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THINGS TO SEE IN...

West London

24 Victoria and Albert Museum

The V&A is the hub of this year's festival, with events, shows, talks and installations. There's an eco theme to many events, including 'Wasted', which sees a vast architectural seating system made from reclaimed materials installed in the tunnel that connects the museum to South Kensington Tube station. Also on show are a new commission of benches by Sebastian Wrong in collaboration with artist Richard Wood, and an exhibition of 20 limited-edition Pentagram posters. While you're there be sure to have a cup of tea in the Green Dining Room designed by William Morris in 1860 (right). *September 19-27, Cromwell Road, SW7; for more events see londondesignfestival.com*

25 Shop at Bluebird and Atelier Abigail Ahern

The Shop at Bluebird is collaborating with interiors guru Abigail Ahern, who has curated its new homes collection. Expect an eclectic mix of tabletop products, accessories by the likes of Jonathan Adler (right), lighting, furniture, rugs and textiles, all with a tongue-in-cheek twist. *From September 23, 350 King's Road, SW3; theshopatbluebird.com*

26 Serpentine Pavilion

This year's undulating aluminium canopy is designed by Japanese architects SANAA. Resembling a floating pool of water, it drifts freely between the trees, light as a cloud (above). *Until October 18, Serpentine Gallery, Hyde Park; serpentinegallery.org*

27 'Roughed Up' at Rabih Hage

Rabih Hage's latest furniture collection eschews the idea of perfection. Each piece has a different distressed effect – think partially sanded surfaces, bare wood, chipped paint and raw edges mingling with opulent materials for a unique take on modern luxe. *September 19-24, 69-71 Sloane Avenue, SW3; rabih-hage.com*

28 'Into the Woods' and 'Art Works' at Iittala

Curated by Finnish designer Harri Koskinen, 'Into the



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Woods' is an exhibition that mixes Scandinavian art, design and craft to trace the growth of Iittala and will feature original pieces by Alvar Aalto, Kaj Franck and Tapio Wirkkala. Also check out 'Art Works', a new range of limited-edition glass pieces. The first collection is by Koskinen (below left) with more to follow next year. *September 16-October 17, Chelsea College of Art & Design, 16 John Islip Street, SW1; iittala.com*

29 Portobello Dock

Portobello Dock is home to Tom Dixon's new showroom, which will be showcasing products from his new 'Utility' collection. During the festival you'll also find The Rug Company's latest designs, Thorsten van Elten's eclectic collection and a pop-up cafe by stylist Faye Toogood. *September 19-27, Wharf Building, Portobello Dock, 344 Ladbrooke Grove, W10; londondesignfestival.com*

30 'Knit Wits' at Skandium

Skandium is offering knitting classes on September 24 from



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6-8.30pm, complete with tea, cake and biscuits. Afterwards, check out the expert versions at the 'Knit Wits' exhibition, a collection of iconic Iittala products dressed in knit creations by the Knitty Gritty collective and available to buy. *September 24-27, 247 Brompton Road, SW3; skandium.com*

31 Young Creative Poland

Poland is an untapped mine of design talent begging to be discovered. See what we mean at this showcase of the country's creativity. *September 19-27, 5 Cromwell Place, SW7; londondesignfestival.com*

32 'Elements' at Gallery Libby Sellers

Dutch designer Dick van Hoff has created a series of works for his debut London exhibition. A self-styled 'industrial tailor', he has experimented with materials and form, and a mix of industrial and traditional manufacturing techniques. *September 19-October 19, The Garage, North Terrace, SW3; libbysellers.com*



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