

# design centre LONDON

## NEWSLETTER

December 2017

Coming up...



### 'Hamilton' Raises the Woof

It is the most anticipated musical of our time – Lin-Manuel Miranda's all-conquering masterpiece 'Hamilton' has finally hit London's Victoria Palace Theatre. Such was the demand for the UK run of this Broadway production that tickets sold out almost instantly. If you have been unable to secure any yet, you may be in luck. Nina Campbell has 12 stall tickets for a performance on 30 January 2018. For hopeful fans and animal lovers, there will be a silent auction (minimum bid £500 per ticket) to support Nikki Tibbles's dog charity Wild at Heart Foundation and Bruce Fogle's Protect Animals Greece, all to raise funds for animal welfare projects around the world. All bids need to be in by 26 January. For more information, please contact [cornelia@ninacampbell.com](mailto:cornelia@ninacampbell.com).



### Christmas Closing

Design Centre, Chelsea Harbour will be closed from 5.30pm on Friday 22 December 2017 and will re-open on Tuesday 2 January 2018. We wish all our friends, customers and supporters a very Happy Christmas.



### Spring's Ultimate Design Event

Be ahead of the crowd and register now for London Design Week 2018 (4 - 9 March 2018). Spring's ultimate design event is not to be missed. There will be an incredible line-up of 120 exhibitors and more than 100 immersive experiences, plus imaginative displays, bespoke installations and tempting food and drink. Taking place in London but refreshingly global, the compelling edit offers visitors a multi-dimensional experience, continuing a shared commitment to discovery and design excellence. There will be a wealth of opportunities to get the inside track from key influencers, established makers, luxury brands and emerging talent that promises to capture the new spirit of individuality and creativity. For a chance to win an exclusive prize, [click here to register](#).

### Sample Sale

Already looking ahead to January 2018? The festive season may be in full swing, but there are design events happening in the New Year. Save the date for the winter sample sale at Design Centre, Chelsea Harbour (8 - 13 January 2018). There will be discounts of up to 90% at 37 participating showrooms across an extensive range of contemporary and classic furniture, lighting, hardware, carpets and fabrics. There is a trade preview on the first day, and everyone is welcome for the rest of the week. A new initiative is Thursday late night shopping, alongside a Saturday opening. [Click here for more information](#).



This Month's Highlights...



### There's No Business Like Snow Business

Miranda Hart, 'Queen of comedy', bestselling author and screenwriter, switched on the Christmas lights at Design Centre, Chelsea Harbour. Warmly welcomed by the biggest crowd to date, she brought seasonal good cheer to the evening by illuminating the glass dome in the world's premier design centre. Overhead 6,500 snowballs, cascading through the centre dome and illuminated by glitterballs and projections, conjured up a dream-like snow flurry. 'This is what I call 'such fun' - it's all snowy and beautiful,' she said to the eager throng. Well-

loved *Chronicles of Narnia* characters mingled amongst the stylish guests, while mirrored men, snowflakes and a 'living snow globe' added an icy iridescence to the winter scene. Guests enjoyed mulled wine, cocktails, roasted chestnuts and festive canapés as well as live performances from carol singers and Belle Noir who kept the party atmosphere sparkling. Now in its eighth year, the event is a much-anticipated annual tradition bringing together top designers and high-profile influencers.



### Enter Into Narnia....

There is nothing like the sparkle of Christmas lights to give Design Centre, Chelsea Harbour an instant festive makeover. This year, every element of the Twinkle of Christmas installation was designed to evoke a winter forest with visitors stepping through an over-sized wardrobe, into the magical world of Narnia. The result is a triumph – a rich, visual experience that is spectacular and sweeping, while retaining a sense of wonder and enchantment. It was a collaborative effort with the team

working closely with 'event imagineer' Tony Marklew to achieve the beguiling landscape. Visitors can try on the coats in the wardrobe and wander amongst Christmas fir trees dusted with powdery snow. A glittery sleigh fit for a Snow Queen, filled with sumptuous throws and cushions, adds to the mesmerising atmosphere. In the showrooms, there are further seasonal displays and present ideas to discover. [View the Twinkle of Christmas installation until 22 December 2017.](#)

### Diamonds Are A Girl's Best Friend

Rubelli/Donghia hosted a drinks reception in its stylish Design Centre East showroom for renowned luxury jeweller Roberto Coin. It was a perfect match as both companies originally hail from Venice. Top designers and fashionistas were able to view an array of glamorous jewels, as well as try on some of the decorative pieces, which were brought to London for one day only. Placed beneath tempting glass cloches, they included the latest Sauvage Privé collection, notable for its geometric patterns in pavé set diamonds, jade and malachite.



### Animal Hospital

Patients at Chelsea and Westminster Hospital were surprised to see some new additions in the Medical Day unit. Woodland creatures including Hugo the Hedgehog and Felix the Fox will now make their permanent home in the hospital. Larger-than-life, they were originally commissioned for a winter installation in the domes, with wallpaper crafted to create their textured fur and fabrics tailored into dapper waistcoats. Research has shown that visual art has a positive effect in healthcare settings. Chelsea and Westminster Hospital has over 1000 artworks, and Design Centre, Chelsea Harbour was delighted to donate these spectacular hand-carved creations to cheer and revive.

### Food4Thought

At this time of year, fundraising for a good cause while showing off your baking flair is a winner all-round. For Tai Ping, it was literally a piece of cake when the team organised a cake sale in the Design Centre East Café. All proceeds went to Place2Be, the UK's leading children's mental health charity.



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