**V&A Dundee Presents: Northern Lights**

**London Design Festival 2016**

**Call for Designers**

First staged in 2003, the London Design Festival (LDF) is one of the world’s most important annual design events. The festival programme is made up of over 400 events and exhibitions staged by hundreds of partner organisations across the design spectrum and from around the world.

Due to open in 2018, V&A Dundee will be a new world-class design museum for Scotland – a groundbreaking international centre for design innovation, a place of inspiration, fun and learning.

For this year’s London Design Festival, V&A Dundee is partnering with Scottish Enterprise and Creative Dundee to deliver the installation ‘Northern Lights’, on show from 17-25 September at the foremost Festival hub, the Victoria and Albert Museum in South Kensington.

Rich, bold and confident, Scotland’s design creativity is making an ever greater impact. Ahead of opening in 2018, we want to expose the current strengths of contemporary Scottish design talent and production, its vital role in our economy and its connectivity around the world.

Featuring the work of designers/manufacturers who have chosen to stay in Scotland to build their careers, ***Northern Lights*** makes a statement about contemporary Scottish design, encompassing a range of designers and manufacturers from a variety of commercial fields, including but not limited to fashion, textiles, furniture, interiors, jewellery, product, glass and ceramics.

The new museum will attract hundreds of thousands of visitors to Tayside, and this exhibition presents a high profile opportunity to demonstrate Scotland’s outstanding design strengths to future visitors.

We’re looking for the best Scottish design and manufacturing talent to take part in this high profile show.

**How Do I Apply?**

Applications must be made by email to [tara.wainwright@vandadundee.org](mailto:tara.wainwright@vandadundee.org). The closing date for submissions is Monday 11th July at 5pm. Successful applicants will be notified on Friday 15th July.

**Eligibility**

* Applicants should represent the fields of contemporary design or manufacture across fashion, textiles, furniture, interiors, jewellery, product, glass or ceramics.
* Applicants can submit up to 5 pieces for consideration.
* Only completed pieces should be submitted for consideration.

This opportunity is aimed at designers/manufacturers who have been trading for a minimum of 12 months. On this occassion we are unable to accept applications from undersgraduate or postgraduate students currently unrolled on a degree course.

**Selection**

The selection panel will feature representation from V&A Dundee, Scottish Enterprise and Creative Dundee.

**Successful Applicants**

There are various key dates that you may wish to attend if successful, including the breakfast media launch (Friday 16th September) and Scottish networking breakfast (date tbc). You must be comfortable with, and available to take part in, PR and social media campaigns, including blogging opportunities.

**Selling Work**

In line with London Design Festival protocol, none of the work in the installation can be sold onsite. However, opportunities to generate sales will be available through other channels.

**Travel Bursary**

A travel bursary of up to £250 will be available to successful applicants to support the costs of transport and accommodation. Both transport and accommodation should be paid for by the applicants, and an invoice submitted for payment after LDF has taken place.

**Further Questions**

Email [tara.wainwright@vandadundee.org](mailto:tara.wainwright@vandadundee.org)

**Northern Lights Application Form**

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| **DE MINIMIS AID** | | | | |
| List all offers of de minimis public support from a United Kingdom source received by the applicant business, and any enterprise linked to the applicant business, during the previous two company fiscal years and the current company fiscal year. | | | | |
| **Fiscal year (yy/yy)** | **Public sector source and title of project/scheme** | **Grant, loan or other aid instrument?** | **Amount that is de minimis aid** | **Type of de minimis aid** |
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| **Please answer the following:-** |
| Have you received any support from public organisations in the last three years? If yes please provide headline details? |
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| Please outline your ambitions for the next 12 months? (200 words) |
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| What would exhibiting at London Design Festival mean for your business? (100 words) |
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| **Work List** | | | | | |
| Applicants may submit up to five pieces of work for consideration. | | | | | |
| Title | Discipline (ie, ceramics) | Composition (ie, 100% silk) | Dimensions (cm, HxWxD) | Year Created | Insurance Value |
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Please supply a PDF or online link to your current portfolio or website.

**Send It To Us**

Please email your completed application and supporting documentation to [tara.wainwright@vandadundee.org](mailto:tara.wainwright@vandadundee.org) no later than 5pm on Monday 11th July.

Please note email attachement limit of maximum 10MB.