

Fair director Cyril Zammit's top 10 things not to miss at Design Days Dubai

What to expect at the hottest design show of the year



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Design Days Dubai director Cyril Zammit.

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Design Days Dubai is set to offer an inspiring week of incredible collectible design, art furniture, workshops, lectures, live performances, screenings and installations during Art Week, from March 17 to 21. As one of the hottest events on the art and design calendar, organisers have created an exciting programme that features exhibitions from 33 galleries from 20 countries around the world including the likes of Carwan from Lebanon, _Croft from South Korea and Southern Guild from South Africa. We're especially excited to see Hamza Driouèche's Comfortable 90 chair (Algerian Agency for Cultural Outreach), and we definitely won't miss the talk by Iran-born, Paris-based designer India Mahdavi (Carwan).

There will also be performances including Guto Requena's audio-visual installation called Once upon a time, which is a series of image boards, mixing pictures of Emirati history with Brazilian music. With such a diverse array of programming, there is bound to be something for everyone.

Fair director Cyril Zammit shares his top 10 things you can't miss at Design Days:

- 1. Galerie Yves Gastou:** The highly reputable Parisian design gallery makes its Middle East debut at Design Days Dubai, showcasing the finest of vintage 1960s' and 1970s' design including Ado Chale, among others, and also a brand new contemporary collection.
- 2. Michele Lamy talk:** The favourite muse, wife and creative mind behind Rick Owens' limited-edition furniture design, is joined in a panel discussion exploring design, art and fashion. Wednesday, March 19, 8pm
- 3. Victor Hunt Designart Dealer:** Exploring different materials and bringing them to life in a limited-edition series, Victor Hunt presents objects produced from various processes.
- 4. Less CPP:** This live performance is making its debut at Design Days Dubai. It's a project that explores how to create standard machines that generate non-standard results.
- 5. Climatology:** An installation created by Elaine Ng Yan Ling, which celebrates nature's survival

tactics and reflects the changing seasons. It's a very detailed and precise installation using textile and wood.

6. Crafts Council (UK): This year the Crafts Council presents 10 designers, with different aesthetics.

7. Fatema Bint Mohammed Initiative: Recruiting more than 4,000 female artisans, this initiative produces hand-knotted Afghan carpets and is one of the most modern and versatile organisations in its field.

8. Transformations: This live performance is by Studio Rolf, in cooperation with General Consulate of The Netherlands. Through simple and rational processes, Rolf Bruggink transforms the prosaic into the poetically expressive.

9. ShowMe Design & Art Gallery: Hailing from Portugal, debuting in the Middle East at Design Days Dubai 2014, this gallery will showcase works of Portuguese designer Toni Grilo alongside Japanese designer Jo Nagasaka.

10. Full Turn: Swiss design University (ECAL) student Benjamin Muzzin explores the third dimension with the desire to get out of the usual frame of a flat screen. The installation works with the rotation of two screens placed back to back, creating three-dimensional animations.

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