

Press Release
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Carwan Gallery Pop Up Exhibition at The Mosaic Rooms
Launch Event: Thursday 12 September, 6.30-8.30pm
13 - 24 September 2013
Exhibition Open: Mon-Sat, 11am-6pm
The Mosaic Rooms, 226 Cromwell Road, London SW5 0SW



Slingshot by Karim Chaya, courtesy of Carwan Gallery



Tessera- Lounge Chair by Marc Baroud, courtesy of Carwan Gallery

As part of the London Design Festival The Mosaic Rooms is pleased to host an exclusive Carwan Gallery pop up exhibition, presenting visitors with the opportunity to buy unique contemporary limited-edition furniture and objets d'art by cutting-edge designers from the Middle East and beyond.

The pop up exhibition will include works by Karim Chaya (Lebanon), Marc Baroud (Lebanon), Taher Asad Bakhtiari (Iran), Phillippe Malouin (Canada) and others.

Carwan was founded by the architects Pascale Wakim and Nicolas Bellavance-Lecompte in 2010 and began life as the first pop-up gallery in the Middle East. Established in Beirut, the gallery now exhibits limited-edition pieces in art and design events throughout the world, with a focus on internationalising design in the Middle East.

The Carwan Gallery Pop Up Exhibition runs alongside The Mosaic Rooms new mixed media exhibition *Home*, the result of three projects which explored notions of home with: FdA Interior Design students from Chelsea College of Art, young people in the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea, and members of London's Yemeni community.

As part of this show The Mosaic Rooms will also host a talk entitled: *The Art of Contemporary Design from Beirut: Contemporary Perspectives in Middle Eastern Craft* with the founders of Carwan Gallery and Lebanese designer, Najla El Zein, chaired by Malu Halasa, author, writer and former editor at large for the urbanism and architectural journal, *Portal 9: Stories and Critical Writing about the City, from Beirut*.

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Further Images



Ziggurats Containers by Oeuffice, courtesy of Carwan Gallery



Extrusion bowl by Philippe Malouin, courtesy of Carwan Gallery

Notes to Editors

- Carwan Gallery was founded by the architects Pascale Wakim and Nicolas Bellavance-Lecompte in 2010 and began as the first pop-up gallery in the Middle East. Established in Beirut, the gallery exhibits limited-edition pieces in art and design events throughout the world, with a focus on internationalizing design in the Middle East. Find out more here: www.carwangallery.com
- Available for interview: Pascale Wakim and Nicolas Bellavance-Lecompte, Carwan Gallery founders.
- Images from the pop up shop are available via The Mosaic Rooms.
- Entry is free.
- The talk with the founders of Carwan Gallery will take place 14 September at 12pm.
- The Mosaic Rooms are open from 11am-6pm Tuesday to Saturday.
- The Mosaic Rooms, a leading independent arts space in west London, deliver a high quality, contemporary and progressive cultural programme from the Arab world and internationally. They are managed by the A.M. Qattan Foundation, a UK charity dedicated to the support of culture and education in Palestine and the Arab world. The Foundation's London office, headed by one of its trustees, Omar Al-Qattan, is responsible for the Mosaic Rooms' programme. The Rooms are part of the Culture and Arts Programme of the A.M. Qattan Foundation.
- The Mosaic Rooms is situated on the corner of the Cromwell Road and Earl's Court Road in Kensington, London, a short walk from Earl's Court Underground Station and Exhibition Centre.
- For further information about The Mosaic Rooms and the A.M. Qattan Foundation visit www.mosaicrooms.org.
- This year's London Design Festival will take place 14-22 September 2013, find out more here: www.londondesignfestival.com



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