

WEST LONDON



100% DESIGN LONDON

{ www.100percentdesign.co.uk }

EARLS COURT, SW5

September 24–27; tickets, £20

100% Design showcases new designs for buildings and interiors. It is the largest single event in London Design Festival, and has sections devoted to architecture (100% Detail), up-to-the-minute materials (100% Materials) and fresh design talent (100% Futures). Because it is so big, it is worth planning what to see in advance. 100% Design is a trade event, but is open to the public on September 27.

V&A

{ www.vam.ac.uk }

CROMWELL ROAD, SW7

Admission, free

This year the V&A takes over from the Southbank Centre as the hub of the festival. As well as a place to gather festival information, it will host a number of exhibitions and events. Here are our favourites:

In Praise of Shadows: an exhibition of lighting that makes inventive use of low-energy bulbs and alternative energy sources.

**Pentagram Poster Exhibition*: limited-edition London

posters by 20 graphic designers and typographers.

* The newly opened ceramics galleries: containing 3,000 objects from 2,500BC to the present day.

* Design tours: a series of personal tours of the museum by key London designers.

FOCUS 09

{ www.designcentrechelseaharbour.co.uk }

DESIGN CENTRE CHELSEA HARBOUR, SW10

September 27–30; admission, free

Focus is when the 81 showrooms at Design Centre Chelsea Harbour launch their new products. Go to see the latest flooring, fabrics, furniture and accessories. Focus is a trade preview, but is open to the public on September 30.

BROMPTON DESIGN DISTRICT

{ www.bromptondesigndistrict.com }

Admission, free

The design-related shops and galleries in South Kensington, Brompton Cross and Brompton Quarter, which include Mint, Skandium, Few and Far and Rabih Hage Gallery, and are collectively known as Brompton Design District, will host a variety of small but perfectly

formed shows and events as part of London Design Festival. Vacant buildings will also be temporarily filled with exhibitions. For instance, at The Garage, North Terrace, SW3, curator Libby Sellers will present a solo show of Dutch designer Dick van Hoff's work.

DECOREX INTERNATIONAL 2009

{ www.decorex.com }

ROYAL HOSPITAL CHELSEA, SW3

September 27–30; tickets, £20

More than 200 well-established companies, including Andrew Martin, Soane and William Yeoward, come together under one temporary roof to unveil their latest products for interiors. Decorex is a trade event, but is open to the public on September 29, 1pm–8pm.

OPEN HOUSE LONDON

{ www.openhouse.org.uk }

ROYAL COURT THEATRE, SLOANE SQUARE, SW1

September 19–20; admission, free

For one weekend a year 700 London buildings of architectural interest are opened to the public, including the Royal Court Theatre, which won a RIBA award for its refurbishment by Haworth Tompkins Architects. >