



the design circle

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**DESIGN
MUSEUM**

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 curator-led tours, talks and studio visits.

Design Fellow

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

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).



director's introduction

Friends,

I would like to start by saying thank you. As a Design Circle member you play a vital role in bringing our exhibitions and learning programmes to life. The support that you provide is as fundamental to our success as ever and whether you have been with us since the start or have just recently joined us, we are so grateful.

Our Future Observatory programme which launched earlier this year continues its work in researching how design can drive Britain's future prosperity and support its response to the climate crisis. Our school learning programmes continue to reach thousands of children across the UK, instilling the importance of creativity and design for the future. Our public programmes continue also to be as diverse and cutting-edge as ever with talks and courses ranging from panel talks to workshops with industry experts.

Following a tough couple of years, 2022 has proven to be full of energising activity as we continue to welcome you back into the museum. In the past few months, we have opened two major exhibitions: from the beautiful game of football to the phenomenon of ASMR. This autumn, we are very excited to be opening an exhibition that explores the colourful world of Yinka Ilori followed by an exhibition that looks at surrealism, one of the major art movements of the twentieth century and the impact that this movement has had on the world of design. This exhibition, Objects of Desire: Surrealism and Design 1924 – Today, will include works by Le Corbusier, Salvador Dalí, Dunne & Raby, Max Ernst and many others.

I hope you enjoy our programme for the upcoming season which reflects the exhibition programme with a range of events from our first ever games night, exclusive art fair and museum tours and private collection visits.

Thank you once again for your support of the museum as a member of the Design Circle. I hope you will enjoy the forthcoming programme and I look forward to seeing you at the museum and at our events very soon.

Tim Marlow
Chief Executive and Director

design circle events

September



Games Night Hosted by Alexandra Lewellyn and Etan Ilfeld

Wednesday 14 September
2022, 19.00 – 21.00

Join Etan Ilfeld at Alexandra Lewellyn's new studio in Kensington for a unique games night.

Alexandra Lewellyn designs beautifully crafted, intricately detailed games creating the most extraordinary backgammon boards, poker sets and custom board games in the world. London based entrepreneur and publisher Etan Ilfeld is a games enthusiast and chess master. He is also the managing director of the Mind Sports Olympiad.

Learn from the best and play on these extraordinary boards all while enjoying a private view of Alexandra's new studio.



Exhibition Display The Art of Movement: Van Cleef & Arpels

23 September –
20 October 2022

For more than a century the renowned French High Jewellery Maison, Van Cleef & Arpels, has been crafting exquisite creations that take inspiration from various themes, such as nature and dance, where motion is fundamental. In Autumn 2022 Van Cleef & Arpels will be bringing to the Design Museum 'The Art of Movement', an exhibition presenting almost a hundred of the very finest jewellery creations from its patrimonial collection, along with archive documents. The exhibition will showcase signature pieces and glittering bespoke creations, as well as new acquisitions which illustrate the Maison's unique designs and how motion has been imparted into precious materials over the decades.

Photo (above) © 37 clip (1938) Yellow gold, rubies, diamonds Van Cleef & Arpels Collection



Private Tour Walkthrough of Yinka Ilori display with Yinka Ilori

Thursday 29 September
2022, 8.30 – 10.00

Join London-based artist and designer Yinka Ilori for a tour of his installations and murals in a playful combination of colour and pattern at the museum.

This display will bring to the museum his distinctive aesthetic, inspired by the African fabrics of his childhood and capturing the colourful geometric patterns that feature in Nigerian design, with a nod to British postmodernism.

Photo (above) © Lewis Khan



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Private Tour

Inspiring Walt Disney: The Animation of French Decorative Arts at the Wallace Collection

Tuesday 4 October 2022,
9.00 – 10.00

Join curator, Félix Zorzo, at The Wallace Collection for a private tour of Inspiring Walt Disney: The Animation of French Decorative Arts.

This exciting exhibition explores the magic of Disney as you have never seen it before. Drawing on the outstanding artworks of the Wallace Collection and spectacular international loans, the exhibition highlights the exceptional talent and innovation of both Walt Disney Animation Studios artists and the creative pioneers of the French 18th century.

Image (above) © Disney



Opening Night

Objects of Desire: Surrealism and Design, 1949 – Today

Wednesday 12 October 2022,
18.15 – 18.45 Curator-led tour
18.45 – 21.00 Opening party

This is the first exhibition to examine the previously unexplored influence that Surrealism has had on design over the past 100 years from furniture and interiors to graphic design, fashion, and photography. One of the most influential art movements of the twentieth century, Surrealism combined and reinvented everyday objects to create dreamlike imagery. The exhibition will bring together classic works of art and design as well as contemporary responses from around the globe.

Join us for an exclusive curator-led tour before the opening party.

Photo (above) © Vitra Design Museum



Private Guided Tour

PAD London

Wednesday 12 October 2022,
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.

Inspiring a unique spirit of collecting, PAD epitomises how historical Design, modern et contemporary Design, modern art, decorative and tribal arts interact to reveal astonishing combinations and create the most individual and staggering interiors. 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.



Morning View

Private View of Objects of Desire with artist Bethan Laura Wood and curator, Kathryn Johnson

Thursday 27 October 2022,
8.30 – 10.00

Join us for an in-conversation event with Bethan Laura Wood, multidisciplinary artist and Kathryn Johnston, curator of Objects of Desire at the Design Museum where they will discuss the exhibition and the impact of surrealism on design.

This will be followed by a private tour of the exhibition where Bethan will highlight some of the works that have influenced her work.

Photo (above) © Vitra Design Museum



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Studio Visit

The Anthony Caro Centre

Wednesday 9 November 2022,
18.00 – 19.30

Anthony Caro (1924–2013) achieved international recognition as one of the world's leading sculptors during a career that spanned six decades. The influence of his innovative approach continues to resonate. The Anthony Caro Centre is dedicated to preserving and promoting Caro's artistic legacy.

Private Collection Visit

Marine Tanguy

Thursday 17 November 2022,
18.30 – 20.00

Marine Tanguy is the founder of MTA Agency, the art sector's leading talent agency representing some of the most talented, forward-thinking artists in the world. An advocate for artists from a young age, Marine Tanguy managed her first gallery at the age of 21 under Steve Lazarides.

Marine has kindly invited Design Circle members for a private view of her home and collection with works by Claire Luxton, Jennifer Abessira, Delphine Diallo Lynette Yvodom Boakye, Robert Montgomery and many more.

Photo (above) © Mike Bruce, courtesy of the Anthony Caro Centre and Gagosian

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Party

Festive Celebration

Monday 5 December 2022,
18.15 – 21.00

Join us at the museum for a festive drinks reception as we thank you for all your support over the year. Details of the evening to follow!

Studio Visit

Architect, Asif Khan

Friday 9 December 2022,
11.00 – 12.30

Asif Khan is a research and development led architecture studio who design buildings, landscapes, exhibitions and installations, among other things. Khan's practice explores how material and social innovations can fundamentally alter the way people experience and shape their environment.

Asif Khan was a designer in residence at the Design Museum in 2010 and is currently Deputy Chairman of the Design Museum having been a trustee for seven years.

Join us for an exclusive tour of his studio in East London.

Photo (above) © Hélène Binet

coming soon



London Gallery Evening

We hope you will join us for another Gallery evening in Mayfair this autumn where we will visit a number of top London galleries including Gallery FUMI.

Details of this event will be shared in the coming months via our fortnightly newsletter.



art and design fairs

Design Circle members have the opportunity to receive tickets and VIP access to a number of national and international art and design fairs:

Collect Art Fair

Deeep

Design Miami/ Basel

Design Miami

FIAC, Paris

Frieze London and Frieze Masters

Frieze New York

Frieze Los Angeles

Masterpiece

PAD London

PAD Paris

Paris Photo

Photo London

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Your legacy could help us care for the collection, deliver exhibitions, present public programmes, commission creatives, and encourage everyone to engage with the world of design.

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Thank you for your support.

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