

LONDON DESIGN BIENNALE 2023

THEME AND ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

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London Design Biennale is a global gathering of the world's most ambitious designers, makers, thinkers and institutions. LDB champions the urgency of innovative design and cross-sector collaboration which enrich and better contemporary life and culture. LDB will return for its fourth edition at Somerset House, a Grade I listed building in the heart of London, from 1-25 June 2023.

Het Nieuwe Instituut, led by Aric Chen, has been appointed LDB Artistic Director for 2023. Its theme, 'The Global Game: Remapping Collaborations', challenges the traditional biennale format by inviting multi-national representation to present at Somerset House, in addition to experimenting with thematic pavilions which transcend borders altogether to explore universal issues and solutions.

The theme asks countries and territories to imagine and enact new forms of international cooperation and participation, including with each other, through the medium of design.

The Global Game, a web-based collaboration game designed for the biennale's participants and curators, as well as design enthusiasts worldwide, will launch in autumn 2022. It allows participants to "explore potentialities for new forms of collaboration that can result in real-world collaborations," which will manifest at the 2023 Biennale.

