

Craft Scotland Showcase the best of Edinburgh Talent at International Craft Show in Chicago



Acclaimed Edinburgh based makers Craig Mitchell, Jennifer Gray, Grant McCaig and Katharina Vones are travelling to Chicago with Craft Scotland to exhibit their work at a prestigious craft exhibition (SOFA) from 1 November. Craft Scotland will show work from some of the most celebrated and talented makers in Scotland across the disciplines of ceramics, jewellery, furniture, glass, silver and basket making at the SOFA (Sculptural Objects and Functional Art) exhibition. It's a key event for the international collectors market and regularly receives upwards of 35,000 visitors across three days from 1 – 3 November.

SOFA Chicago was established 20 years ago and Craft Scotland are delighted to be joining the celebrations for the second time, after a successful show in 2012.

Fiona Logue, Director of Craft Scotland explains more:-“We are delighted to be back in Chicago with a larger space, representing 16 makers from all around Scotland. Our collection gives audiences in Chicago the opportunity to see and buy some of the finest craft being produced in the country today and we are proud to demonstrate the breadth and quality of Scottish craft on an international platform.”

In addition Craft Scotland will be exhibiting the work of a further three makers from the Edinburgh area; Mette Fruergaard-Jensen, Frances Priest and Andrea Walsh.

16 makers will have their work represented and eight of the makers will be travelling to Chicago to accompany the exhibition.

The group flying to Chicago are:

- Alison Kinnaird – Glass, Midlothian
- Craig Mitchell – Ceramics, Edinburgh
- Jennifer Gray – Jewellery, Edinburgh
- Naomi McIntosh – Jewellery, Aberdeenshire
- Susan O’Byrne – Ceramics, Glasgow
- Grant McCaig – Silver, Edinburgh
- Amanda Simmons – Glass, Castle Douglas
- Katharina Vones – Jewellery, Edinburgh

With the following craft makers having their work displayed at SOFA

- Lizzie Farey – Basket Maker, Kirkcudbright
- John Galvin Design – Furniture, Glasgow
- Marion E. Kane – Silver, East Kilbride
- Patricia Shone – Ceramics, Isle of Skye
- Mette Fruergaard-Jensen – Wood and Metal, Edinburgh
- Frances Priest – Ceramics, Edinburgh
- Craig Stuart – Jewellery, Dunkeld
- Andrea Walsh – Ceramics, Edinburgh

The Craft Scotland contingent are not the only Scottish group exhibiting at SOFA, a select group of artists from Edinburgh College of Art will stage their biggest ever jewellery and silversmithing exhibition outside the UK. Over 50 pieces of work by 20 recently graduated artists and staff will be on display. The College was one of only five universities – and the only non-US institution invited and exhibiting some of its cutting edge output as part of the fair’s CONNECT Space.

Find out more about Craft Scotland at SOFA on <http://www.craftscotland.org/SOFA>

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