

HANDMADE

Edinburgh

PRESS RELEASE: HANDMADE EDINBURGH RETURNS

Friday 27 – Sunday 29 October 2017 | The Hub, Edinburgh

Three days. Over 100 makers. The ultimate shopping treat.



Following on from a successful launch last autumn, [Handmade in Britain](#)'s first Scotland-based annual craft and design event, [Handmade Edinburgh](#), is returning to [The Hub](#), in the heart of this buzzing and historical city.

For a second time, The Hub on Edinburgh's famous Royal Mile will be transformed into the ultimate shopping destination, with **more than 100 highly-skilled makers and galleries** showcasing their innovative and contemporary designs across a wide range of disciplines.

Visitors to the event will be able to choose from a stunning collection of **ceramics, glass, furniture, textiles, metalwork, jewellery and so much more.**

Taking centre stage in the heart of the city, this three-day selling event will offer visitors the opportunity to meet and buy **one-off pieces** directly from artists, makers and craftspeople from across the country and learn about the ideas and processes that shape their work.

In addition to the exceptionally talented array of established makers taking part, we are proud to be teaming up with [ARTS THREAD](#) to curate an *Emerging Talents* exhibition space, showcasing **innovative and boundary-pushing new work** from a selection of promising recent graduates.

Take advantage of our special advance tickets by book early at handmadeinbritain.co.uk/edinburgh

HANDMADE EDINBURGH HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:



CERAMICS

Ceramics and pottery have never been so popular and the artists exhibiting this year demonstrate why. From contemporary, functional tableware to abstract, decorative objects, an inspired range of hand thrown and wheel thrown ceramics will be yours to explore.

Inspired by stunning seascapes, the colours and patterns of [Juliet Macleod](#)'s wheel thrown, porcelain pots (*left*) are reminiscent of the lichens and seaweeds found on the coast. [Susan McGill](#) combines text with pattern to create bold and romantic monochrome tableware, destined to become sought-after family heirlooms. [Leona Devine](#) draws inspiration from further inland, capturing the character and charisma of the animals living in the rural Irish landscape surrounding her studio in her playful clay creatures.



FASHION & TEXTILES

Get ready to discover an outstanding collection of fashion and textiles from the bright and bold designs of [Mairi Helena](#) (*left*) and [Lucy Engels](#)' geometric [SkinnyMalinkyQuilts](#) to [James Donald](#)'s cosy handwoven Scottish merino lambs wool [PickOne](#) designs, [Arra Textiles](#)' handwoven designs inspired by the ever changing seascapes and woodlands of the Scottish Highlands, and [Catherine Aitken](#)'s limited edition accessories made from Harris Tweed, linens and wax cottons.



GLASS

Defying convention and exploring the medium's infinite possibilities, this year's selection of renowned glassmakers include Swedish artist [Elin Isaksson](#) (*left*) exhibiting her hand blown contemporary collection. Scottish maker [Carrie Paxton](#) shows with her colourful illustrative pieces that play with light and colour, while [Clare Wilson](#) uses traditional glass cane techniques in a monotone pallet to make functional, contemporary art objects.



JEWELLERY & METAL

If you're searching for an extra special gift this year, then look no further than our stunning collection of one-off jewellery and metal designs at this year's event.

Inspired by natural rock, [Victoria Radcliffe](#) incorporates traditional and experimental silversmithing techniques to achieve spontaneous outcomes and truly original pieces. [Ashleaf](#) (left) cast leaves individually selected for their form and beauty in bronze to create sculptural jewellery and decorative one-off pieces. [Barbara Spence](#)'s astronomy-inspired designs combines traditional methods and natural shapes to capture fleeting moments of dynamic motion, while [Carla Edwards](#) pairs silver with resin to create playful nature-inspired shapes in striking colours.



FURNITURE & WOOD

A growing number of exhibitors are working in wood to create innovative sculptures and striking but functional furniture.

Visit Handmade Edinburgh to discover decorative hardwood boxes by [Digby Morrow](#) (left) and wood-turner [Richard Shock](#)'s stunning tableware featuring his signature multiline inlays.

Work by the majority of the 100+ exhibitors at this show would never find its way to the average high street. Most of the artists are award-winners and only sell through, galleries, exhibitions or by appointment. [Book your ticket now.](#)

Images from top: [Ashleaf](#) (metal), [Digby Morrow](#) (wood).

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Notes to the editors:

- Handmade Edinburgh is open: Friday 27 – Sunday 29 October 2017, 10am – 6pm daily
- Handmade Edinburgh private view evening: Thursday 26 October 2017, 6 – 9pm (private view passes only)
- Venue: The Hub, Castlehill, Edinburgh EH1 2NE thehub-edinburgh.com
- Advance one day entry £5 (£4 concessions) available from handmadeinbritain.co.uk/edinburgh (£7/£5 on the door)
- Advance super-saver three-day tickets £12 (£10 concessions) available from handmadeinbritain.co.uk/edinburgh (£15/£13 on the door)
- Advance private view tickets (including entry across the weekend) £20 (£18 concessions) available from handmadeinbritain.co.uk/edinburgh (£22/£20 on the door). Private view entry on the door £10 (£8 concessions)
- Concessionary ticket holders must be a student, aged 15-18, OAP or in receipt of unemployment benefits
- Free entry for ages 14 and under
- A full list of Handmade Edinburgh exhibitors can be found at handmadeinbritain.co.uk/edinburgh
- Follow the buzz on social media @handmadebritain and #HandmadeEdinburgh

- Handmade in Britain also runs craft events [Handmade at Kew](#) 12 - 15 October and [Handmade in Britain](#) 10 – 12 November, as well as new outdoor contemporary sculpture exhibition [Sculpt at Kew](#) 18 September – 15 October.

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In Britain

Appreciating British Craftsmanship

[Handmade in Britain](#) exists to support, promote and celebrate extraordinary artists and craftspeople who create their work in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. We increase accessibility and visibility, create market opportunities and maintain high standards in the craft sector whilst providing a comprehensive support programme towards a bright future for British craft and design. Our work provides a platform for design and craft talent through both our own events and collaborations with other organisations, alongside a [mentoring programme](#) and [membership scheme](#).

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