



Design Centre, Chelsea Harbour is a renowned hub for designers, architects, decision-makers and the media. Bringing together the design world, it champions creativity and excellence.

THIS MONTH'S HIGHLIGHTS



Twinkle of Christmas

Warmly welcomed by a crowd of top designers and high-profile design lovers, **Joanna Lumley**, actress, presenter and writer, switched on the Christmas lights at Design Centre, Chelsea Harbour. With her characteristic warmth and sense of fun she brought seasonal good cheer to the evening by illuminating the glass domes. Overhead a magnificent Christmas tree six metres high suspended from the ceiling and surrounded by thousands of twinkling lights, baubles and silver snowflakes, each as delicate and spellbinding as the next, cascaded through the Centre Dome. 'It's thrilling to be here.'

she said. 'To see so many lovely lights in one exciting space is absolutely gasp-making.' Mistletoe stilt walkers and Santa girls mingled amongst the crowd, while trumpeters announcing Joanna's arrival added to the sense of occasion. Guests enjoyed mulled wine, cocktails, roasted chestnuts and festive canapés as well as live performances from carol singers, The London Community Gospel Choir and the Beatbox Collective. Now in its ninth year, the event is a much-anticipated annual tradition bringing the design community together.



Make A Gingerbread House

Imaginatively conceived and beautifully realised, the Twinkle of Christmas installations were some of the most striking to date; a visual experience that were spectacular, while retaining a sense of wonder and enchantment. A giant gingerbread house, over five metres high, complete with sugar windows, royal icing and cookie walls looked good enough to eat. Its traditional confection and inviting glow from the interior bringing the enticing creation to life. Visitors were invited to walk inside to glimpse

furniture, lighting and rugs designed by magic-makers including **Porta Romana**, **Style Library**, **Paolo Moschino** for **Nicholas Haslam Ltd**, **Julian Chichester** and **Tufenkian Artisan Carpets**. As part of a new initiative, Design Centre, Chelsea Harbour invited a select group of design influencers and bloggers to preview the Twinkle of Christmas who shared evocative images on their Instagram feeds. See the displays for yourself until 21 December.

Time To Celebrate

Showrooms opened their doors to celebrate the opening of new, well-appointed spaces. On the Third Floor, recent arrival **Beaufort Collection** invited guests to a party to view its bespoke soft furnishings including made-to-measure curtains, sofas and chairs. In the South Dome, US brand **Christopher Peacock** celebrated its move to a bigger, brighter, more prominent showroom located on the first floor by throwing a thanksgiving party. Chef Elliot Johnson-Paul of JP Dining wowed with a cooking demonstration. Guests were able to wander through special vignettes, viewing the luxury fitted cabinetry in the tailor-made kitchens, bathroom, bedroom and library.



Marking its return to the Centre Dome, **Original BTC** held a party to launch its chic new showroom. An array of lighting in bone china, aluminium, copper, brass and iron is brought to life against a striking navy background. At **Watts of Westminster**, the team invited designers to convivial Christmas drinks where they mingled amongst the magnificent passermenterie, fabrics and wallpapers.



COMING UP

Winter Sample Sale

Already looking ahead to January 2019? The festive season may be in full swing, but there are design events planned for the New Year. Save the date for the winter sample sale at Design Centre, Chelsea Harbour (7- 12 January 2019). There will be discounts of up to 75% at 30 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. For those evening shoppers, there is a late night opening on Thursday, alongside a Saturday opening. Click here for more information.



London Design Week 2019

Save the date for London Design Week 2019 (10 - 15 March 2019). 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 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 a new, cosmopolitan spirit of individuality and creativity. Register today for the chance to win an exclusive prize, click here.



MOVERS AND SHAKERS

Sutherland Perennials Studio

Sutherland Perennials Studio has opened a second showroom on the Third Floor, Centre Dome. Devoted to luxury outdoor furniture for modern lifestyles, a selection of impeccable pieces are distinguished by their elegance, comfort and craftsmanship. A living wall and blue limestone complete the contemporary look.



CHRISTMAS DATES

Design Centre, Chelsea Harbour will be closed from 5.30pm on Friday 21 December 2018 and will re-open on Wednesday 2 January 2019. We wish all our friends, customers and supporters a very Happy Christmas.