

## London Design Festival 2014: New Highlights

Exhibition debuts, product launches and new collectives at this year's annual affair

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Each year the London Design Festival joins together a city already bubbling with creativity to celebrate the best in design happening both at home and in studios abroad. While festival staples like DesignJunction, The Shoreditch Design Triangle, the V&A and many more always provide a healthy amount of visual and mental stimulation, sprinkled around are several new exhibitions, product launches and forward-thinking collectives that make each year feel fresh and unique. Below are a few highlights from those that made 2014 their year to shine.



### J Hill's Standard

A dinner hosted at the studio of Martino Gamper celebrated the launch of **J Hill's Standard**, a new crystal company founded by Anike Tyrrell (CEO of Ireland's Waterford County Enterprise Board). Both London-based Gamper and Amsterdam-based duo Scholten & Baijings added their contemporary touches to a range of tumblers, decanters and stemware—all hand-cut and hand-polished using artisanal techniques passed down over generations of glass craftsmen. We enjoyed a dinner with the crystal, which wasn't used solely for drinking (although a sure highlight was putting our lips to the refined crystal for a dram of **Teeling Whiskey**—interestingly, the team behind Italian food collective **Arabeschi di Latte** also cleverly used the range of glasses to cut out shapes for elements of every dish. (Keep an eye on Cool Hunting for the full story when J Hill Standard's collection hit stores next month.)