this support, Craft Central promotes cutting edge craft and design to the public through an exciting programme of innovative exhibitions and events.

The Reflect Forward Scheme www.craftcentral.org.uk/reflectforward

The Olivier Droillard exhibition is part of the Reflect Forward award scheme produced by Craft Central to enable contemporary craft practitioners to produce cutting edge new work whilst promoting the use of museum collections as a rich source of inspiration. The awards comprise of financial support, bespoke training and mentoring from Craft Central.

For more information or visuals please contact: Kate Osborn, craftcentralawards@yahoo.co.uk 020 7251 0276

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 almost 400 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 Central's 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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