

Press Release



Society of Designer Craftsmen presents 'Into the Light'

More than 30 of the UK's top craftspeople present work in the wake of lockdown
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Oxmarket Gallery, Chichester

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"Nothing can dim the light that shines from within",
(Maya Angelou)

As the UK opens up in the wake of lockdown, the Society of Designer Craftsmen is pleased to present *Into The Light*, a celebratory exhibition at Chichester's historic Oxmarket Gallery, bringing together exciting work from over 30 artists working across contemporary crafts including textiles, ceramics, glass, wood, paper, silver and jewellery.

The selected exhibitors have responded to the *Into The Light* call in a variety of ways. For many, whilst lockdown was challenging, it fuelled a new body of work which they are keen to share in the emerging real world. For others, the title promised the prospect of life returning to normal, stimulating a resurgence of their creativity. All have produced work to the highest standards of originality and craftsmanship. The magnificent setting of Chichester's Oxmarket Gallery, a

deconsecrated medieval church in the heart of the city, forms the perfect stage for this new unveiling.

Ranging from the sumptuous darkness of tapestry-weaver Margaret Jones' *The Way of All Flesh* to the glorious luminosity of Fabrizia Bazzo's glass panel *Inside Out*, the works selected for this exhibition reflect the skills, ambition and creativity of members of this renowned Society.

[The Society of Designer Craftsmen](#) is the oldest multi-craft Society in the UK and we are proud to have as members some of the finest, most exciting and respected designer makers of today. Founded in 1887, William Morris was an early president and the Society continues to promote and support the work of creative thinkers, designers and makers who innovate in their crafts through exploration of materials and skills.

Dan Maier, a Fellow and Trustee of the Society, says "Many of our makers were devastated when their regular fairs and events were cancelled this year, so when the opportunity came up at just 6 weeks notice, we zoomed into action! We usually plan our exhibitions at least a year in advance, with 6 months preparation, but with the support of our members we've taken this bold step with everyone rallying round, including The Oxmarket Gallery staff, to make it happen.

We know the value to the public of engaging with the arts so wanted to make our contribution. The Society aims to not only support our incredibly talented makers, but to spread the word about craft and encourage a new generation of makers. We're so pleased to be invited to take up this opportunity by The Oxmarket Gallery and are really looking forward to meeting a new audience as we generally exhibit in London."

All works presented in the exhibition are for sale and commissions are undertaken.

Free entry.

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