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Everything we loved at PAD 2023

PAD London is back for its annual showcase of collectible design, exhibiting the very best international talent. Here are House & Garden's highlights

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rom October 10-15, PAD London is back in Mayfair's Berkley Square, where it is showcasing the works of some 62 international design galleries, whose offering of established and emerging contemporary artists, designers and makers from over 20 countries sees design-lovers flooding the city. Earlier in the week there was also Decorex taking over Kensington Olympia and looking stronger than it has in years, while you can still catch Frieze and Frieze Masters in Regent's Park over the weekend.

This year, a selection of galleries and designers at PAD London have been awarded for their creativity, innovation and skill: British designer Gareth Neal scooped the 'Contemporary Design' award for his 'Khaya' cabinet, which he exhibited with Sarah Myerscough Gallery, while Scandinavian design specialists Modernity Gallery was awarded the 'Historical Design' prize for a 1930s bar cabinet attributed to Otto Schulz. The 'Booth Prize' went to new exhibitors Objects with Narratives, whose exhibition '(Un-)controlled' highlighted the work of two contemporary designers: founder of Cabana Studio, Mircea Anghel and Belgium-based Vladimir Slavov.

Keep reading for the highlights from this year's PAD London.

PAD London is at Berkeley Square, W1, October 10-15; tickets £25.

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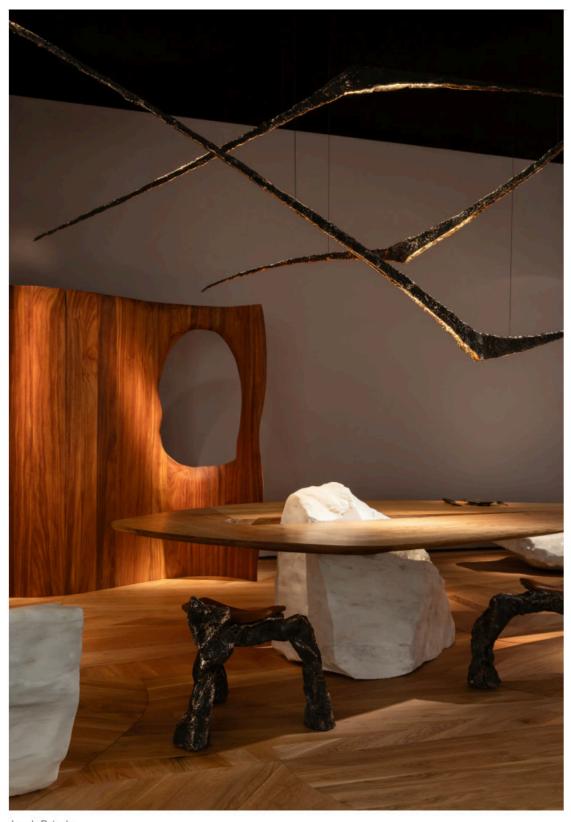


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Modernity Gallery

Stockholm-based Modernity Gallery, which also has a showroom in Newson's Yard, SW1, showcases the very best of 20th century Nordic design. Among the many treasures is this 1930s bar cabinet, made in mahogany with details in brass, glass and silver, the cabinet is thought to have been designed by the architect and designer Otto Schulz for Boet Sweden.





Jacob Brinth

Objects with Narratives

New to the fair this year is the Belgian online contemporary design gallery Objects with Narratives. Its stand featured (Un-)Controlled: a show of work by Mircea Anghel and Vladimir Slavov. The pieces demonstrate Romanian-born, Lisbon-based Mircea's use of wood salvaged from storms, illuminated by the dynamic forms of lights designed by Vladimir. The impressive stand has been awarded the 'Booth' prize, and is not to be missed.





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Sarah Myerscough Gallery

Gareth Neal's 'Khaya' Cabinet, which was awarded the 'Contemporary Design' prize, is the manifestation of this British designer's dedication to his material. Salvaging surplus African mahogany (otherwise known as khaya) from timberyards and sanding it with such precision that it has an almost reflective sheen, the small imperfections that Gareth has visibly repaired only add to the charm.





Galerie Philia

'Gravity and Grace' is an exhibition hosted by Galerie Philia which blur the lines between design and art. On show is a selection of new works in onyx by eight international designers and artists. These include Studiopepe, Pietro Franceschini and Andres Monnier.





This year sees the arrival of first-time exhibitor JCRD Design. Founded in 2019 by Brazilian-born Luiz Kessler, its main focus is sourcing and restoring Brazilian mid-century and contemporary furniture. For PAD, it is presenting pieces by the likes of Joaquim Tenreiro (whose chairs are pictured, £70,000 a pair), Jorge Zalszupin, Sergio Rodrigues, Lina Bo Bardi and José Zanine Caldas.





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Gallery FUMI

With Gallery FUMI, danish visual artist Stine Bidstrup is presenting a new piece: 'Light Entanglements' is a chandelier made of hand-blown clusters of glass suspended together to look almost cloud-like. The gallery, which celebrates its 15th anniversary this year, will also be presenting new works from its impressive roster of international designers, including Jie Wu, Leora Honeyman, Sam Orlando Miller, Max Lamb and Rowan Mersh.





Raphaella Ribaud-Sedoux

Hailing from Paris, Gallerist Raphaella Ribaud-Sedoux presents an offering which puts materiality at the forefront: there are peices in wood, glass, embroidery, as well as ceramics, including an array of colourful vases from celebrated ceramicist Nathalie du Pasquier, known for her work founding the Italian design and architecture group 'Memphis Milano'.



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Nilufar Gallery

Milan based gallery Nilufar is a celabration of contemporary and historic design. This year, that includes work from two British designers, Bethan Laura Wood and Joe Armitage. There will also be a number of rare pieces from mid-century Brazilian designers, such as Giuseppe Scapinelli's armchairs, pictured here.



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Also exhibiting the work of celebrated mid-century Brazilian designers, Barcelona-based SIDE Gallery presents furniture by renowned names such as Sergio Rodrigues and Joaquim Tenreiro.



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David Gill Gallery

A visual change of pace from the dimly lit tent, London-based David Gill Gallery presents a selection of works which celebrate the highly-charged, reflective nature of polished steel and acrylic from a number of its celebrated artists. This includes Zaha Hadid, Daniel Libeskind, Fredrikson Stallard, Mattia Bonetti, Valentin Loellmann and Ron Arad.

