

The Philadelphia Design District presents the lineup of events for Sensory Design

In conjunction with DesignPhiladelphia, the Philadelphia Design District announces its new series of events on the theme 'Sensory Design'.

After the Premiere Showcase, which took place at the Bridge on Race in April 2018, officially launched the District with all ten members in one location, 'Sensory Design' will be a series of events hosted within each member's showroom or gallery. The objective of the Philadelphia Design District is to offer visitors a fresh perspective on design and art in Philadelphia, with elevated showcases geared towards an audience of design fanatics and enthusiasts.

Sensory Design

How does design affect the senses? Does everyone share the same experience when faced with tantalizing design? Comfort, pleasure, awe, and excitement, are just a few ways design can impact us as individuals. Over the course of a week, galleries and showrooms will provide unexpected and interactive experiences for 'Sensory Design' that explore personal sensations such as sight, sound, taste, smell, and touch.

The kick off for 'Sensory Design' will take place on Saturday, October 6th, with an opening night, allowing guests an opportunity to discover and experience ten unique showcases hosted by the Philadelphia Design District members. Each will offer an interpretation of the theme and feature guest designers, artists and architects. Visitors will be treated to interactive performances, stimulating exhibitions, engaging demonstrations and fascinating experiences.

After the opening and throughout DesignPhiladelphia 2018, which will run from October 6th to October 13th, the Philadelphia Design District will also host other happenings to draw the design community to Old City. Stay tuned, more details to come!

Mark you calendars and be sure to attend each event offered by the Philadelphia Design District members

[Biello Martin Studio](#)

148 N 3rd Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106

[KelliJane](#)

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design.erotica

Saturday, October 6th, 2018

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Biello Martin Studio and Kellijane are proud to present . *design.erotica* . as part of the

Philadelphia Design District's *Sensory Design* exhibit. Featuring Michael Biello's erotic clay sculpture, the exhibit will include collaborations with the legendary pleasure activist Annie Sprinkle and costume designer Tyler Holland. Kellijane will also feature a collection of sensual pillows.

[design.erotc.literacy](#)

Wednesday, October 10th, 2018

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

In conjunction with Biello Martin Studio's . design.erotc . exhibit, Susana Mayer Ph.D., founder, and host of The Erotic Literary Salon will curate readings celebrating the sensuality of objects, textiles and furniture, and our erotic relation to them.

[K Gallery Art & Design](#)

120 N 3rd Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19106

[Society Hill Kitchens](#)

120 N 3rd St, Philadelphia, PA 19106

Open House

Saturday, October 6th, 2018

K Gallery Art & Design and Society Hill Kitchens present work-by-sculpture Nick Kacic-Miosic as part of the Philadelphia Design District's Sensory Design exhibit at Design Philadelphia. A private opening reception will be held from 6 pm - 9 pm with a viewing of the exhibition at the K Gallery Art & Design and Society Hill Kitchens & Custom Interiors. Kacic-Miosic sculptures will be featured from the serial of sculptures "My beautiful Singer" and "Blue whisper".

[Meet and Greet](#)

Friday, October 12th, 2018

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

In conjunction with the open house, a special event "Meet and greet with the artist" will take place Saturday, October 12th from 6 pm - 9 pm.

[Minima](#)

118 N 3rd St, Philadelphia, PA 19106

131 N 3rd St, Philadelphia, PA 19106

Touched X Design

Saturday, October 6th, 2018

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Public Exhibition: October 9th - 13th, 2018

11:00 am - 6:00 pm

Minima will present two collections as a part of the Touched X Design event. The first collection will be by Teresa Chang, who is influenced by the simplicity of Korean and Japanese pottery. Her work appeals to viewers' sense of sight and touch with her limited edition, hand-built porcelain pieces, crafted specifically for Minima's two showrooms. For the opening night, Chang will throw pots on her ceramic wheel while encouraging guests to talk with her one-to-one.

The second collection is Minotti's 2018 A Tale of an Infinite Present, which will be exhibited in Minima's 131 N. 3rd St showroom. Rodolfo Dordoni, Minotti's chief designer, added in his own works to the exhibition, which is an expression of classic but contemporary taste. These timeless designs include generous and versatile sofa configurations paired with elegant armchairs and coffee tables, creating innovative and sculptural seating arrangements.

Please Do Not Touch: Book Signing

Friday, October 12th, 2018

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Co-authored with Moss' life partner Franklin Getchell, the Rizzoli imprint recalls the 18-year love affair the world had with the eponymously named MOSS, the Soho design and art emporium.

Moderne Gallery

111 N 3rd St, Philadelphia, PA 19106

American Studio Furniture and Ceramics: Surface and Texture

October 6th, 2018

6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Public Exhibition: October 9th - 13th, 2018

12:00 pm - 5:00 pm

American Studio Furniture and Ceramics: Surface and Texture is an exhibition put together by Moderne Gallery of woodwork and ceramics that focuses on the tactile sense through the manipulation of surface and texture. The woodwork featured there is by George Nakashima, Wharton Esherick, David Ebner, Sam Maloof, John Eric Byers and Miriam Carpenter. The ceramics will be created by Estelle Halper, Ira Winarsky, Toshiko Takaezu, Don Reitz and Peter Voulkos.

Parisa Rugs & Décor

33 N 3rd St, Philadelphia, PA 19106

Open House

Saturday, October 6th, 2018

6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Parisa Rugs & Décor is thrilled to take part in “Sensory Design” on October 6th from 6-9 pm, presented by the Philadelphia Design District. Enjoy cocktails and hors d’oeuvres while exploring the senses through texture and visual art by Agnes Gummere.

Pentimenti Gallery

145 N 2nd St, Philadelphia, PA 19106

The Expanded Diagram

Saturday, October 6th, 2018

5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

At the Pentimenti Gallery, guest speakers will explore the Expanded Diagram project, a thesis proposed by artist Steven Baris. His thesis states that for some artists, diagrammatic thinking aptly describes a significant aspect of their creative process—more cogently than the many art labels and categories currently offered. Even though the majority of these artworks do not look like conventional diagrams, the way these artists think about and develop their artwork mirrors critical features of diagrammatic processes.

Discovering Design Through Simple Platonic Elements

Saturday, October 13th, 2018

4:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Pentimenti Gallery and Studio of Metropolitan Design Architects present a hands-on workshop for anyone between the age of 9 and 99 (all children must be accompanied by an adult). Through a kit of parts, which will be provided at the event, participants will discover opportunities by designing a sculpture using a limited number of elements, which can be arranged in an infinite number of compositions. Participants will take home their creation. Architects and artists will be present to catalyze the process.

Petit Jardin en Ville

134 N 3rd Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106

Shift Design

Friday, October 12th, 2018

6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Petit Jardin en Ville - Outdoor Living a modern furniture showroom featuring outdoor furniture and garden design is pleased to host a cocktail and lecture by SHIFT, an American design manufacturer, on Friday October 12 at 6:30pm. The SHIFT brand strives to present ideas in furniture and design that blur the line between outdoor and indoor living, liberating conventional boundaries and allowing the freedom to flow from space to space.

Shift was founded in 2009 by SHIFTSPACE, a Philadelphia-based design studio focused on the interplay of architecture and industrial design, blending architectural space, public art and landscapes together with places and products.

Roche Bobois

311 Arch St, Philadelphia, PA 19106

Marcel Wanders Launch

Thursday, October 11th, 2018

6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Roche Bobois invites you to celebrate the launch of Globe Trotter, an exclusive new collection designed by Marcel Wanders for Roche Bobois. The collection, A Journey of an Explorer in the 20s, takes you on a trip around the world from France to Istanbul. Enjoy the cuisine while entertained by performers, who will fill this festive evening filled with adventure, delight and more.

Wexler Gallery

201 N 3rd St, Philadelphia, PA 19106

Inventive Illusions

Saturday, October 6th, 2018

6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Inventive Illusions will be hosted by Wexler Gallery on the opening night of Sensory Design. Looks can often deceive. What could be an almost certainty to one's eye can easily dissolve with a quick brush of the hand. Inventive Illusions will challenge the perception of materials and intention of art and design by inviting the viewer to explore reality beyond this first visual impression. In order to fully discover and understand a piece of design, it should be intimately experienced and explored with all of the senses.

About the Philadelphia Design District

Since 1776, Philadelphia has been the home of the builders and the craftsmen, the thinkers and the tinkers. It's where ideas and innovation collided to create the heart of the nation. Born from this spirit, a new heart has risen in the city, the Philadelphia Design District.

The Philadelphia Design District is a newly founded collective initiated by independent business owners in an area spanning 2nd and 3rd Street to Market and Race. This eclectic community of shops, boutiques, art galleries, showrooms and bistros is a community presenting the best in creativity and design in the vibrant and dynamic neighborhood of Old City.