



THE MAKERS MARKET



THE ROYAL EXCHANGE ANNOUNCES EXHIBITORS FOR THE MAKERS' MARKET

LONDON DESIGN FESTIVAL, 20th – 24th SEPTEMBER 2021



This September, for London Design Festival and in celebration of the building's milestone anniversary, The Royal Exchange will host *The Makers' Market*, a platform for design-led brands and makers to exhibit and sell unique, handcrafted products in a specially created pop-up space on the mezzanine level inside the grand courtyard of the landmark building.

The Royal Exchange is pleased to announce the following exhibitors for The Makers' Market:

Blackpop

Blackpop are a unique, timeless, and quintessentially British patterned print and home decor design house and will be showcasing some of their cushions at The Makers' Market. All their designs have stories - mostly culturally significant - for example Blackpop's 'Tudors Deconstructed' Collection was made in collaboration with the National Portrait Gallery, where they chose to deconstruct their world renowned Tudor Portraits.

www.blackpop.co.uk



Rekha Maker LTD

Rekha Barry is an architect based in Glasgow. Rekha Maker was started during lockdown to explore and test architectural motifs in a playful way. Alongside her assistant, Rekha creates slow-made and sustainable homeware. Rekha will be showcasing her architecturally inspired, sustainable range which includes a water tower inspired vase, minimal candle holders and plant stands.

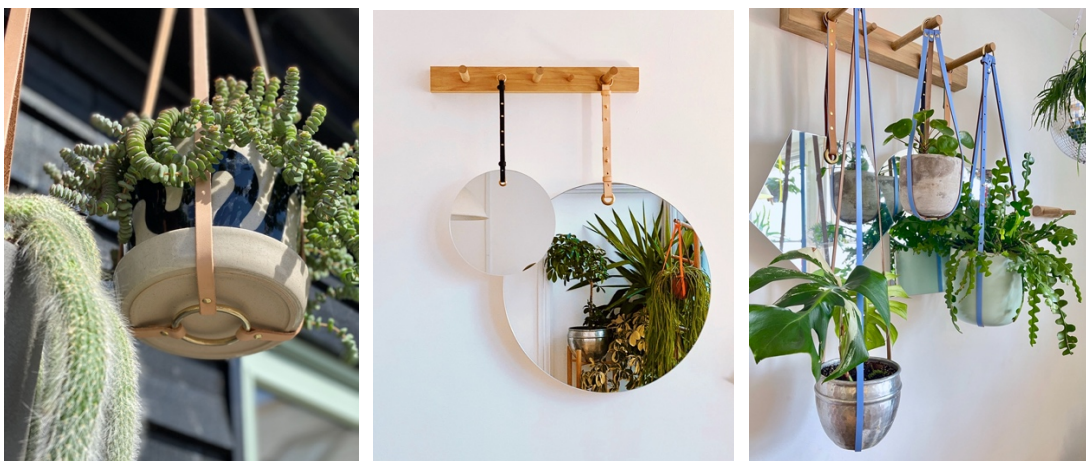
www.rekhamaker.com



Hung Studio

Hung Studios, founded by Tamsin Lillywhite, creates leather plant hangers and home accessories. They use responsibly sourced leather, buying everything from local suppliers in London, and also offer vegan options.

www.hungstudios.co.uk



Susannah Weiland

Susannah Weiland is a hand embroidery artist based in Richmond upon Thames, who explores the traditional craft of hand embroidery in a modern and unique way. She combines her love of tonal black and white pencil drawing with colourful delicate hand embroidery and beading to create luxury pieces of art and decorative cushions. No two pieces are the same. Her work is influenced by the colours and textures of the natural world. Kew Gardens provided the inspiration for her debut collection, The Botanical Collection, which will be on show at The Makers' Market.



Studio Mito

Studio Mito is a London based weave studio focusing on slow design. It is run by Millie, who believes weaving is an important way to keep craft alive, consciously making and sustainably producing. Whilst at The Makers' Market Millie will be showcasing hand woven jewellery including cuff bracelets and earrings.

www.studiomito.co.uk



Samantha Sweet

Samantha Sweet makes glass using the human hand and judgement, aiming to create objects which are more personal, relatable, and enjoyable to use. Samantha Sweet will be showcasing her new recessed light chandelier at The Maker's Market. Sweet Spot is a new concept in lighting, transforming an LED recessed light into a pendant light and back again. It can be changed in minutes, making it a great solution for modern interiors. This recessed light chandelier is a versatile, fibre optic design ready to shimmer when you want it to. Samantha will also be showcasing her hand blown and individually engraved crystal bottles.

www.samanthasweet.com



Rye & Moor

Rye & Moor will be selling pieces from their collection of furniture, textiles and homewares featuring their own contemporary bold graphic designs. This show will see the inclusion of their newest line 'Roddy' a strikingly simple birchwood footstool, handmade in Lewes and unholstered in a selection of Rye & Moor's signature prints. Simply designed. Thoughtfully made.

www.ryeandmoor.co.uk



A|G Drawings

Allaster Grant is an artist based in South Wales; he also practices in London, Brecon and Europe's wider context, analysing and recording the places that he encounters. Whilst showcasing at The Makers' Market, A|G Drawings will be selling internal and external drawings of The Royal Exchange as well as drawings of the Temple Bar Area. Allaster will also be selling drawings of wider London.

www.agdrawings.com/



All products will be available to purchase from The Royal Exchange during London Design Festival.

The Royal Exchange is also pleased to announce that the prestigious 2021 London Design Awards reception will be held in the iconic building for the first time in its history, hosted by Sir John Sorrell CBE, Chairman and Ben Evans, Director of London Design Festival and supported by Fortnum & Mason.

The Makers' Market at The Royal Exchange

London Design Festival

Monday 20th September – Friday 24th September 2021, 10.30 – 18.00

For more information visit:

<https://www.londondesignfestival.com/event/makers-market-royal-exchange>

The Royal Exchange 450th Anniversary

Throughout 2021, The Royal Exchange is celebrating its 450th anniversary and the vibrant history of one of London's most iconic buildings, along with exploring its vision for the future. As well as The Makers' Market, The Royal Exchange website reveals the unique history, heritage and iconography of this storied building and the luxury brands that live within it. With creativity, philanthropy and thought leadership, The Royal Exchange community is helping to reflect the change that is taking place in the City with regards to diversity, purpose and equality.

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About The Royal Exchange

One of London's most iconic landmarks, The Royal Exchange houses a portfolio of leading international luxury brands including: Asprey of London, Boodles, Bremont, Church's, Crockett & Jones, Cutter & Squidge, Fortnum & Mason, Georg Jensen, Grind, Hermès, Jo Malone London, Ladurée, Leica, Montblanc, Omega, Pretty Ballerinas, Royal Exchange Jewellers, Sagebrown, Searle and Co Jewellers, Sirplus, Smythson, Tateossian, Tiffany & Co, Tom Davies, Vashi, Watches of Switzerland, and Watchfinder & Co.

Officially opened by HRH Queen Elizabeth I in 1571, The Royal Exchange was the brainchild of renowned merchant Thomas Gresham. It soon became a centre for the capital's commerce, bringing together both brokers and merchants. Trading continued for the next four centuries, despite being interrupted by fires, war and construction work, before coming to a halt in 1991. Then in 2001, an extensive redevelopment by architects Aukett Fitzroy Robinson transformed The Royal Exchange courtyard, reviving its trading legacy by giving it a new role housing the world's most desired retailers and placing it, once again, in the thriving centre of commerce.

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For more information about The Royal Exchange visit: www.theroyalexchange.co.uk

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