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BULGARI HOTEL LONDON
ANNOUNCES A COLLABORATION
WITH ARTIST YINKA ILORI
TO CELEBRATE THE HOTEL'S 10TH
ANNIVERSARY



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London, 8 September 2022 - This September **Bulgari Hotel London** in Knightsbridge will launch a collaboration with acclaimed multidisciplinary artist and designer **Yinka Ilori**. The contemporary Italian hotel commissioned the London-based British-Nigerian artist and designer to reimagine the afternoon tea stand as a sculptural work of art to mark the anniversary of the hotel's 10th year in London. The launch of the **Yinka Ilori X Bulgari Hotel London Afternoon Tea** on Friday 23rd September coincides with the opening of Yinka's first institutional show at the **Design Museum** as the city prepares to celebrate London Design Festival and Frieze Art Fairs.

Yinka's playful designs enliven the public realm using his signature combination of colour and pattern, and his window façade of geometric designs and bold visual style at Bulgari Hotel London will be instantly recognizable.

Specially designed afternoon tea stands - based on stacked and interlocking spheres - will take centre stage. An artwork created for the occasion will recur as a motif across the hotel, from a vibrant takeover of the building's facade, to the linen napkins on the tables which will also be available to purchase as a limited edition giftset.

Afternoon tea pastries, inspired by the unique design Yinka has produced in celebration of the hotel's 10th anniversary, are created in collaboration with the artist by award-winning Italian pastry chef and chocolatier-in-residence, **Gianluca Fusto**.

Yinka Ilori said, "I am extremely excited to have worked with Bulgari Hotel London for its momentous 10th anniversary. My designs for this collaboration celebrate London's cultural mosaic and the joy of coming together over food. The tea stands are based on the geometry of the sphere and the meeting of different cultures, and I hope people will gather at the hotel and enjoy a vibrant and colourful dining experience through the afternoon tea."

General Manager Kostas Sfaltos commented, "We were drawn to Yinka for his obsession with colour, the distinctly optimistic spirit of his bold and contemporary work, and its celebration of the diversity of the capital. That celebration of colour draws a parallel with Bulgari's heritage as the master of coloured gems, and the colourful design changes we have made to Bulgari Hotel London over the past year."

Pastries developed by pastry chef and master chocolatier Gianluca Fusto introduce autumnal flavours with a combination of almond, pistachio, hazelnut and orange, designed in form to complement the bold geometry and contemporary colours of Yinka's sculptural tea stands. The selection of Italian sweet treats includes 'Pistacchio', a choux pastry creation filled with pistachio mousse, nougat and praline and 'Mandorla', an orange biscuit, almond cream and orange compote.



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The news follows the unveiling of The Bulgari Lounge's recently refreshed interiors for the anniversary year. The Bulgari Lounge offers elegant all-day dining in the comfort and glamour of an Italian-style "living room" with a cosy fireplace for cooler days. The **Yinka Ilori X Bulgari Hotel London Afternoon Tea** will be available from 16th September 2022, Monday to Sunday from 14.00 to 17.00. Advance bookings only, priced from £95 per person. A limited edition run of 200 Yinka Ilori x Bulgari Hotel London Napkin Sets, priced at £180 for four 50x50 cm napkins, are available to purchase directly from The Bulgari Lounge pastry counter at Bulgari Hotel London, online through the hotel's gift shop <https://bulgarihotellondon.giftvouchers.uk.com/> for delivery within UK and with international shipping from <https://shop.yinkailori.com/>.

For more details and to make a reservation, visit [The Bulgari Lounge online](#). Bulgari Hotel London, 171 Knightsbridge, SW7 1DW.



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About Bulgari Hotels & Resorts

Unique locations in harmony with the surrounding areas, the blend of traditional design with dramatic contemporary Italian architecture by the architectural firm ACPV ARCHITECTS Antonio Citterio Patricia Viel and superior service crafted with the same attention to quality that has always distinguished Bulgari creations. These are the key elements that characterize The Bulgari Hotels & Resorts collection.

For all the hotels, the approach is the same: the design of the interiors is strongly rooted in the traditions of the place, and careful attention is paid to every detail in a tribute to absolute luxury. The Bulgari Hotels & Resorts collection features the distinctive, bold Italian style typical of Bulgari, reflected in its unique design, its contemporary Italian cuisine and its lavish spas. It conveys the excitement of the Bulgari brand, its timeless glamour and its magnificent Italian jewelry heritage.

Bulgari Hotels & Resorts Collection began as an initial array of three establishments in Milan, London, and Bali, and recently added new ones in Beijing, Dubai and Shanghai. The Bulgari Hotel Paris is the seventh jewel in the collection, and four additional hotels are coming soon to Rome, Tokyo, Miami and Los Angeles, between 2023 and 2025.

About Bulgari

Part of the LVMH Group, Bulgari was founded in Rome in 1884 as a Jewellery shop. Known as the magnificent Roman jeweler and master of colored gems, Bulgari has established a worldwide reputation for Italian excellence and enjoys renowned for its exquisite craftsmanship. The company's international success has evolved into a global and diversified luxury purveyor of products and services, ranging from fine jewels and high-end watches to accessories and perfumes, and featuring an unrivalled network of boutiques and hotels in the world's most exclusive shopping areas.

Demonstrated through its numerous philanthropic partnerships, Bulgari deeply believes in innovating the present for a sustainable future through its commitment to Corporate Social Responsibility and giving back – to nature and to the community.

About Yinka Ilori

Yinka Ilori is a multi-disciplinary artist and designer whose bold visual language draws on his British Nigerian heritage to convey new narratives through contemporary design. Drawing on Nigerian parables and verbal traditions, Ilori touches on a multitude of themes that resonate with a global audience. His work is underpinned by the belief that art and design should be accessible to all. Humorous, provocative, and playful, his projects demonstrate how design can bring together communities and have a positive impact on society, evoking a sense of joy and optimism. Often



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using the city as his canvas, he reimagines spaces to encourage a sense of community and invites audiences to engage and participate in his work and its surroundings. A graduate of London Metropolitan University's BA in Furniture and Product Design, Ilori's work has been showcased globally through solo and group exhibitions, public commissions and set and exhibition design.

Solo exhibitions:

Yinka Ilori | Design Museum | September 2022

LIFEWTR partnership with Series 5 | 2019

MiAdiddas x We Transfer | March 2018

Unilever | Red Red | January 2018

Now Gallery | Design Undefined | September 2017

Citizen M Hotel | Estate Playground | September 2017

The Africa Centre | A Large Chair Does Not Make A King | September 2017

Plinth | The Magnum Home | May 2017

Clerkwenwell London | Design Undefined | September 2016

Milton Keynes Art Centre | Do Good Because Of Tomorrow | December 2017

Tropen Museum | African Fashion Cities | May 2017

Brighton Museum | Africa Fashion Cities | April 2016

Design Miami | AirBnb | Belong. Here. Now | December 2015

British Library | West Africa: Word Symbol Song | October 2015

The Shop At Bluebird | If Chairs Could Talk | September 2015

The Whitespace Gallery | This is Where It Started | Lagos | October 2014

Group exhibitions:

KNIT! Kvadrat | September 2020

Why Craft Matters | Harewood House | March 2019

Flow of Forms / Forms of Flow | Museum of Ethnology Hamburg | August 2018

Home Affairs | Now Gallery | August 2015

Making Africa | Vitra Design Museum | Basel | March 2015

Making Africa | Guggenheim Museum Bilbao | Autumn 2015

Making Africa | Kunsthal Rotterdam | Rotterdam | October 2016

Making Africa | High Museum of Art | Atlanta, Georgia | October 2017

Making Africa | Albuquerque Museum | Albuquerque, New Mexico | February 2018

Making Africa | Blanton Museum of Art | Austin, Texas | October 2018

Africa Calling, Africa Utopia | Southbank Centre | September 2014

Creative Britain feature stand | British European Design Group | International Contemporary Furniture Fair (ICFF) | New York | May 2012

Public commissions:

Design Museum | London | 2022

Filtered Rays | Estrel Hotel | Berlin | 2022

We Found Joy | Courvoisier | New York | 2022

Slices of Peace | Turner Contemporary | King's Hill Park | 2022



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Listening to Joy | V&A Dundee | Dundee | 2022
Transparency in Shades of Colour | Design London | 2021
Launderette of Dreams | Lego | London | 2022
Dagenham & Barking Council | The Flamboyance of Flamingos | 2022
Blue Rider Cafe | Superblue | Miami | 2021
Bring London Together | London Design Festival x Bloomberg Philanthropies' Asphalt Art Initiative | Tottenham Court Road | 2021
Doge | Somerset House | 2021
Promise Me Memories and I Will Let You In | The Tide, Greenwich Peninsula | 2021
The Power Of Togetherness Is What Keeps Us Alive, Let's Celebrate That | Evian x Wimbledon | 2021
Creative Courts | Canary Wharf | 2021
Brit Awards | Co-design of Trophy & Stage | 2021
Block Cubes | Unique Design | 2021
As You Pass Me By, Know That It Is Nothing But Love From Me | Heart of Hale | 2021
If You Can Dream Then Anything is Possible | Jack Arts | 2021
Mayfair London | In Plants We Trust | 2020
I GOT CHAIRS FOR DAYS | 2020 Browns
Selfridges | Project Earth | 2020
La Condition Publique | Colorama | 2020
ITV Creates | 2019 Lifewtr | Types of Happiness | 2019
Cannes Lions festival | Playground | 2019
Colour Palace | Yinka Ilori x Pricegore | Dulwich Picture Gallery | 2019
Happy Street | Thessaly Road Bridge | 2019

Exhibition Design:

Sonsbeek | Netherlands | 2021
Somerset House | Get Up Stand Up Now | June 2019
Dialogue Space | Ethnographic Museum | Stockholm | April 2018
The Magnum Home | PLINTH 2017

Set Design:

Labrum SS22 | Selfridges | September 2021
Labrum SS20 | Chance Street | June 2019

Public collections:

Met Museum
Brighton and Hove Museum
Museum of London

Awards:

London Design Awards | 2021



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MBE | 2021

London Design Medal Winner | Emerging Design Medal | 2020

Elle Decoration New Designer | 2019

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