

HOTEL ELEPHANT

Creative Christmas at Hotel Elephant

Join Us at Our Christmas Market at Spare Street – a new street dedicated to Creative Enterprise in Elephant & Castle

Hotel Elephant
1-5 Spare Street, SE17 3EP

Friday 30th November – Sunday 2nd of December 2018

Market Open: Friday: 6:30pm - 9:30pm

Market Open: Saturday & Sunday 11am - 6pm

Entry Fee: Free

Hotel Elephant is excited to invite you to celebrate Christmas at Spare Street – Southwark's newest street dedicated to Creative Enterprise. Sip a mug of mulled cider as you browse the wide selection of original artworks, artist prints, illustrations, ceramics, jewellery, and sculptures.

With appreciation of handmade products at an all-time high, this will be the perfect opportunity to find a unique and meaningful Christmas gift. From the colourful and tactile t-shirts from Use & Enjoy, papercut illustrations from Klara Smith, contemporary jewellery from silversmith Esme Tanner and not to mention glittery 'boobles' and butts from Jesus and the Dinosaur! The Christmas market at Spare Street will offer a wide range of handcrafted works that will delight your friends and family this Christmas. With prices ranging from a few pounds to £100+, this is a great opportunity to buy affordable handcrafted gifts straight from the makers.

The artists and makers showcasing their work at the Christmas market have taken part in our Creative Enterprise Program, which includes twelve-hours professional development workshops, delivered by The Design Trust. This program is part of Hotel Elephant's commitment to encourage and support creative entrepreneurs to start and grow their businesses. This program has been supported through Southwark Council's High Street Challenge.

Creative Christmas Market Trail

For those that love exploring, why not make a day of it? Hotel Elephant is pleased to continue our partnership with our friends and neighbours at the Pullens Yards, who's Christmas Open studios will be taking place over the same weekend. The historic Pullens Yards is just 5 minutes' walk from Spare Street and is home to over 50 studios, their bi-annual open studio events are a regular fixture in our festive calendar. Plus, on Saturday 1st December the popular Crafty Fox Market will be taking place just 10 minutes' walk from Spare Street at Mercato Metropolitano, where their carefully curated selection of designer-makers will be selling delightful gifts for all

ages. This is a great opportunity to discover a wealth of talented makers and get that unique gift.

Throughout the weekend Hotel Elephants café & bar will be open serving speciality coffee, pastries and toasted sourdough sandwiches. The bar will be offering a wide selection of craft cider, beer, and cocktails! It is free entry for the whole weekend, please see our website for details and profiles of the artists and makers which will be exhibiting. RSVP via our Eventbrite to benefit from exclusive news and offers from our café and traders over the weekend. We are excited to welcome you to Hotel Elephant!

Notes to Editors

1. More Information:

High-resolution images are available, please contact Emily at info@hotelelephant.co.uk with questions you may have. Please use 'Xmas Market Enquires' as subject line.

[RSVP HERE for special offers](#)

2. Address:

1-5 Spare Street, SE17 3EP

Website: www.hotelelephant.co.uk

Public Enquiries: Info@hotelelephant.co.uk

Hotel Elephant Café & Bar is open daily 8am – 6pm & till 11pm on Fridays

Spare Street runs between Hampton Street & Steedman Street, we are just 5 minutes from the Elephant & Castle tube station.

[MAP](#)

3. About Hotel Elephant:

Hotel Elephant was established in 2009 as a not for profit company to provide space for arts and culture in Southwark. Since then Hotel Elephant has provided over 57,000 square foot of space across 6 'meanwhile' use property in the Elephant and Castle. Spare Street is a new street dedicated to Creative Enterprise in Southwark comprising of workspace and a public space across five railway arches. Here, Hotel Elephant provides workspace for Emerging Artists and Creative Entrepreneurs including recent graduates, local micro business and growing creative businesses. Spare Street has been named by Hotel Elephant after the artist Austin Osman Spare who lived, worked and exhibited in the area from the early 1900's until his death in 1956. Hotel Elephant has secured funding for the project from Mayor of London through the London Regeneration Fund and from Southwark Council's Arts and Culture Grant fund.

4. About the traders:

David Horgan Art

David is a Peckham based artist and illustrator interested in pattern, line, stories and animals. He loves drawing animals and has a special affinity for those animals who are either maligned, endangered or hunted; from his 'Punk Fox' to his Stag series, to his anthropomorphic Rhino. David is currently developing his "Books I've Never Read"

series, which takes classic, acclaimed book titles, ranging from the cult to the popular - those books which he feels he 'really should have read' - and attempts to interpret their themes and narratives based on reading only the back-cover blurb.

<http://www.davidhorganart.com>

Dragon Designs

Dragon designs makes hand screen printed, bespoke textiles for home decor and a range of super soft organic T-shirts. Designer Julia Andrews takes inspiration from nature, city life and the memories of her grandparents' house which was filled with archaeological artefacts, antique textiles and collaged screens. Dragon designs supports sustainability in textiles, where possible, and 'up loving' cast off clothes and furniture and is currently based in a studio at Print Club London, in Dalston.

<http://DragonDesignsdilla.com>

Jesus and the Dinosaur

Sam Dawood is a multimedia artist with a background in performance design and technical arts. She works as a freelance artist specialising in fabrication and figurative sculpture, whilst also working within the film industry as a prop maker. Her shop 'Jesus And The Dinosaur' sells mostly glittery butts and boobs ('Boobles' at Christmas) with her work exploring gender diversity, desexualisation of the nude and reactions to nudity.

<http://www.etsy.com/uk/shop/JesusAndTheDinosaur>

Origine Ethique

Run by Bermondsey based illustrator / designer Chloe Tartinville, she launched her brand of t-shirts Origine Ethique two years ago. All of the garments are made from 100% recycled materials and feature her own screen-printed illustrations, which aim to promote ecology, equality and literacy. She also gives 6% of her profits to small, hand-picked charities.

<http://www.etsy.com/uk/shop/JesusAndTheDinosaur>

G & K Smith

Husband and Wife duo Graham and Klara Smith will jointly be presenting their illustration and pottery works. Graham works with clay making various wheel – thrown, hand-built and slip-cast items. Klara, armed with a scalpel and solid knowledge of print design, is a paper artist and freelance graphic designer. Her papercut illustrations work on several levels – as the papercut itself; as photographs which capture distorted shadows that take on a life of their own and, as in her projects with a number of musicians, gently animated, fluid stories. With many years of experience, Klara also designs printed materials, namely books and other publications. Apart from the commercial work, she creates her own artist's books, original hand pulled prints and decorates ceramics with her illustrations.

<http://klarasmith.com>

Esme Tanner

Esme is a contemporary Jeweller & Silversmith. A recent graduate of Bishopsland, she incorporates hand engraving and enamelling techniques into her modern and wearable pieces.

<http://klarasmith.com>

AFRORETRO

AFRORETRO are designer-maker-sisters Anna and Lilly. Taking inspiration from their homelands of Uganda and England they craft jewellery, fashion, accessories and more. Their UpCycled range takes unloved items and breathes new life into them creating unique one of a kind pieces. They also support artisans from their homeland of Uganda searching and meeting designer-makers to bring the best of Ugandan right here to London. All pieces made here and elsewhere are made with love, in fair waged and ethical conditions.

When the AFRORETRO sisters are not making there are inspiring others to find their inner creative! Leading upcycling and making workshops across London; from primary schools and private events to the V&A Lates. See their website for more details.

Instagram:

@Afroretro

Twitter:

@afroretrouk

Facebook:

www.facebook.com/afroretrouk

<http://www.afroretro.com>

Studio After Matter

Studio After Matter is run by three enthusiastic friends and artists that work in different media. They have a cooperative approach, often joining forces to combine, merge and link our different skills. They are passionate about sculpture, creating their works and producing commissions for clients. They have a broad array of technical knowledge and abilities gained from working in bronze art foundries. They can also provide mould making and casting service in different materials.

<https://evaterzonisculpture.wordpress.com>

Use & Enjoy

Use & Enjoy make clothes that double as artworks. Run by two friends, an artist (Matthew Miller) and a clothing designer (Katy Dixon). They make hand collaged sweatshirts and t-shirts using recycled fabric from fabric hangers and ends of rolls. Matthew cuts motifs from fabric to create artworks for the jumpers and Katy assembles them on. The fabrics they choose to use are colourful, textural & tactile materials, making the clothing fun and enjoyable to wear. Each piece is handmade and slightly different, so each garment is unique.

<http://www.useandenjoy.co.uk>

Jenny Hayton

Jenny Hayton is a costume designer-maker and textile artist. She was commissioned by Wayne Hemingway and Clare Patey as lead Artist for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, Battersea Park, she created a series of up cycled scarves using silk screen printing techniques in collaboration with Oxfam for the event. This work has been accessioned by The Museum of London Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee Archives and Liberty Archives, as legacy for The Queens Diamond Jubilee. She has further developed this product into a range of Vintage up cycled scarves, which she will be selling at the Christmas Market.

Anna Peake

From wall murals to jewellery, Anna creates representations of places using contours of the land to produce a 3D topographical works of art. Anna's working methodology employs the traditional processes of lost wax casting colliding it with the modern digital technologies of laser cutting to create innovative and unique work that transcends the boundaries of 21st century traditional craft making her part of the digitally handmade movement.

Most recently Anna has applied her methodical way of working to create a collection inspired by the contours of Farnham nestled in the rolling Surrey Hills where Anna currently resides.

<http://www.useandenjoy.co.uk>

Rachel Littlewood

Rachel Littlewood is a London based designer & risographer. Her work is mainly print based and she has over 4 years experience working in risograph printing presses. She creates notebooks and zines which she distributes online and at fairs. Rachel also enjoys working on exhibitions, producing installations, and running workshops.

<https://rachel-littlewood.com>

Liberty Antonia – Sadler

Liberty Antonia Sadler is an artist and filmmaker, who will be selling prints, poetry zines and stickers that celebrate body positivity, self love & sexy fun! Liberty Antonia's bold & playful poetry and illustrations explore themes of food, queerness, femininity, vulnerability and sexuality.

Instagram: @libertyantoniasadler

Website: libertyantoniasadler.com

5. About Pullens Yards:

Pullens Yards were purpose-built for designer-makers in the late 1880s. The studios have housed craftspeople, working with their hands, for a hundred and twenty years. Unsurprisingly, over this length of time, what most of the crafts-people produce has evolved: at one time the Yards boasted lace makers, fan makers and cabinet makers; who have been replaced by today's filmmakers, jewellers and artist potters. A few crafts have stayed, furniture designers and letterpress printers are here now, just as in the days of Queen Victoria.

For more information visit their website: <http://www.pullensyards.co.uk/>

6. About Crafty Fox

Crafty Fox Market is here to support talented emerging designer makers and artists with opportunities to showcase and sell their work. Founded by [Sinead Koehler](#), they achieve this by hosting quality markets in a variety of brilliant venues across London, collaborating with inspiring guest curators all across the creative sector.

For more information visit their website: <https://www.craftyfoxmarket.co.uk>