



# Crosstown Traffic

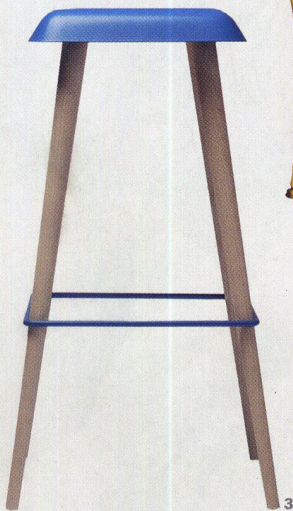
International names and lesser-known studios alike are gearing up for this year's London Design Festival. With so much to see it'll be a race against time - Nathalie Wilson waves you into the fast lane



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**SERPENTINE PAVILION** [1] KENSINGTON GARDENS, W2 Until 16 Oct. Mon-Sun 10-6. Swiss architect Peter Zumthor's 'garden within a garden' response to the gallery's annual architectural project was conceived as a spot to sit, walk and enjoy the flowers - the perfect place for the LDF-weary to take a break. Details: 020 7402 6075; serpentinegallery.org.

**YASTIK** [2] 8 HOLLAND ST, W8 17-25 Sept. Mon-Sat 10-6, Sun 11-5. Turkish delights: fashion designer Rifat Ozbek's Kensington cushion emporium is home to 15 new limited-edition ikat and velvet designs - all made from cotton and silk yarn dyed, woven and printed by hand. Details: 020 3538 7981; yastikbyrifatozbek.com.

**100% DESIGN** EARLS COURT EXHIBITION CENTRE, WARWICK RD, SW5 22-25 Sept. Thurs 10-9, Fri 10-7, Sat 10-6, Sun 11-5. Including 100% Futures and 100% Materials, this is still the big boy of the festival for numbers, with over 400 exhibitors from Britain and overseas, including first-timers Greece and Chile at the international pavilions. There's an extensive programme of talks by the likes of Barber Osgerby and Foster & Partners.

Shown: 'Daddy Longlegs' stool [3] by Martin Solem for 100% Norway. Details: 0844 588 8087; 100percentdesign.co.uk.

**NEDDA EL-ASMAR: THE PASSION OF SIMPLICITY** THE MOSAIC ROOMS, 226 CROMWELL RD, SW5 9-28 Sept. Mon-Fri 11-6, Sat 11-4. Award-winning Belgian/Palestinian designer and silversmith Nedda El-Asmar makes her debut in Britain with a show featuring over 100 domestic objects, many created for luxury brands. Shown: 'Central Park' sterling-silver coffee and tea set with amaranth handles [4] for Puiforcat. Details: 020 7370 9990; mosaicrooms.org.

**ENLIGHTENED WASTE** MARION FRIEDMANN GALLERY, 8 EGERTON GARDEN MEWS, SW3 17-25 Sept. Daily 11-6. Up-cycling artists Gisela Stiegler and Thierry Jeannot make their London debut at this pop-up gallery with elegant lighting made from used packaging. Shown: 'Transmutation 1' chandelier [5], by Thierry Jeannot. Details: 07949 726097; marionfriedmann.com.

**DANISH CABINETMAKERS** [6] DRILL HALL DEPOT, 206 BROMPTON RD (ENTRANCE ON COTTAGE PLACE), SW3 19-25 Sept. Mon-Wed, Fri 12-6, Thurs 12-9, Sat, Sun 12.30-5. Danish Cabinetmakers' autumn exhibition, this year entitled *Whiteout*, makes its maiden voyage to London. Its cargo? Thirty-eight inventive