

DESIGN NATION

Crafted Futures

Design-Nation presents 35 UK makers for London Design Festival 2026



9–20 September 2026, 11am–6pm daily, free admission OXO Gallery, OXO Tower Wharf, Barge House Street, London SE1 9PH

This September, Design-Nation presents *Crafted Futures*, a curated selling exhibition of 35 UK designer-makers, staged at OXO Gallery on London's South Bank for London Design Festival 2026.

The exhibition spans ceramics, jewellery, textiles, glass, wood, lighting, paper, fibre and metal, with work loosely grouped around four themes: Nature & Sustainability, Heritage Reimagined, Geometric vs Organic, and Vibrancy & Calm. Every piece is available to buy directly from the maker.

Meeting the makers

Alongside the exhibition, Design-Nation is running a programme of Meet the Maker Talks, giving visitors the chance to hear directly from exhibitors about their process, materials and inspiration. On

Monday 14 September, the organisation hosts *Crafted Futures After Hours*, an invitation-only evening reception bringing together collectors, retailers, curators and media to meet the makers in person.

"Crafted Futures reflects everything Design-Nation stands for: supporting exceptional makers, creating meaningful opportunities, and connecting contemporary craft with new audiences," says Clare Edwards, Director of Design-Nation. "It's a chance for London Design Festival visitors to meet the makers and buy directly from them."

"Design-Nation has played a significant role in the development of my practice — investing in me through a recent mentorship with the Radcliffe Trust," says Laura Lee, one of the 35 exhibiting makers. "That support has led to this: exhibiting alongside my peers in Crafted Futures, a huge milestone in my creative journey."

Exhibitors

Adele Howitt — Ceramics; Alexandra Simpson — Jewellery; Alma Boyes — Ceramics; Angela Ibbs — Ceramics / Jewellery; Anne V Massey — Jewellery; Beatrice Mayfield — Textiles / Jewellery; Berni Raeside Bell (Detta Knitwear) — Textiles; Birgit Pohl — Ceramics; Bonnie Kirkwood — Textiles; Cassandra Smith (Cassandra Sabo) — Textiles; Cheyenne Chew Siegel (Losa Lou Ceramics) — Ceramics / Jewellery; Debbie Barber — Ceramics; Emma Cooke (Hello Ditto) — Ceramics; Geraldine Vacianina (Jewelfish) — Jewellery; Gina Pipet — Textiles; Glenice Hoffmann — Ceramics; Jade Holt (Lila Rose) — Fashion Accessories / Textiles; Joanna Terry — Ceramics; Julia Parry-Jones — Jewellery; Kathryn Stevens (Designs by Kathryn Stevens) — Ceramics; Kerry Hastings — Ceramics; Kira Phoenix K'inan — Glass; Laura Lee — Ceramics; Liz Stovell (Untold Jewellery) — Jewellery; Matt Reeves (Matt Reeves Furniture) — Wood / Furniture; Nick Newlands (Hounddog Design) — Lighting Design; Sally Scott — Glass; Samantha Boot — Textiles; Sarah-May Johnson — Textiles; Steve Cook (Modern Ceramic) — Ceramics; Susan Swales — Ceramics; Suzy Ager — Textiles; Yael Rosenberg — Ceramics; Yiling Wu — Textiles; Zoe Miller (Tangent Accessories) — Textiles.

Notes to Editors

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All exhibited work is available to purchase directly from the makers. High-res images and individual maker biographies are available on request.

Meet the Maker Talks Free public talks run throughout the exhibition. Full programme [here](#)

Crafted Futures After Hours Monday 14 September — an invitation-only evening reception for collectors, retailers, curators, media and industry guests.

Credits Photography: Agata Pec Styling: Bianca Zehra. Image 1 - L to R - Matt Reeves Furniture, Tangent Accessories, Lila Rose Upcycle, Susan Swales, Laura Lee & Designs by Kathryn Stevens. Image 2 - L to R - Losa Lou Ceramics, Joanna Terry & Yael Rosenberg.

About Design-Nation Design-Nation is the UK's leading membership organisation championing excellence in contemporary craft and design. Its community brings together exceptional designer-makers working across a broad range of disciplines, from contemporary interpretations of traditional craft to innovative material-led practice. As a not-for-profit, Design-Nation creates

opportunities that help makers build sustainable careers through exhibitions, professional development, advocacy and business support, connecting outstanding craft with new audiences, commissioners, collectors and cultural partners across the UK. Each year, more than 500 students, graduates, emerging makers and established creative businesses benefit from its programmes, partnerships and national network.

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About London Design Festival Established in 2003 by Sir John Sorrell CBE and Ben Evans CBE, London Design Festival celebrates and promotes London as the design capital of the world. London Design Festival has since earned the reputation as a key calendar moment of London's autumn creative season, alongside London Fashion Week, Frieze Art Fair and the London Film Festival, attracting the greatest thinkers, practitioners, retailers and educators to the capital, in a citywide celebration. The 24th edition takes place from 12–20 September 2026.

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