This film, made by Angus Lee Forbes, is our trailer for the Obsessed: Compelled to make exhibition. We hope you enjoy the film and have time to see the exhibition before it closes on 24 March.

Sydney Design Festival kicks off this week. I’ve combed the program and there are so many things I want to attend. Here are just a few personal highlights.

I think we’ve really got the festivals balance in craft and design right this year with Sydney Design Festival in March and Sydney Craft Week, closely following Sydney Architecture Festival and Sydney Open in October. Of course, there are so many fantastic exhibitions and events in craft and design all year round so watch our social media to keep up to date.

March is also Melbourne Design Week from 16 March and International Women’s Day on 8 March. We celebrate all creative women and highlight our Australian Design Honourees in this article by Penny Craswell.

See you at ADC’s Sydney Design Festival main event the outdoor Makers Market in Palmer Street on Saturday 10 March.

Lisa Cahill
CEO and Artistic Director
Obsessed: Compelled to make

Obsessed: Compelled to make explores the preoccupations that drive the creative process, providing an insight into the working practices of fourteen artists from across Australia. Moving beyond the finished work, this project tells the hidden stories of making, uncovering the artists’ inspirations, day-to-day studio experiences, years of expertise and the joys and frustrations of obsession.

Make sure you watch the beautiful films by Angus Lee Forbes available in the exhibition or online.

When: Until 24 March

Future Artefacts
**Future Artefacts** is the culmination of a seven-year collaboration between fashion designer Alexi Freeman and contemporary jeweller Tessa Blazey inspired by their shared love of science fiction and geometry, crafting wearable sculptures that could potentially become artefacts of the future. Works include sculptural gowns and veils, with photographs by Jane Burton.

When: Until 24 March

**Play Up!**

The *Play Up!* project involved the making of objects to support humour therapy in dementia care and was a collaboration between Tasman Munro, a social designer interested in creating objects that bring life to communities, and Jean-Paul Bell, a humouritarian with a long history in the arts and health industry.

**Object Space** is a window gallery located on William Street in Darlinghurst.

When: Until 24 March
In Conversation: Tasman Munro

Social Designer Tasman Munro talks to Lisa Cahill about his project *Play Up!* in Object Space. Find out about social design and Tasman's interest in creating objects that bring life to communities.

Find out more

Sydney Design Festival

We are delighted to be part of this year's [Sydney Design Festival](https://www.maas.com.au/events) produced by MAAS. Over 100 talks, workshops and events will be hosted in various venues across Sydney looking at the future of design and the role design plays in an ever-changing world. Lisa Cahill explores some of her festival highlights.

What: Sydney Design Festival
When: 2 -11 March
Where: Various locations
Sydney Design Festival event - Obsessed: In the making

Come along and hear some of the designers involved in the making of the exhibition Obsessed: Compelled to Make discuss their creative input to this project.

Hear from designers Stephen Goddard, Michael Donohue and filmmaker Angus Lee Forbes along with curators Lisa Cahill and Penny Craswell. We’ll also be joined by Brian Parkes, CEO of Adelaide’s JamFactory, who will grill the team with some hard questions about making this exhibition!

When: Wednesday 7 March, 6 - 8pm
Where: ADC 113 -115 William St, Darlinghurst
Free event but bookings preferred.

Book here
Sydney Design Festival event -
ADC Makers Market

Our boutique outdoor Makers Market is back for the first time in 2018 as part of the Sydney Design Festival.

The Makers Market features more than 20 local Sydney artists and their handmade, designed and collectible pieces including textiles, jewellery, ceramics and homewares.

Come and enjoy the market atmosphere under the big marquee as we close off Palmer Street for the day.
When: Saturday 10 March, 10am - 4pm
Where: ADC, corner William & Palmer St, Darlinghurst
Free event, no bookings required.

Art Month - East Sydney Precinct Night

Art Month Sydney is a city-wide festival that celebrates contemporary art, artists and galleries through a rich and diverse program of exhibitions, workshops, panel discussions, artist studio visits, tours, precinct nights, parties and more. ADC will be open for the East Sydney Precinct Night giving you a great opportunity to see our exhibitions in the evening.

When: Thursday 15 March, 6 - 8pm
Free event, no booking required.
Object Shop

Object Shop is our retail space bursting with work by 100 Australian artists including jewellery, ceramics, textiles, homewares and glassware.

Object Shop is featuring for a limited time special pieces from some of the exhibiting artists included in Obsessed: Compelled to make and Future Artefacts.

Spotlight on Indigenous craft & design

Object Shop includes beautiful work by notable Indigenous artists and designers. You can find in store the work of Nadeena Dixon, Suzy Evans (modernmurri), Lucy Simpson, Tjanpi Desert Weavers, Lorraine Connelly-Northey and the Buku-
Larrnggay Mulka Artists with Indigenous Jewellery Project. Read about each of these artists here.

Meet the Maker: Margo Designs

Object Shop maker Margot of Margo Design will give a short talk called “Stories: How to create a textile story and collection”.

Margot will discuss her ideas behind the process, finding inspiration, patterns, ethical production and the creation of artwork for production.

When: Saturday 3 March, 1 - 3pm
Where: ADC, 113 -115 William St, Darlinghurst
Free event.

Meet the Maker: Studio Maaike
Making Object Shop her studio home for the morning, designer / maker Maaike will be experimenting with soft sculpture, upholstery and tufting, developing techniques to form her new furniture line, Desert Flowers. She’ll be folding, pleating and straining a variety of textiles and stuffings, as well as exploring assembly techniques for sculptural tufts.

When: Saturday 17 March, 11am - 1pm
Where: ADC, 113 - 115 William St, Darlinghurst
Free event.

Gender balance in design

To celebrate International Women’s Day in March, Creative Strategy Associate Penny Craswell identifies the visible women in craft and design from ADC’s Australian Design Honours program.
Want to know more? Take a free gallery tour

Make the most of your trip to the Australian Design Centre with our free daily exhibition tours.

Find out more

ADC On Tour

*Object Therapy* is on at the South Australian School of Art until 23 March.

*Shapeshifters: 3D Printing the Future* is at the last venue of its two year tour, hosted by Redland Art Gallery, Brisbane until 25 March 2018.

*Clay Intersections* is on at Hawkesbury Regional Gallery until 1 April.

*Lola Greeno: Cultural Jewels* opens at Mornington Peninsula Regional Gallery on 2 March.
ADC Friends

Become a friend and join a community of people who support makers and designers through the work of the Australian Design Centre.

ADC Friends receive many benefits including retail discounts and special invitations. Join now!

A great gift idea for the design or craft lover.

Support ADC
Ignite creative ideas: make a better world by design

Australia needs an innovative and design focused future that can contribute to solving big challenges.
With your help, we can support more makers and designers and create opportunities for everyone to engage with design, craft and creative ideas.

ADC in the media

Exhibition delves into the artists’ minds - Green Magazine

Just how obsessed are you with your design? - Indesign Live

Get social with ADC

Follow us on facebook, twitter and Instagram to find out more about exhibitions, events, workshops and opportunities.

On facebook popular stories include the story on dutch designer Daan Roosegaarde looking at good design
for clean air and water and a story on the 100 most influential female designers in the last century.

Thanks to everyone joining our community on Instagram. We love interacting with you please tags us when you come into the gallery or if you like what we do give our Facebook page a review.

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