



## Melbourne Design Fair 2023: More than 150 designers and 60+ exhibitors take over Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre

Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre (MCEC) | 18 – 21 May 2023 | Ticketed, admission fees apply

**22 February 2023:** Curated by the National Gallery of Victoria (NGV) and delivered in collaboration with the Melbourne Art Foundation, **Melbourne Design Fair** is Australia's largest presentation of contemporary and twentieth century collectible design by leading Australian and international practitioners. Tickets are now on sale for the four-day event taking place at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre (MCEC) from 18 – 21 May.

The centrepiece of Melbourne Design Week, Melbourne Design Fair features the work of more than 150 designers across 60+ presentations staged by prominent commercial galleries, design agencies, organisations and studios. The event offers visitors the chance to view and purchase one-of-a-kind, limited edition and small batch design production, including furniture, lighting and contemporary jewellery.



The Fair has representation from all Australian states and territories, with highlights including Gallery Sally Dan-Cuthbert from New South Wales, artisan QLD, South Australia's JamFactory, Canberra Glassworks, Yarrenyty Arltere Artists from the Northern Territory presented by Agency, and Design Tasmania.

Presenting a diverse collection of leading design from Australia and the world, feature group presentations include Agency, ALM, Australian Tapestry Workshop, Craft Victoria, C. Gallery, Leonard Joel, MARS Gallery, Modern Times, OIGALL PROJECTS, Origine, Sophie Gannon Gallery, Stanley Street Gallery, Broached Commissions, and Sullivan+Strumpf.

Showcasing significant emerging and established designers, the Fair welcomes solo shows including international luminary Geatano Pesce with Neon Parc, alongside leading names including Alexander Lotersztain, Elliot Bastianon, Christopher Boots, Snelling Studio from New Zealand, Dowel Jones, James Howe, Lost Profile Studio, Peter Cooley with Martin Browne Contemporary, Marta Figueiredo, and Ross Gardam.

New in 2023 and recognising the dynamic field of contemporary jewellery, the Fair will also include presentations from industry influencers Funaki, Maker and Smith, Australian Design Centre and Pieces of Eight.

Presented across 3,000 square metres at the MCEC, Melbourne Design Fair provides visitors with the opportunity to discover new talent, explore innovative design production, and gain an insight into the latest trends in the world of collectible design.

In 2023 the Fair debuts an NGV curated section, titled **DISCOVERY**, dedicated to the promotion and sale of work by emerging designers and makers. **DISCOVERY** offers collectors, industry and the design-loving public the opportunity to discover and purchase work from a new wave of designers including: Alfred Lowe, Annie Paxton, Charlie White, Dalton Stewart, Isaac Chatterton, Julian Leigh May, LLh Studio, Nicole Lawrence, Sabu Studio, Sedni, Two Lines Studio, UnitePlayPerform, and the next generation of talent from the Yarrenyty Arltere Artists.

A further highlight is the NGV-curated exhibition, **FOCUS**, which brings attention to the work of five accomplished Australian female designers and makers. Foregrounding their skills and conceptual prowess, the works on display shine a light on the important contributions these practitioners are making to Australian design. Curated by NGV's Simone LeAmon, The Hugh Williamson Curator of Contemporary Design and Architecture, the exhibition recognises the importance of inspiring future generations of women in design and promoting diversity within the industry.

**Tony Ellwood AM, Director of the NGV, said:** 'Melbourne Design Fair is a vital platform for the visibility and viability of Australia's design industries. After the challenges of the past few years, events like this offer real, tangible support to our sector – and especially to local designers, makers and studios. The NGV is proud to be partnering with the Melbourne Art Foundation on this important initiative and to share Australia's design talent with an even greater audience.'

**Maree Di Pasquale, CEO of Melbourne Art Foundation, said:** 'Defined by the vibrancy of its host city, the annual Melbourne Design Fair demonstrates Melbourne's commitment to the sector in what is the region's most significant commercial platform for collectible design. Appealing to the design lover and discerning collector alike, the Fair will offer access to the most rare and limited-edition collectible design on Australian shores, curated by the National Gallery of Victoria.'

Melbourne Design Fair is part of Melbourne Design Week, which is an initiative of the Victorian Government and delivered by Creative Victoria and the NGV.

Melbourne Design Fair takes place 18 – 21 May 2023 at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre, 1 Convention Centre Pl, South Wharf.

**Tickets are now on sale.** Ticket prices - Adult: \$28.50, Concession: \$25.50, Junior: \$10.00. Tickets and further information are available via the Melbourne Design Fair website: [designfair.melbourne](https://designfair.melbourne)

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**EXHIBITOR LIST:** <https://designfair.melbourne/exhibitors/>

EXHIBITOR	STATE
Agency	VIC
Alexander Lotersztain	QLD
ALM	NSW
artisan QLD	QLD
Ash Allen	VIC
Australian Design Centre	NSW
Australian Tapestry Workshop	VIC
Broached Commissions	VIC

C. Gallery	VIC
Canberra Glassworks	ACT
Christopher Boots	VIC
Craft Victoria	VIC
Dean Toepfer	SA
Design Tasmania	TAS
Dowel Jones	VIC
Edward Linacre Studio	VIC
Elliot Bastianon	ACT
Eugenie Kawabata	VIC
Funaki	VIC
Gallery Sally Dan-Cuthbert	NSW
ILAN EL	VIC
JACK AND MARK FEARON	QLD
James Howe	SA
j.a.m JamFactory Australian Made	SA
JamFactory	SA
Leonard Joel	VIC
Lost Profile Studio	VIC
Maker and Smith	WA
MARS Gallery	VIC
Marta Figueiredo & Rosanna Ceravolo	VIC
Martin Browne Contemporary	NSW
Modern Times	VIC
Neon Parc	VIC
OIGALL PROJECTS	VIC
ORIGINE	VIC
PIECES OF EIGHT	VIC
R L Foote Design Studio	VIC
Ross Gardam	VIC
Ross Thompson Furniture	VIC
Snelling Studio	NZ
Sophie Gannon Gallery	VIC
Sozou Studio	VIC
Stanley Street Gallery	NSW
Studio Tops	VIC
Sullivan+Strumpf	VIC/NSW
<b>DISCOVERY</b>	
Alfred Lowe	SA
Annie Paxton	VIC
Charlie White	VIC
Dalton Stewart	VIC
Isaac Chatterton	QLD
Julian Leigh May	VIC
LLh Studio	VIC
Nicole Lawrence	VIC
Sabu Studio	VIC
Sedni	VIC
Two Lines Studio	VIC
UnitePlayPerform	NSW
Yarrenyty Arltere Artists	NT