



PRESS RELEASE

'Food with Thought Event' – contemporary design comes to Borough Market this September

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Lorraine Statham, founder of **loophouse**, and June Swindell, founder of **salt** inspired their talented design friends, Timorous Beasties, Kay + Stemmer, Tracy Kendall and Tom Kirk, to collaborate with them and create 'Food with Thought event'. These local designers have teamed up and installed fabulous and unique products in the rafters of London's iconic Borough Market during the London Design Festival. The rich mix of eclectic products set within these historic surroundings make this inaugural event a feast for the eyes as well as the taste buds.

loophouse has designed 'Apples & Pears', a playfully sophisticated range of carpet banners inspired by Cockney rhyming slang, highlighting the delicious fruits in bold imagery and the vibrant colours of the market stall drapery.

salt. have brought new life to existing panels by combining their intricate weave structures with microscopic references encouraging the viewer to look up through the cut layers and unveiling the exaggerated forms inspired by the mesh configuration of the market's huge canopy.

Timorous Beasties have taken guidance from The Borough Market Cookbook creating two light-hearted prints, "Pork in Cider" and "Spit Roast". One presents a polka dot with pig and apple transposed over a much loved Timorous Beasties design whilst the other infuses rosemary and garlic entwined around the suckling pig. Recycling existing fabrics from odd stock, overprinting is the base for their new designs.

Kay + Stemmer have produced a beautifully crafted range called 'Tutti Frutti' including the 'Tutti Brie' table and 'Tutti n Frutti' stool that have been created out of palettes usually discarded or thrown away from the market. Their unique canvas shopper comes complete with a DIY instruction sheet of how to make the 'Tutti Melon' stool.

Tracy Kendall has taken vintage French table linen and created two panels. The first one is her well loved "Cutlery" design. The second extracts text from Shakespeare's famous scene in Macbeth with the 3 witches around the cauldron, substituting the original grisly ingredients with more enjoyable recipes based on foods found in the market.

Tom Kirk's 'Creel Pendant Cluster' combines the framework of traditional pots with the fluorescent colour of the marker buoys. Seen in daylight as white and bright then transformed by night capturing it's shadowy structure as a stunning centerpiece.

Take a piece of the 'Food with Thought Event' home by purchasing a unique canvas shopper created by each of the six design companies from their market stall on 17-19 and 24-26 Sept. These limited edition bags, printed with eco-friendly ink, are also available to buy online at www.foodwiththoughtevent.com

***For more information on the event visit www.foodwiththoughtevent.com
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Notes to editors:

'Food with Thought event' will be open to the public as well as the design trade and entrance will be free. The exhibits will be housed in the walk through area of the market which is always open, and in addition to this, on market days (Thursday: 11am – 5pm, Friday: 12pm – 6pm and Saturday: 9am – 4pm) there will be a 'Food with Thought event' market stall selling the exclusive shopping bags and providing visitors with information on the products for sale, and a chance to speak to the designers about their products on display.

Location: Borough Market, 8 Southwark Street, London, SE1 1TL.

Dates: 17-27 Sept 2009.

Transport: London Bridge tube/train/bus.

More information on the Designers Involved:

Designer: Lorraine Statham

Company: loophouse

Discipline: Textiles – custom handmade rugs, floor and wall hangings/coverings

Lorraine, founded handmade bespoke rug company **loophouse** in 1992. Winner of Women into Business, she has worked a prestigious list of clients that includes Liberty, Sony, Gleneagles and has designed two collections as the result of a unique relationship between The Guggenheim Museum, New York and DesignTex.

www.loophouse.com

Designer: June Swindell

Company: salt.

Discipline: Textiles – hand woven and small batch production

June founded **salt.** over 13 years ago and specialise in bespoke blinds and shades to enhance windows in commercial, retail and residential schemes. Collected by the Cooper-Hewitt National Design Museum, **salt.** is known for its progressive approach to textile design.

www.salt-uk.com

Designer: Alistair McAuley & Paul Simmons

Company: Timorous Beasties

Discipline: Textiles – hand printed and small batch production

Alistair and Paul founded **Timorous Beasties** in 1990, noted for its surreal and provocative textiles and wallpapers and nominated; amongst their many accolades, for Designer of the Year (2005).

www.timorousbeasties.com

Designer: Sarah Kay & Andrea Stemmer

Company: Kay + Stemmer

Discipline: Furniture – hand crafted and small batch production

Sarah and Andrea founded their contemporary furniture business in 2000. They have established a reputation for elegant contemporary furniture that is beautifully crafted. It now also encompasses bespoke designs, for retail and interiors.

www.kay-stemmer.com

Designer: Tracy Kendall

Company: Tracy Kendall Wallpaper

Discipline: Wallpaper – hand crafted and small batch production

Tracy started making wallpaper in 1996 for herself at home and now sells her wallpapers around the world. She crosses over between digital and hand craft techniques for the collection and has just won again the Editors Award for Wallcoverings at ICFE 2009 in New York.

<http://www.tracykendall.com>

Designer: Tom Kirk

Company: Tom Kirk Lighting

Discipline: Lighting - hand crafted and small batch production

Tom set up **Tom Kirk Lighting** in 1997 designing unique light fittings for many prestigious corporate, public and private projects including The Dorchester, Emirates Stadium, The Conran Shop and Habitat.

www.tomkirk.com