

HANDMADE Oxford

THE INTERNATIONAL CONTEMPORARY ARTS FESTIVAL

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27 – 30 June 2019
Waterperry Gardens, Oxford

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From left: [Jonathon Vaiksaar](#) (wood), [Emma Nightingale Glass](#) (glass), [Pomarius](#) (sculpture), [Debbie Page Ceramics](#) (ceramics)
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Early bird tickets on sale for international contemporary arts festival at Waterperry Gardens

Handmade Oxford – The International Contemporary Arts Festival

Thursday 27 – Sunday 30 June 2019, 10am – 6pm

Waterperry Gardens, Waterperry, Oxford OX33 1LA

Early bird tickets available from handmadeinbritain.co.uk/oxford

Handmade in Britain is pleased to present **Handmade Oxford – The International Contemporary Arts Festival, 27 – 30 June 2019, at Waterperry Gardens**, previously the home of internationally-renowned **Art in Action** for 40 years (1977 – 2016). The festival will take place across a series of marquees on the lawns in front of Waterperry House, complemented by large-scale outdoor sculptures installed throughout the gardens and open-air evening theatre the venue's amphitheatre.

Working in collaboration with principle event partners **Waterperry Gardens** and the **Ashmolean Museum**, Handmade in Britain offers visitors the opportunity to meet, browse and shop directly from **over 250 exhibitors** working across **craft, fine art, sculpture, artisan food** and more, while enjoying the beautiful gardens and packed programme of **workshops, demonstrations** and **talks**.

Handmade in Britain is delighted to present a special **Slow Food and Slow Living** section within the festival. Curated by **Rhythms by Design**, this will highlight design and food that reflect the guiding principles of **“Good, Clean and Fair”** – a framework about going away from “fast food architecture” and instead stripping back design to its essence by re-focusing on **craftsmanship, quality, open source, enhanced wellbeing** and **timeless design**. The Slow movement is all about a mindful approach to living well. It's about savouring the hours and minutes rather than just counting them, so if you must hurry, then hurry slowly.

Innovative new designers will showcase their work alongside **established exhibitors**. Visitors are invited to discover **emerging talents** as part of various groups, organisations and guilds from across the country, including **Arts Thread** and **Making Goode**. The festival will also present the **fifteen finalists** selected as a result of Handmade in Britain's international arts competition hosted in conjunction with **Ashmolean Museum** and **Zealous**, the online submissions platform which unites the creative industry.

Discover the current exhibitor list and book EARLY BIRD tickets now at handmadeinbritain.co.uk/oxford

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Notes to the editors:

- Handmade Oxford is open: Thursday 27 – Sunday 30 June 2019, 10am – 6pm
- Handmade Oxford VIP and press event: Thursday 27 June 2019 (evening)
- Venue: Waterperry Gardens, Waterperry, Oxford OX33 1LA
- Adult day ticket (valid on any single day of festival between Thursday-Sunday) is £15 + booking fee until 31 March 2019 / £17 + booking fee from 1 April 2019 / £20 on the door
- Adult weekend ticket (valid Saturday - Sunday) is £23 + booking fee until 31 March / £26 + booking fee from 1 April 2019 / £30 on the door
- Adult full festival ticket (valid Thursday - Sunday inclusive) is £15 + booking fee until 31 March 2019 / £17 + booking fee from 1 April 2019 / £40 on the door
- Free entry for ages 16 and under, with accompanying adult
- Free visitor parking at Waterperry Gardens
- Tickets are available online advance and on the door during the event
- A full list of Handmade in Britain exhibitors can be found at handmadeinbritain.co.uk/oxford
- Programme of workshops and talks will be released in due course
- Evening theatre will take place at Waterperry Gardens on the evenings of Friday 28 and Saturday 28 June
- Follow the buzz on social media: @handmadebritain #handmadeoxford
- Handmade in Britain organises [Handmade Chelsea – The Contemporary Craft and Design Fair \(9 – 11 November 2018\)](#)
- Handmade in Britain provides mentoring and workshops opportunities for designer-makers. [Click here](#) for details
- Handmade in Britain recently launched an online marketplace featuring over 120 designer-makers, [Handmade ONLINE](#).

[Handmade in Britain](#) was established over a decade ago by engineer-turned-designer Piyush Suri, advocate of everything handmade. After working for a few years in the industry, he single-handedly built his initiative to support and promote British designer-makers. Throughout its existence Handmade in Britain has provided a platform to support and promote design and craft talent through fairs, events and pop-ups. Workshops and business mentoring are also key to Handmade in Britain's mission to support the designer-maker communities. As a company we work hard to increase accessibility, create new market opportunities and maintain high standards in the contemporary craft sector, whilst providing a comprehensive support programme for new graduates and up-and-coming design talent. We continue to grow and expand, increasing opportunities for our members and raising our profile within the sector and beyond.

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