SIR JOHN SOANE'S MUSEUM LONDON

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Space and Light:
A pop up exhibition at Sir John Soane's Museum to coincide with London Design Festival 2014
13 September – 21 September 2014

Sir John Soane's architecture always put great emphasis on the use of light and shadow and he has been described as the 'Master of Space and Light'. This aspect of Soane's work will be explored by leading contemporary designers in a pop-up exhibition, entitled Space and Light for London Design Festival (13 September – 21 September). The curated display features work by the likes of Paul Schütze, Ab Rogers, Sebastian Bergne and Tiipoi, and will be installed in the Museum's historic No.12 Breakfast Room.

Space and Light features a collection of one-off pieces and never-before-seen products, all available for sale, offering visitors a rare opportunity to own unique and limited edition designs from some of the world's most exciting designers and creatives.

Multi-disciplinary artist and photographer Paul Schütze has created a limited edition photographic print of the Soane Museum's interior illuminated by London's night sky, while architect and designer Ab Rogers presents a brand new kinetic LED light.

New design brand Tiipoi, founded by Spandana Gopa, will showcase the unique Mirror 6. This distinctive piece has been crafted by a family of mirror makers from Aranmula, Kerala, India, an area famous for traditional craftsmanship and its skilled glass and mirror makers. The family, who has been crafting mirrors for generations, has kept the manufacturing process a family secret for over 600 years.

Renowned industrial designer Sebastian Bergne has created a sculptural lamp entitled 'Flame' which has been inspired by and recreates the caricature images of flames found in comics and cartoons.

Other works on display include a series hanging statue-lamps and a miniature but delicately formed gold chandelier encased inside an everyday light bulb both created by interior designers Mineheart, while critically acclaimed architect Antonino Cardillo will showcase the MIN lamp, an arch-shaped lamp beautifully carved from a single shard of mineral.

Xanthe Arvanitakis, Managing Director of Soane Museum Enterprises says:
"This pop-up exhibition truly reflects Soane's multi-faceted architectural legacy and we are absolutely thrilled to be presenting Space and Light during London Design Festival. To showcase these 21st Century creation within Soane's 18th Century home is a wonderful contribution to this year's LDF from these very talented designers."

All pieces from the exhibition are available from the Sir John Soane's Museum Shop and each purchase supports the Museum, its public programme and its ongoing temporary exhibition programme.

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Listings
Exhibition: Space and Light

Dates: 13 September – 11 October 2014
Address: Sir John Soane's Museum: 13 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London WC2A 3BP
Opening hours: Tuesday to Saturday 10am-5pm. Last entry 4:30pm
Admission: Free
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Notes to Editors

Sir John Soane's Museum:
The architect Sir John Soane's house, museum and library at No.13 Lincoln's Inn Fields has been a public museum since the early 19th century. On his appointment as Professor of Architecture at the Royal Academy in 1806 Soane (1753-1837) began to arrange his books, classical antiquities, casts and models so that students of architecture might benefit from access to them. In 1833 he negotiated an Act of Parliament to preserve the house and collection after his death for the benefit of 'amateurs and students' in architecture, painting and sculpture. Today Sir John Soane's Museum is one of the country's most unusual and significant museums with a continuing and developing commitment to education and creative inspiration. The museum is open free: Tuesday to Saturday inclusive, 10am-5pm. It is also open on the first Tuesday evening of each from 6-9pm. www.soane.org Sir John Soane's Museum is a Non-Departmental Public Body (NDPB) whose prime sponsor is the Department for Culture, Media and Sport.

London Design Festival
The London Design Festival has established a reputation as one of the largest and most dynamic design events in the world. Now celebrating its twelfth year, the Festival will run from 13-21 September and aims to celebrate and promote London as the design capital of the world, and as the gateway to the international creative community. Over 300 events and installations will be on offer across the capital, from a stimulating programme at the V&A to a major installation within Trafalgar Square plus over 250 Partners who will participate in the nine day Festival.
www.londondesignfestival.com