

OXO TOWER WHARF LAUNCHES A BRAND NEW EVENT FOR LONDON CRAFT WEEK 2019: THE FUTURE OF CRAFT

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9-12 May 2019

Bargehouse, Oxo Tower Wharf

Save the date: Private View, 8 May 2019, 6pm - 9pm



Curated by Oxo Tower Wharf, a carefully selected line up of innovative and forward-thinking craft organisations, practitioners and collectives will be presented across five floors in the raw, industrial settings of Bargehouse.

The Future of Craft has been conceived alongside project collaborators Design-Nation and Future Icons who will each present headline installations at the show. Design-Nation will showcase new projects and products by leading makers from across their portfolio including Amy Leigh, Christine Meyer-Eaglestone, Emma-Jane Rule, Georgia Bosson, Jacky Puzey, Jacqueline James, Julie Vernon, Lucy Elisabeth, Leszek Sikon, Linda Bloomfield, Maria Sigma, Michelle House, Raw Studio, Speckled Grey and Susannah Weiland.

Future Icons will present a curated mix of new and established hand-crafted projects by sixteen interior led artists across ceramics, furniture, lighting, metalwork and textiles including Vezzini & Chen, RHMB, Barnaby Goode, Richard McVetis, Jo Davies and Cristabel Balfour.

Elsewhere in the building, visitors will enjoy installations and demonstrations from craftspeople including Fung & Bedford, Helen Yardley, Margo Selby, Sarah Villeneau, Angie Parker and Anna Gravelle as well as an interactive installation of Catinca Tilea's #1minutelamp.

The event will also feature a special installation of David Penny's *Screen for Another Focus*. This moving image installation and series of photographic works were produced during an artist residency at Dovecot Tapestry Studio. The immersive projection focuses on the object and materials that build the weavers' world and the familiarity of actions and muscle memory in the body that all come into play in the process and activity of weaving. *Screen for Another Focus* will form part of this year's Real to Reel: The Craft Film Festival, presented by Crafts Council.

The Future of Craft will host a thought-provoking talks programme including a one-day seminar hosted by Ceramics Research Centre-UK. Group discussions and presentations will address topics such as Future Craft and Culture with speakers such as Clare Twomey, Phoebe Cummings and Tessa Peters. More to be announced soon.

Visitors will have the chance to get involved with hands-on craft workshops with Yodomo, who deliver creative learning experiences, including sessions such as *Make a Terrarium* with London Terrariums, *An Introduction to Embroidery* with Embellished Talk and *Rise and Shine shoe shine* with shoemakers Carreducker, and many more still to be announced.

For updates and ticket links visit: <https://www.oxotower.co.uk/events/the-future-of-craft/>

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More details and high-resolution images available on request

NOTES TO EDITORS

Oxo Tower Wharf is home to some of the UK's most innovative and internationally renowned designers. Visitors can explore over 25 open designer-maker studios across three floors of the iconic Oxo Tower Wharf Building - select studios will be running their own events as part of London Craft Week. This building is also home to contemporary exhibition spaces, Bargehouse and gallery@oxo.

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Design-Nation is a leading portfolio of some of the most acclaimed and innovative designers and craftspeople from across the UK. Their mission is to bring together partners, champions and investment, to strengthen business and creative development in the contemporary design and crafts sector. Future thinking for craft and design.

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Future Icons represents a select collection of design and craft led businesses that produce the finest home accessories, furniture, jewellery, fashion accessories, artwork and objet d'art internationally. Client collections can be found in museums, galleries and private residences across the world and are presented as heirlooms of the future.

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London Craft Week (9-12 May 2019) is an annual event that showcases exceptional craftsmanship through a journey-of-discovery programme featuring hidden workshops and unknown makers alongside celebrated masters, famous studios, galleries, shops and luxury brands.

www.londoncraftweek.com | Instagram, Twitter and Facebook: @londoncraftweek

Featured images were shot at Bargehouse by Yeshen Venema and styled by Jessica Jung. Makers featured from left to right, Linda Bloomfield, Kei Tominaga, RHMB, Maria Sigma (top right), Georgia Bosson (middle right), RHMB (bottom right).

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