



## *Portraits in the Making*

PM Gallery & House

21 September - 12 November 2011

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Curated by Gregory Parsons

Seventeen contemporary designers, considered amongst the most promising talents working today, will feature in a new exhibition of contemporary craft at Sir John Soane's Pitzhanger Manor and PM Gallery this autumn. *Portraits in the Making* is a new collection of glass, ceramics, jewellery, textiles, basketry and woodwork created by a group of Craft Council award-winning artists inspired by Soane's Georgian manor house. Part of the London Design Festival, *Portraits in the Making* runs from 21 September to 12 November 2011.



Sir John Soane considered Pitzhanger Manor an architectural 'portrait' of himself and the house is a vivid reflection of his innovative and idiosyncratic style. Taking the 'portrait' idea as a starting point, each artist will explore the ways in which their own concerns and ideas are expressed through the objects they create. The exhibition will illustrate how the process of making a piece of work is peculiar to the individual, with each artist finding new ways of making portraits, drawing on creative discoveries in their own fields, as well as being influenced by the design and architectural details within Pitzhanger Manor.

*Portraits in the Making* will contain brand new work, including ornate printed ceramics, hand embroidered textiles inspired by silhouettes, fashion accessories made from laser-cut wood, deceptive glass objects blending mirrors and photography, woven blankets, sculpture and Georgian costumes, wigs and hairpieces.

Alongside the exhibition will be an interactive programme, including tours of the exhibition with the artists and a handling collection of exhibits. As the exhibition approaches, the creative process involved in each piece of work will be described on a group blog at <http://portraitsinthemaking.wordpress.com> and a film to be shown throughout the exhibition.

### VISITOR INFORMATION

#### Portraits in the Making

PM Gallery & Pitzhanger Manor, Walpole Park, Mattock Lane, Ealing, London W5 5EQ

**Exhibition Dates:** 21 September to 12 November 2011.

Admission is free to all visitors

**Opening Times:** Tuesday-Friday 1-5pm; Saturday 11am-5pm; Closed Monday.

Summer Sunday openings May-September.

**Further visitor information** [www.ealing.gov.uk/pmgalleryandhouse](http://www.ealing.gov.uk/pmgalleryandhouse) 020 8567 1227

**Travel:** Trains & tube to Ealing Broadway. Buses 207, 65 & 83.

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#### Note to editors:

1. Pitzhanger Manor is the 'dream house' designed by Soane as a place to entertain his friends and display his collection of art and antiquities. Situated in Walpole Park, central Ealing, Pitzhanger Manor and PM Gallery are owned and run by Ealing Council, which is planning a major development project that will see further rooms restored and improved gallery, visitor and education facilities.
2. The Crafts Council's Hothouse programme provides emerging makers with a programme of business skills and creative development tailored for early career craft makers and complemented by one-to-one support. It is a strand of Crafts Council Collective, the Crafts Council's Professional Development programme for makers. More at [www.craftscouncil.org.uk](http://www.craftscouncil.org.uk)

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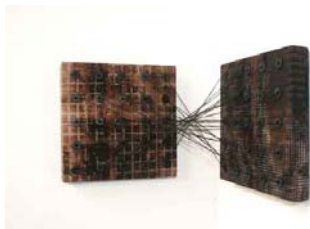
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