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Coming up...



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East Meets West Exhibition 2 – 11 November 2017

Great design thrives at Design Centre, Chelsea Harbour. It is universally recognised for being the best place to discover world-class talent, share ideas and spark conversations with influencers. From 2 until 11 November 2017, the **East Meets West** exhibition celebrates the influence of Asian art and culture. Attracting top designers, architects, international collectors, dealers and style-seekers, it is bursting with new perspectives and multiple ways to see creativity up close. Work by contemporary Chinese and Japanese artists are shown alongside rare Asian artefacts. Immersive experiences include engaging talks, demonstrations, workshops and discovery tours that explore the crossover between East and West. A spectacular aerial installation of red lanterns will contrast with Design Centre, Chelsea Harbour's famous architecture. The **East Meets West** exhibition is a participant in Asian Art in London, a globally recognised event that promotes Asian art across the capital. [For more details, click here.](#)

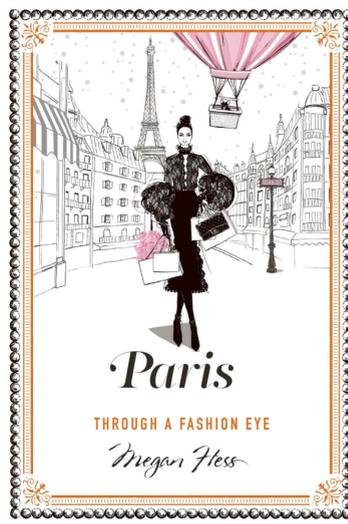
Unlocking Design Secrets

Designers are the most articulate advocates of what makes great interiors, and Marc de Berny is hosting a series of exclusive workshops to tap into their expertise. Expert and curator Miles de Lange kickstarted it all with a masterclass in styling, paying particular attention to the importance of mixing colours and materials. Next up will be an evening of inspirational Christmas table settings on Thursday 8 November 2017 with interior designer Rachel Bates, followed by a floral masterclass with Phillip Corps on how best to dress your home on Thursday 23 November 2017. [Book tickets here.](#)



Sing Loud and Proud

Come all ye faithful, Place2Be's annual carol concert will take place at St John's Smith Square on Tuesday 5 December 2017. With readings from actors Emma Thompson, Greg Wise and Patricia Hodge, as well as musical performances from Margaret Keys, Sansara and a children's choir, it will be a special evening. Place2Be is the UK's leading children's mental health charity providing in-school support and expert training to improve the emotional wellbeing of pupils, families, teachers and school staff. [Book tickets click here.](#)



'Paris, Through A Fashion Eye' Launch

Fashion illustrator Megan Hess has a huge international following and is known for her work with luxury brands such as Chanel, Dior, Cartier, Tiffany & Co, Fendi, and magazines including *Vogue* and *Vanity Fair*. She got her big break illustrating the bestseller 'Sex and the City' and was even commissioned to depict the glamorous world of Europe's premier design centre. On Wednesday 8 November 2017, Design Centre, Chelsea Harbour will host the London launch of her new book 'Paris, Through A Fashion Eye', a stylish adventure through the world's fashion capital illustrated in her inimitable, elegant style. To meet Megan and buy a signed copy of her book, reserve your free place today. [Click here](#)



Home For The Holidays

The designer showhouse is a popular concept in the US – but we have not had anything like Holiday House London for decades. Renowned designers including Nicky Haslam, Nina Campbell, Sophie Paterson, Natalia Miyar Atelier and Turner Pocock, to name but a few, have been asked to transform individual rooms, inspired by past holidays or personal experiences. Leading Design Centre brands such as Fromental and Holly Hunt will be participating in the event too that will showcase design trends, new products and cutting-edge fine art. As a charity initiative, all proceeds will go to The Breast Cancer Research Foundation®. The doors will be open from 8 November to 10 December 2017, and it promises to be well worth a visit. [For more details, click here.](#)

This Month's Highlights...

Culture, Craftsmanship & Curiosity

Creative directors and CEOs from some of the UK's leading luxury brands came together at a glamorous Walpole dinner hosted by Design Centre, Chelsea Harbour. The guest speaker was Dr Tristram Hunt, director of the Victoria & Albert Museum, who gave a fascinating speech into culture, craftsmanship and curiosity, the permanent collection at the world-famous museum and the ways it is furthering arts and design education. 'We're opening up our museum to change; and I'm delighted the luxury industry is doing the exact same thing,' he said. Design Centre, Chelsea Harbour is a member of Walpole, an organisation that promotes, protects and develops the qualities of UK luxury on the international stage: the long tradition, rich heritage, superior craftsmanship, innovation, design, style, and impeccable service at the heart of the industry – currently worth over £32 billion to the UK economy and a leading creator of jobs.



Wool & The Gang

A brightly coloured flock of sheep that would make people smile was this year's commission for Wool Week 2017. As well as being natural, beautiful, renewable and biodegradable, wool is soft, comforting and luxurious. It is also breathable, durable, naturally flame resistant and easy to care for. No wonder it is so loved by style-seekers and interior designers alike. Design Centre, Chelsea Harbour has supported The Campaign for Wool since its inception.

Art & Interiors

Autumn is a busy time for art-lovers with PAD London and Frieze firm fixtures on the international calendar. With its finger on the style pulse, Design Centre, Chelsea Harbour hosted an all-day event with *House & Garden*, focusing on how the worlds of art and design have never been more inter-connected. Designers are working with an increasingly sophisticated client base who appreciate that art is vital to a dynamic interior; and many leading designers surround themselves with art, drawing inspiration from the pieces they live with and artworks they have seen around the world. The stellar line-up included international interior designers Veere Grenney, Francis Sultana and Porden Cunietti, as well as Frances Christie, head of modern and post-war British art at Sotheby's, who all spoke passionately about the importance of supporting and living with art. 'Art makes a difference,' said Francis Sultana during his session. 'It provokes our imagination and reflects our personalities'.



Cooking the Perfect Steak

Leading interior design consultancy Espresso Design, in collaboration with Granit Espresso, led an insightful workshop into the fundamentals of extraction and how it impacts all elements of design and planning for a kitchen. Following a short presentation, guests were treated to the perfect steak using the latest Bora 'Teplan' stainless steel grill appliance in the Design Centre East showroom.



Café Chic

You may have noticed a few changes in the Design Café. Under the watchful eye of stylist supremo Arabella McNie, it is a triumph in relaxed chic in a soft palette of pink, olive and smoky grey. As pleasing to the eye as to the palate, diners can enjoy an informal all-day brasserie menu from Absolute Taste surrounded by beautiful designs from the showrooms. The convivial space features banquettes upholstered in 'Anney' leather in from Whistler Leather, wallcovering in 'Provincial Weave' by Thibaut at Jacaranda Carpets and 'Shiro' sheers by Mark Alexander at Romo. New paint includes 'Vineyard 65' by Sanderson and 'Architects White' and 'Quarter Quartz Grey' by Zoffany, all from Style Library. Adding a final flourish are contemporary 'Glass York' pendants from Original BTC, 'Bacco' wall lights and a 'Daphne' table lamp from Julian Chichester, alongside a statement 'Gemstone Mirror' by Alexander Lamont from The Bookshop and artwork from Paolo Moschino at Nicholas Haslam Ltd. [To book a table call 020 7351 5362.](#)

It's Good To Talk

The design industry is paramount to a dynamic design industry. At a recent interactive breakfast hosted by de Le Cuona, Grant Pierrus of the Interior Style Hunter and interior designer Justin Van Breda discussed the role of art and interiors with a panel of experts including Dr. Tiziana Maggio, Anna Zaoui, James Malcolm Green and Prince Kanwar Amarjit Singh of Kapurthala. 'A house with empty walls can't exist. Art is essential' was the conclusion.



School's Out

The way we learn has changed with visitors benefitting from less formal talks. Crestron EMEA's latest CPD course 'integrating technology into residential design' was developed to assist interior designers deliver creative, innovative projects that seamlessly integrate today's residential technology solutions. Artisanate Devices also held a successful lunch and CPD session on how to specify natural stone in its Design Centre East showroom.



Movers & Shakers

New Appointment

Design Centre, Chelsea Harbour is delighted to announce that Simone du Bois, previously brand director for Decorex International, has been appointed associate director of exhibitions. From November 2017, she will bring her wealth of invaluable experience to run the exciting exhibition programme for the Design Avenue that will start to unfold at the ever-evolving Design Centre, Chelsea Harbour.

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