

# the design circle



the  
DESIGN  
MUSEUM

autumn / winter  
programme 2023



## director's introduction

Dear Friends,

It's been quite a year already. Ai Weiwei transformed the Design Museum with *Making Sense*, quite literally tearing down our gallery walls, re-configuring our atrium with his Coloured House, not to mention wallpapering the space too. The exhibition attracted over 90,000 visitors and will be some act to follow, but I'm confident our forward programme will inspire you - it certainly excites me.

*REBEL* is a celebration and exploration of radical fashion in London over the past 30 years. It charts a visionary scheme called New Generation established by our exhibition partners – the British Fashion Council – that has supported almost all the emerging creative talent in British fashion over the past three decades beginning, of course, with the great and sadly late Alexander McQueen. As our friends and colleagues over at the V&A stage their Chanel show, we are providing a cultural alternative no less important. I hope you will see and enjoy both.

Following the success of our exhibitions in recent years around sub-cultures and style, *Skateboard* maps the design evolution of the skateboard from the 1950s to today. The exhibition tracks how skateboarders adapt and design new boards to suit their evolving performance, style and surroundings.

As you know, we want to use as much of our building as possible to showcase and explore the impact and potential of design. Our new balcony display is a remarkable and prescient project looking at new ways of building more sustainable housing. *How to Build a Low-Carbon Home* is part of the transformational work of Future Observatory and is the first in a series of displays around the museum offering new ideas for the green transition.

Then in the new year, we will stage the first exhibition in this country dedicated to the work of the great Italian designer *Enzo Mari*, who died in 2020. This exhibition will be an exclusive opportunity to showcase this important designer, architect, artist, critic, and theorist of the 20th century, curated by the equally visionary Hans-Ulrich Obrist.

As you can see, plenty to enjoy and think about, a dynamic programme that can only happen with your continued support. So, thank you and we look forward to seeing you here sometime soon.

Tim Marlow  
Chief Executive and Director

# autumn winter exhibition programme



## **REBEL: 30 Years of London Fashion** Opens 16 September

Opening to coincide with London Fashion Week, this landmark exhibition will be one of the most wide-ranging surveys of contemporary fashion culture ever staged in the UK.

The show tells the story of hundreds of fearless young designers who have transformed the fashion landscape, and will bring together exuberant, rebellious and radical garments. It will feature nearly 100 innovative fashion looks from ground-breaking debut and early collections, many of which have entered pop-culture history — and launched global design careers.

*This exhibition is sponsored by Alexander McQueen.*

Above: Mark Rabadan for JW Anderson



## **Skateboard** Opens 20 October

Curated and designed by industrial designer and skater Jonathan Olivares, this is the first exhibition that will explore the design evolution of the skateboard from the 1950's to the present day. It will highlight innovative skateboards, skate photography and video and will chart how skateboarding has adapted to different urban environments over time.

Above: Mike Vallely, 1989. Photograph by Spike Jonze

# design circle events

## september

**In Conversation**  
**Nunzio Drawings at**  
**Mazzoleni London**  
Tuesday 5 September  
18.00 – 20.00

Join us at Mazzoleni London for a drinks reception and in conversation between the artist Nunzio and our Chief Executive and Director, Tim Marlow. *Nunzio. Drawings*, a selection of new and unseen works on paper by the artist, the artworks on display the dualisms and dialogues that recur in Nunzio's research. Nunzio is a multi-faceted artist who draws from a variety of disciplines to develop his approach to artistic form beyond the visible.



**Private Visit**  
**Peter Cook, Cities**  
**Richard Saltoun Gallery**  
Thursday 14 September  
09.00 – 10.00

We are delighted to invite you to Richard Saltoun Gallery in Mayfair for a private morning view of Sir Peter Cook's exhibition, *Cities*. Sir Peter Cook is a renowned British architect, writer, founder of the neo-futurist architectural group Archigram and former Director of The Institute of Contemporary Arts. Cook's exhibition *Cities* draws on his extensive body of work over the past 60 years, featuring an immersive, site-specific architectural environment and VR experience together with a selection of drawings and paintings.



Top right: The artist and Mazzoleni, London – Torino. Photo by Todd-White Art Photography, London

Above: Peter Cook, *All Wall*, 2023  
Courtesy Richard Saltoun Gallery  
London, Rome © The Artist

## Day Trip

### Margate

Friday 22 September

We are off to Margate to explore the town's vibrant art scene! It is a short journey from St Pancras to this seaside town where on our private tour of the Turner Contemporary we will discover the building designed by David Chipperfield. After lunch we shall go to TKE studios, founded by Tracy Emin. The Foundation supports 12 residencies with courses, lectures and free studios for 18 months and it lies in a former Edwardian bathhouse. Finally, we shall have a private tour of the Carl Freedman Gallery where we shall view works by painter Benjamin Senior and explore the Counter Editions print studio which produces works by leading contemporary artists such as Tracey Emin, Howard Hodgkin and Martin Creed, to name a few.

£100 per person includes return transport from St Pancras to Margate, and lunch.

*Exact details and times to follow but please register your interest with us.*



Image: Turner Contemporary, Margate.  
Image courtesy of Turner Contemporary.  
© John Sainsbury.





**Opening**  
**REBEL: 30 Years**  
**of London Fashion**

Tuesday 12 September  
18.30 – 22.00

We look forward to welcoming you to the most fashionable event hosted at the Design Museum this year. Celebrating 300 British fashion designers and 30 years of London fashion trends, this evening will be a first opportunity to see the REBEL exhibition. This exhibition tells the story of hundreds of young designers who dared to transform the fashion landscape. We will be co-hosting this event with the British Fashion Council and the exhibition supporters Alexander McQueen. Opening party hosted by Tim Marlow.

**Private tour**  
**REBEL: 30 Years**  
**of London Fashion**

Thursday 14 September  
16.00 – 17.00

Join us at the Museum for a guided tour of REBEL: 30 Years of London Fashion with curator Rebecca Lewin who will share her highlights of the show and discuss the process behind this landmark collaboration with the British Fashion Council. Delve into London's vibrant fashion scene with nearly 100 innovative looks from debut collections on show and enjoy a comprehensive exploration of British fashion culture.

Image: Bjork at the 73rd Academy Awards in Los Angeles on Sunday March 25, 2001, wearing swan dress by KTZ NEWGEN designer, Wally Skalij / Los Angeles Times via Getty Images.

**Private Morning View**  
**Herzog & de Meuron**  
**at the Royal Academy**

Friday 29 September  
09.00 – 10.00

Join us at the Royal Academy for an exclusive tour of Herzog & de Meuron with curator, Vicky Richardson. For over 40 years, the Swiss practice has challenged our ideas of what architecture can be, reimagining the nature of buildings and transforming cities. The exhibition features over 400 objects from the design process, including furniture, life-sized architectural mock ups and augmented reality, immersing the visitor in the workings of one of the most revered architectural practices in the world.



Image: Herzog & de Meuron Elbphilharmonie Hamburg, 2001-2016. Photo © Iwan Baan

## october

### Exclusive Event Conran Lecture

Wednesday 4 October  
19.00 – 22.00

Please save the date for our annual Conran Lecture and drinks reception at the Design Museum. The Conran Lecture was created in honour of our founder Sir Terence Conran and celebrates design and the impact it has on the world today. We are delighted to announce that this year's lecture will be given by acclaimed British architect and Pritzker Prize winner, David Chipperfield. Generously supported by the Conran Foundation.

*This event is exclusively for fellows and benefactors*

### Private Tour PAD London

Thursday 12 October  
11.00 – 12.00

Set in the vibrant heart of Mayfair, PAD is London's leading fair for 20th Century Design and decorative arts. Join us for an exclusive guided tour of PAD with arts and design writer, Caroline Roux. Prominent international galleries from major cities across Europe, North America and Asia come together to offer an exceptional panorama of the most coveted and iconic works available on the market today.

### Opening Private View Skateboard

Wednesday 18 October  
19.00 – 21.30

Please join us to celebrate the first exhibition focused on Skateboard design and evolution, from its origins in 1950s California to present day. We look forward to sharing this show with you.

## november

### The Fashion Life Drawing Workshop with Giles Deacon

Date TBC  
18.30 – 20.00

To celebrate REBEL: 30 Years of London Fashion, we are delighted to invite you to a drawing masterclass with Giles Deacon. Aside from being a revered fashion designer, Giles is an established illustrator and his work has been exhibited widely and has appeared in publications such as Vogue, The New York Times and Architectural Digest. Join us for a drinks reception, followed by an introduction to the art of fashion illustration where Giles will share his tips and tricks on how to create the perfect couture drawing. Art materials will be supplied, simply bring a desire to uncover your own creativity.

Image: Carpenters Workshop Gallery booth at PAD London © Courtesy of PAD and Carpenters Workshop Gallery

## december

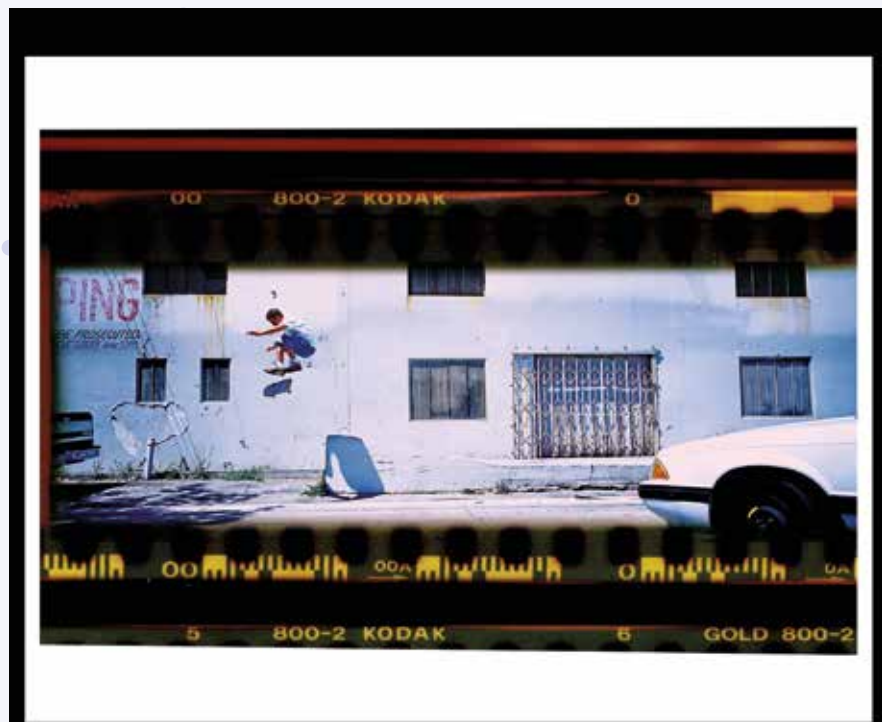
### Design Circle Festive Celebration

Monday 4 December  
18.30 – 20.30

Tim Marlow is delighted to invite you to the Design Museum to celebrate the year and thank you for your generous support. We hope you'll join us for an after-hours view of REBEL: 30 Years of London Fashion and Skateboard, behind the scenes tours of the museum's collection as well as a festive drinks reception, wonderful food and music. Further details to follow, we do hope you will join us.

Right: Image © Design Museum

Left: Guy Mariano Frontside Flip, LA. 1998 © Mike Blabac



## january

### Studio Visit

#### Studio Seilern

Thursday 11 January  
18.30 – 20.00

Christina Seilern is an internationally acclaimed architect and founder of London-based creative practice Studio Seilern Architects. The practice is dedicated to producing exceptional architecture that lasts, working across geographies, building sizes and typologies. Her diverse portfolio includes RIBA-shortlisted Ansdell Street in Kensington, award-winning Wellington College Performing Arts Centre in Berkshire and a world-class concert hall in the Swiss village of Andermatt. Seilern is also a frequent panellist and guest speaker, having sat on the Dezeen Awards 2021 judging panel, the World Architecture Festival and RIBA EyeLine. Join us for an exclusive tour of her studio in North West London.

### After Hours Tour

#### Leighton House

Thursday 25 January  
18.00 – 19.30

Join us as we explore Leighton House, the former home and studio of leading Victorian artist, Frederic Leighton. We will enjoy a curator led tour of the home that was created to be Leighton's 'private palace of art'. We will learn about the history of the house, including the amazing Arab hall, seen by many as the centrepiece of the unique artist home, reflecting Leighton's fascination with the Middle East. Since reopening in 2022, the house now features a spectacular 11 high metre mural, hand painted by Iranian artist Shahrzad Ghaffari, making it the first contemporary artwork commissioned for permanent display in Leighton House.



Image: The Arab Hall, Leighton House  
© RBKC. Image by Dirk Lindner

## also to come this autumn winter...

- In September we look forward to welcoming you to the opening of the new Design Museum Kitchen and Bar in the Rolf Sachs Family Park room.
- Christina Makris will be hosting a series of fashion themed "In Conversations" at Sketch in Mayfair
- We look forward to taking members of the Design Circle on a studio visit to one of the NEWGEN designers featured in the REBEL exhibition.
- Our first Design Circle family event will give Design Circle members the opportunity to bring children and the young at heart to the museum to discover our Skateboard exhibition.
- Join Justin McGuirk, Director of Future Observatory, this autumn for a tour of the How to Build a Low-Carbon Home display on the balcony.

## international trip spring 2024

We are delighted to invite you to a design tour through the South of France in spring 2024.

The highlight of the trip will include visiting Eileen Gray's modernist villa E-1027 which reopened in 2021 following an extensive restoration. Situated on the Cote d'Azur, the home was designed in collaboration with Gray's partner at the time, Romanian architect Jean Badovici, with the name of the villa being a reference to their names. Le Corbusier was known to stay at the villa for extended periods of time in the late thirties where he painted several colourful murals on the house.

We do hope you will join us. Please register your interest by emailing [patrons@designmuseum.org](mailto:patrons@designmuseum.org)

Image: E-1027 © Manuel Bougot



# the design circle levels

Design Circle members come together to discover, debate and celebrate design with like-minded individuals through a programme of exclusive events, fortnightly newsletters, opportunities to meet leading design people and much more. Each level of Design Circle membership has its own distinct focus and enjoys special access to the museum.

## Design Patron

£1,000  
(£200 benefit, plus £800 voluntary donation)

Membership as a Patron offers behind the scenes access to the museum and to events such as a curator-led tours, talks and studio visits.

## Design Fellow

£5,000  
(£400 benefit, plus £4,600 voluntary donation)

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Membership as a Fellow offers a more exclusive level of access with tours of private collections, trips with the Director and the chance to spend time with some of the most creative designers and architects in the world. We also offer our Fellows complimentary room hire to host a private breakfast or lunch (terms and conditions apply).

## Design Benefactor

£10,000  
(£800 benefit, plus £9,200 voluntary donation)

Membership as a Benefactor offers a unique relationship with the Director of the Museum and the opportunity to make a philanthropic gift to support our core activities, which will be recognised accordingly against an exhibition or programme of your choice. We also offer our Benefactors complimentary room hire to host a private breakfast or lunch (terms and conditions apply).

# legacy giving

The Design Museum was founded by Terence Conran in 1989 with the purpose of promoting awareness of design in education, industry, commerce and culture. Thirty years on, it continues to promote design in all its forms, striving to make the impact of design visible to all.

We celebrate his legacy each year in October with our annual lecture, and your support helps us keep his legacy alive. Leaving a gift in your will to the Design Museum will enable us to continue our work creating inspiring exhibitions, engaging schools and providing a platform for discussing design's crucial role in the green transition.

Please contact us on [patrons@designmuseum.org](mailto:patrons@designmuseum.org) for further information.

# art & design fairs

Design Circle members have the opportunity to receive tickets and VIP access to a number of the world's most prestigious art and design fairs both nationally and internationally.

Please register your interest early by contacting the Design Circle.

## PAD London

11 – 16 October 2023

## Paris+ Art Basel

19 – 22 October 2023

## Frieze London and Frieze Masters

11 – 15 October 2023

## Paris Photo

10 – 3 November 2023

## Collect Art Fair

1 – 3 March 2024

Image: Courtesy of PAD London





Thank you for your support.

To book your place for Design Circle events  
and to register your interest, please contact us:

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