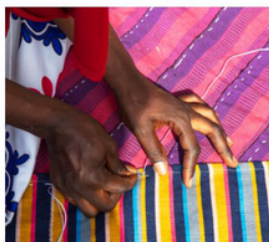




# agenda

## 'Purple Hibiscus', Barbican Lakeside Terrace

The brutalist concrete façade of the Barbican is set to be wrapped in ribbons of pink and purple fabric for Ghanaian artist Ibrahim Mahama's new commission. Created in collaboration with hundreds of craftspeople from Tamale in Ghana, the textiles are hand-embroidered with 100 *batakaris* (robes worn in northern Ghana). Until 18 August ([barbican.org.uk](http://barbican.org.uk)).



## Venice Biennale

Artist and filmmaker John Akomfrah has been selected by the British Council to represent the country at one of the art world's most prestigious events, the 60th Venice Biennale. He is known for his commitment to exploring major issues including racial injustice and climate change; his pavilion 'Listening All Night to the Rain' is a multimedia installation over eight screens. One not to miss. Until 24 November ([labiennale.org](http://labiennale.org)).



## 'The Shape of Things: Still Life in Britain', Pallant House Gallery

Mona Hatoum, David Hockney, Lucian Freud and Edward Alexander Wadsworth (*Bright Intervals*, pictured above) are just some of the artists in this hotly awaited exhibition in Chichester, charting modern British art through still life. Discover the genre's history, from 17th-century 'vanitas' paintings to surrealism, abstraction and pop art. 11 May-20 October ([pallant.org.uk](http://pallant.org.uk)).

## Vintage Supermarket, Merchant & Found

For three days only, The Vinyl Factory in Soho will become a treasure trove of vintage furniture and homeware, with retro supermarket fixtures and signage to help you tick off those hard-to-source pieces on your wish list. 15-18 May ([merchantandfound.com](http://merchantandfound.com)).

# Dates for your design diary...

*As the days get warmer, outdoor events are springing up all over – from al fresco dining at Ladbroke Hall to a vibrant waterside artwork at the Barbican*

## Chelsea Flower Show

Dubbed as 'the pinnacle of horticultural excellence', the annual flower show returns with spectacular garden designs, sanctuary spaces and blooming floral displays. This year promises to be the greenest Chelsea yet, with a focus on eco-techniques, low-carbon materials and processes that minimise waste materials left at the end of the show. 23-25 May ([rhs.org.uk](http://rhs.org.uk)).

## London Craft Week

Every year, makers and galleries from around the world gather in London for this week-long celebration of craftsmanship. It will feature a programme of tours and exhibitions and, as well as buying artisanal treasures, be sure to see textiles by Korean artist Lee So-ra (pictured). 13-19 May ([londoncraftweek.com](http://londoncraftweek.com)).



Sculptor Tony Cragg will showcase landmark works at two Yorkshire venues: York Minster cathedral and the Castle Howard (pictured) grounds. Our pick? Head to the cathedral to see *Field of Heaven* – a piece formed of hundreds of glass vessels – then take in two of Cragg's larger sculptures at the adjacent Dean's Park. 3 May-22 September ([castlehoward.co.uk](http://castlehoward.co.uk); [yorkminster.org](http://yorkminster.org)).

## Ladbroke Hall

*This London hotspot already has Pollini, the Vincenzo De Cotiis-designed, award-winning Italian restaurant, and the Carpenters Workshop Gallery, but it's adding a new secret, tucked-away garden space by Chelsea Flower Show winner Luciano Giubbilei. It will host up to 70 and have its own al fresco menu and a private dining pavilion by Jean Prouvé. Book now: the cat's out of the bag. Open from April ([ladbrokehall.com](http://ladbrokehall.com)).*

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