



PRESS RELEASE

***Colour Field*, a new group exhibition at Southern Guild, will offer an immersive experience of colour**

Southern Guild is pleased to announce a new group exhibition, titled *Colour Field*, on show from 19 July to 12 September 2018 at GUILD in Cape Town's Silo District.

Designers such as Tonic, Zizipho Poswa, Xavier Clarisse and Ronel Jordaan will premier bold new work whose approach to colour is immersive and transformative. Working in a wide variety of materials – including glass, aluminium, wood, clay, fabric and leather – the designers explore the interplay of colour with light, texture and materiality in contemporary furniture, lighting, ceramics and textiles.

Colour Field will include some relative newcomers to South African collectible design, such as fashion designer and weaver Nicholas Coutts, Studio August and jewellery designer Eric Loubser (who both participated in *A New Wave* at Southern Guild in 2016).

The exhibition is inspired by the Colour Field painters of the 1950s and 60s, who included Mark Rothko, Barnett Newman, Helen Frankenthaler, Kenneth Noland and Frank Stella. Their paintings featured large planes or bands of colour that enveloped the viewer, abandoning form and figuration to evoke pure emotion. For the first time in abstract painting figure and ground became one, with the space of the picture – conceived as a “field” – seeming to spread out beyond the edges of the canvas.

Colour Field will also mark the first in a series of activations in cooperation with BMW, beginning with the BMW i8 Coupé– an iconic sports car featuring an innovative plug-in hybrid system, lightweight carbon-fibre construction, gull wing doors and LED tail lights whose layered design enables the wind to flow through.

Accompanying this exhibition, GUILD Store will launch a satellite show of ceramics by Clementina van der Walt, Ben Orkin and Carin Dorrington. The ceramicists were invited to respond to the concept behind *Colour Field* and have each explored their own distinctive use of form and exceptional application of colour.

Featured artists:

Atang Tshikare
Ceramic Matters
Eric Loubser
Houtlander

Jesse Ede
John Murray
Laurie Wiid van Heerden
Nicholas Coutts
Ronel Jordaan
Studio August
Tonic Design
Xavier Clarisse
Zizipho Poswa

***Colour Field* runs from 19 July to 12 September 2018.**

For hi-res images, interview requests and any media enquiries, please email Kelly Berman at kelly@theguildgroup.co.za

About Southern Guild

Southern Guild has spearheaded the high-end design category in Africa, propelling its artist-designers to make spirited, challenging and complex work. Since being founded in 2008 as the sole gallery representing locally made limited-edition design, Southern Guild has birthed a new category for artists and designers in South Africa. Founders Trevyn and Julian McGowan are embedded in the South African cultural landscape and play integral roles in guiding, advising and mentoring designers.

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