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Access all (artistic) areas...

'Art for everyone' was a fervently held belief of great British artist and designer William Morris, most widely known for his beautiful repeating wallpaper and textile patterns. As a key figure in the English Art and Crafts Movement, he promoted the idea of a return to well-made, handcrafted and affordable goods instead of meaningless mass-produced items. Yet for too many years this concept has fallen on the deaf ears of the artistic élite as they strive to keep British art a thing of dreams, temptingly out of reach of the more general public.

With the renaissance of Morris's idea and the restrictions on accessibility to art and handcrafted objects reduced by such vehicles as the 'Affordable Art Fair', Britain's talented designer makers are breathing new life into what has been up to now a somewhat closed industry.

It is exactly this concept that the organisers of the successful Select @ Bath exhibition, now in its 3rd year, will once again be seeking to capture when the doors open on the 9th and 10th of May 2010. Set within the stunning interior of the city's historic Assembly Rooms, Select @ Bath captures the very essence of British craftsmanship and provides a unique forum in which leading designer makers are able to sell their work to a broad buying market, ranging from small independent gift buyers to high end gallery owners from the South West and further afield.

With an eclectic mix of individually crafted, high quality items, encompassing contemporary ceramics, glass, jewellery, textiles, wood and sculpture, Select @ Bath offers something for everyone, whether they are looking for innovative gifts or bespoke pieces.

Designed in Britain...Made in Britain...

Charlotte Fleming's collection reflects her passion for all things gorgeous and evokes memories of the past, of vintage collections, adored objects and beach finds. Woven together with lines of poetry, sea chanteys or long forgotten recipes, all to give a feeling of nostalgia and familiarity. 'Made with Love by Charlotte' tea towels are all made in Devon. New collections

For Peter and Sandra Noble, Cornish based jewellery designers, exhibitions and craft fairs have been a particularly successful means of promoting and selling their work. Their fine and unusual designs are handcrafted using 18ct gold, platinum, enamel and pearls and feature a stunning array of rare and unique materials, including green gold, Paraiba tourmaline and coloured diamonds.

Specialising in contemporary design-led greetings cards with matching giftwrap and tags, Rachel Goodchild has exhibited at every Select show in Bath, with excellent results. Produced from original artwork, her designs are created by hand, rather than computer-generated, and the various tearing and cutting techniques she uses result in individual pieces of immense appeal.

Select @ Bath takes place on 9th and 10th of May 2010.
For more information visit www.selectatbath.co.uk or call Paul or Neill at Hale Events Ltd on 01934 733433.

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