

## London Design Biennale appoints Het Nieuwe Instituut as Artistic Director for the fourth edition

1-25 June 2023, Somerset House

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Left: Aric Chen, 2021. Photo Marwan Magroun

Right: The Edmond J. Safra Fountain Court, Somerset House © Richard Bryant

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**Wednesday 13th April 2022, London, UK:** London Design Biennale today announces the appointment of Het Nieuwe Instituut, the Dutch national museum and institute for architecture, design and digital culture, as Artistic Director of the fourth edition of London Design Biennale, taking place from 1-25 June 2023 at Somerset House.

Led by its General and Artistic Director, Aric Chen, Het Nieuwe Instituut aims to explore the biennale's format of national and territorial pavilions by 'Remapping Collaborations,' a theme which will be further developed on the journey to June 2023. Participants from across the globe will be invited to imagine and enact new forms of international cooperation and participation—including with each other—through the medium of design.

At a time of growing global complexity, countries, territories and cities are invited to interpret and examine the topic in their own way. However, Het Nieuwe Instituut will be launching a process that participants can also use to help define, form and create these collaborations. This process will be revealed during the London Design Biennale Summit on 25 May 2022 in London at Chatham House, The Royal Institute of International Affairs.

Aric Chen, General and Artistic Director of Het Nieuwe Instituut, said: "The era of globalisation as we've known it is transforming into a new condition that we can't yet define. What we know for sure, however, is that in confronting our ever-growing planetary challenges, working together is more critical than ever—and we hope this biennale can act as a testing ground for examining new possibilities for doing so."



Victoria Broackes, Director of London Design Biennale, said:

“As a stage for international collaboration and exchange, we are thrilled to work with Aric and the team at Het Nieuwe Instituut for the next edition of London Design Biennale. The challenges facing the world today cannot be solved by one person, community or country alone, which is why we’re inviting participants to come together in their efforts to address issues facing the world, through design.”

Sir John Sorrell CBE, President of London Design Biennale, said:

“London Design Biennale was established in 2016 to promote international collaboration and the global role of design. We look forward to bringing together the world’s most ambitious and imaginative designers, curators and design institutions to show ambitious design thinking that inspires and helps solve problems concerning us all.”

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About London Design Biennale

Established in 2016 by Sir John Sorrell CBE and Ben Evans CBE, London Design Biennale promotes international collaboration and the global role of design. The 2021 Biennale welcomed the world’s most exciting and ambitious designers, innovators and cultural bodies to the capital. The fourth edition of London Design Biennale will take place from 1 to 25 June 2023, curated by Het Nieuwe Instituut—the Dutch national museum and institute for architecture, design and digital culture. Taking over the entirety of Somerset House, including the Edmond J. Safra Fountain Court and River Terrace, participants from across the globe will be invited to imagine and enact new forms of international cooperation and participation—including with each other—through the medium of design.

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About Het Nieuwe Instituut

Het Nieuwe Instituut is the Dutch national museum and institute for architecture, design and digital culture, based in Rotterdam. Through its exhibitions, public programs, research and wide-reaching national and international initiatives, the institute engages thinkers, designers, makers and diverse audiences to critically reflect on the urgent issues confronting the past, present and future. In addition to housing the National Collection for Dutch Architecture and Urban Planning, the institute also operates the 1933 Sonneveld House as part of its campus in Rotterdam’s Museumpark.

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