

DESIGN NATION



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DESIGN-NATION SOUTH: MATERIALISED

15 – 26 October 2025

Acclaimed artists and designers to showcase their work in a unique Brighton venue.

Southern members of Design-Nation, the leading portfolio for designer-makers based in the UK, will exhibit their work at the Regency Town House this October, showcasing the best in contemporary design and art - in a beautiful Grade I listed period setting.

The exhibition will comprise a bold and striking collection of work by Design-Nation members from across the south of England, including ceramics, lighting, textiles, furniture, metalwork, enamel, jewellery, leather accessories and architectural drawings. Functional pieces, furniture and wearable art will sit alongside two dimensional, sculptural and abstract works, to create an intriguing presentation of exceptional contemporary art and making in 2025. Innovation, bold ideas, material skills and passion will be at the forefront of this inspiring show, and the artists will be on hand throughout to chat to visitors about their work. The unique setting of the partially restored Regency Town House, built in the 1820s as part of Charles Busby's Brunswick Estate, will provide a magnificent backdrop for the contemporary pieces.

All work will be for sale and visitors are welcome to discuss commission opportunities and bespoke projects, should they wish.

This not-to-be-missed exhibition opens at 11am Wednesday 15th October until 4pm Sunday 26th October, at The Regency Town House, 13 Brunswick Square, Brighton BN3 1EH.

Exhibiting artists include:

Rachel Barnard: rachelbarnardceramics.com

Samantha Boot: samanthaboot.com

Alma Boyes: almaboyes.co.uk

Belinda Coyne: belindacoyne.com

Carola van Dyke: carolavandykestudio.com

Fleur Grenier: flegrenier.co.uk

Sharon Kearley: sharonkearley.com

Elaine King: elainekingceramics.co.uk

Jane King: janekingceramics.com

Renush Leather Accessories: renush.com

Nicola Martin Ceramics: nicolamartinceramics.com

Julie Massie: juliemassie.co.uk

Hounddog Design: hounddogdesign.uk

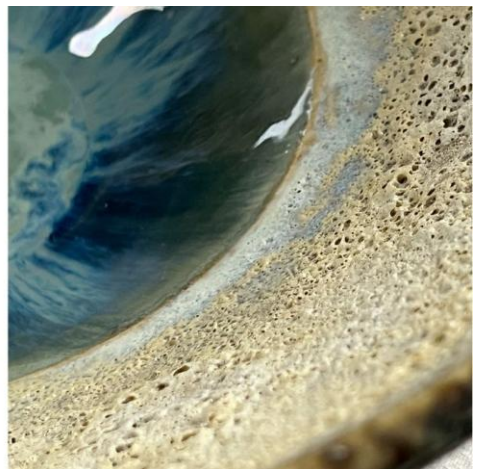
Linescapes: linescapes.co.uk

Ksenia Semirova: semirova.com

Amy Frankie Smith: amyfrankiesmith.com

Emily Smith: the-metalsmith.co.uk

Anna Thomson: annathomson.co.uk



Clare Edwards, Director of Design-Nation said: “While Design-Nation is a significant national maker network, we have always worked locally as well, seeing the amazing value that our Cluster Hub Network gives to our members. We’re proud to support our southern cluster in their exciting venture at The Regency Town House, which is sure to be a stand-out event this autumn.”

The Regency Townhouse said “When the Regency Townhouse and its neighbours here in Brunswick Town were designed in the 1820s by Royal Academy gold medal-winning architect C. A. Busby, he drew buildings that were the height of style and fashion and embellished by the best craftspeople of the day. It is fitting, therefore, that The Regency Townhouse was chosen by Design-Nation as the venue for their exhibition this autumn, bringing together as it will, the work of talented contemporary designers and craftspeople from across the southern region.”

Boiler plate/ notes to editors

Design-Nation is a leading portfolio for designer-makers based in the UK, which creates innovative opportunities for the contemporary design and craft sector through future thinking. Design-Nation was founded in 1999 by design innovator the late Peta Levi MBE, merging with the highly respected Design Factory in 2017, and moving into partnership with the University of Lincoln in 2023. Design-Nation’s portfolio comprises a rich and diverse pool of highly skilled designer-makers whose works demonstrate authentic, exceptional artistry and design ability: designnation.co.uk Members exhibiting at the Regency Town House are from Sussex, Surrey, Hampshire and Dorset.

The Regency Town House is a Grade I listed terraced home in the heart of Brunswick Town, a Georgian Estate in the city of Brighton and Hove on the Sussex coast. Built in the 1820s, The Regency Town House is being developed by staff and volunteers as a heritage centre and museum. Its activities are funded through The Brunswick Town Charitable Trust, a registered charity. The Regency Town House hosts a range of events and exhibitions: rth.org.uk

For enquiries about the exhibition, additional images, or to attend the private view (Friday 16th October, 5-8pm), please contact: Jane King on 07876 212602