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LIBERTY X CRAFTS COUNCIL



Liberty announces the launch of The Gallery in partnership with the Crafts Council

Liberty are delighted to unveil the launch of a new partnership with Crafts Council. 'The Gallery' marks the beginning of London Craft Week (9-15 May) and showcases the breadth of craft in the UK today.

The exclusive exhibition curated from the Crafts Council's online directory, is a new shoppable art exhibition set to showcase the work of contemporary artisans, alongside original Liberty designs.

Situated on the fourth floor, visitors will be able to view (and buy) the work of independent craftspeople from across the full craft spectrum. Whether it's hand-woven wall hangings or oak-sculpted accessories crafted from sustainable wood, there are plenty of unique creations to discover. The exhibition will host makers such as artists Ash & Plumb, weaver Dalia James and potter and designer Isatu Hyde, to name just a few, as well as exploring the work of our in-house creatives, with a section dedicated to the best of Liberty design.

The Gallery will run from 21 April until the end of July, with a series of events and interactive workshops within the store. Item prices start from £30, purchasable in-store, online at Libertylondon.com or made to order.

Shop online via: www.libertylondon.com/uk/edits/craft-council/ or visit www.libertylondon.com/uk/features/the-gallery-liberty.html to discover more and all ticket bookings.

Makers list

Ash & Plumb

Ash & Plumb was created in June 2020 by Sussex based wood crafters Barnaby Ash and Dru Plumb. Born out of a desire to honour naturally sustainable materials and craft unique sculptural works, the creative duo breathe new life into living spaces.



Ruby Cubes

Ruby Cubes is a textile studio, based on the idea of experimentation and exploration. Full time artist Jessica Geach founded Ruby Cubes back in 2015 as a way to fully explore her lifelong passion for textiles. Having always had an innate love for tactile objects, Jessica soon discovered that her greatest passion lay in creating 3D objects that were both tactile and purposeful.



Loopy Ewes

Painstakingly handcrafted by shepherd, designer and maker Katie Allen, Loopy Ewes jumpers and blankets are made using yarns from her flock of native breed sheep, reared in a way that values natural systems and regenerates biodiversity. The Rafter blanket in hedgerow uses a combination of ecru yarn produced naturally from her Portland sheep and raspberry and moss yarns created using GOTS certified organic dyes. A beautiful heirloom piece, it's ideal for outdoor adventures or for when you need an extra layer of warmth at home.



Elin Hughes

Piecing together fragments from a range of eclectic influences, Elin Hughes creates mischievous vessels which explore personal and Welsh identity and the role of skill in today's society. By manipulating the clay as a metaphor for the continually shifting natures of these identities, she uses fractured designs to reconfigure wheel thrown forms.



Isatu Hyde

Isatu Hyde is a potter and designer and the co-founder of Studio Artificer. Isatu specialises in individual and batch production, wheel-thrown ceramics, creating contemporary works that push the boundaries of the everyday. Her work plays on bold curves and classical but minimalist aesthetics, whilst also drawing on her West African heritage.



Abeer Kayani

Abeer Kayani specialises in hand-dyed and screen-printed textiles. She works passionately with strong colours, intricate patterns and rich printing techniques. Coming from Pakistan, a country with a rich cultural background, Abeer uses her creative process to recreate her cultural experiences.



Porter + Trundle

Presenting the perfect fusion of colour, form and craftsmanship Porter + Trundle form a well-balanced duo. Their innovative and bespoke approach to design produces visually challenging and technically complex objects that are simultaneously unique works of art. Working to an individual's brief, Porter + Trundle promote close working relationships with architects, interior designers, retailers, private collectors and brands to create unique, high quality objects. As talented designers and makers Porter + Trundle work from initial design concept through to fabrication and installation with the added bonus of everything being produced in-house.



Par-avion co.

par-avion co. is a design partnership consisting of Simon and Monica Cass. With backgrounds in furniture making and architecture, the collaboration brings experience from both spaces into each of their designs, combining traditional craft and modern styling to create unique pieces for the home.



Quotes

'Specialising in sculptural forms and unique functional works, we craft with locally reclaimed and sustainably sourced woods aiming to honour the life of the tree through our work. Constantly amazed by the natural beauty of the British woods we work with, we consider ourselves editors not creators of nature's finest work.'

– Ash & Plumb

'Memories have no material form which is why I collect objects that are symbolic of home. I want my work to evoke emotional sense of joy and belonging.' – Abeer Kayani

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For high-res images of all the pieces contact media@craftscouncil.org.uk or phone +00 44 (0) 20 7806 2549

Notes to Editors

Visiting

LIBERTY
Regent Street
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Monday - Saturday: 10am - 8pm
Sunday: 12pm - 6pm*

*Browsing from 11.30am – Midday

About Liberty

Synonymous with the city its shop stands in, Liberty is a brand driven by discovery. Born in 1875 from the adventurous and disruptive spirit of Arthur Lasenby Liberty, the brand has remained true to its heritage and is famed for its print, fabrics, and design. Liberty continues to be associated with the world of arts and culture, building on its founder's legacy to seek out the new and the beautiful. Today, Liberty is recognised for its cultural collaborations, inspiring curation, and directional design. The iconic Regent Street shop encompasses six floors of fashion, beauty, Little Liberty childrenswear, accessories and homewares - bringing together the world's leading premium and luxury brands and housing them alongside its own Liberty range.

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About Crafts Council

The Crafts Council is the national charity for craft. We inspire making, empower learning and nurture craft businesses. We believe craft skills and knowledge enrich and uplift us as individuals and can change our world for the better. Each maker showcased at Liberty has been selected from the Crafts Council directory, an online platform of over 800 makers.

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