

SAVE THE DATE: 4TH ISTANBUL DESIGN BIENNIAL OPENING PROGRAMME, 20-21 SEPTEMBER 2018

The 4th Istanbul Design Biennial announces its opening programme, *A School of Schools: Orientation*, taking place from 20-21 September 2018.



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Organised by the **Istanbul Foundation for Culture and Arts (IKSV)** and sponsored by **VitrA**, the **4th Istanbul Design Biennial** (22 September – 4 November 2018) announces *A School of Schools: Orientation*, a multifaceted opening programme exploring the possible futures of design education.

Taking place over two days, from **20 – 21 September 2018**, the *Orientation* days will see practitioners, educators and thinkers from Turkey and around the world converge for a biennial conceived as a public space for dialogue, provocation and production. Together, they will test and revise a variety of educational strategies to reflect on the role of design, knowledge, and global connectedness in contemporary Istanbul and beyond.

A School of Schools at the 2018 Milan Design Week

The 4th Istanbul Design Biennial will announce further details of its programme and participants at the **2018 Milan Design Week**. An aperitivo and preview will be organised at ALCOVA (Via Popoli Uniti 11-13, 20121, Milan) on **Thursday 19 April 2018 at 11:30 AM** with biennial curator **Jan Boelen** and director **Deniz Ova**.

A School of Schools will take place across six venues

Taking place from 22 September – 4 November 2018, the core exhibition of the 4th Istanbul Design Biennial will be activated at six different venues, all influential cultural institutions: **Akbank Sanat, Yapı Kredi Kültür Sanat, Arter, Pera Museum, SALT Galata and Studio-X Istanbul**. These are located across one of the most vibrant and diverse neighbourhoods in Istanbul, Beyoğlu. The venues form a 3.5 km walking route through the city, connected by one of the main pedestrian shopping arteries in the area – **Istiklal Caddesi** – and embracing the multigenerational and interdisciplinary learning environments that exist within the historical, social and cultural context of the district's urban fabric.

Offshore Studio designs the visual identity of the 4th Istanbul Design Biennial

The identity of the 4th Istanbul Design Biennial is designed by **Offshore Studio**. The Zurich-based design practice incorporated its storytelling-centred approach to develop a graphic identity that will evolve and change as the countdown to the biennial continues. *A School of Schools'* website acts as a lens into the many steps in the process of making the biennial, constituting a platform where the discussion around design education can flourish and where some of the commissioned projects will be realised. www.aschoolofschools.iksv.org/

VitrA continues to support the field of design with the 4th Istanbul Design Biennial

VitrA, a company that brings 60 years of experience in design, continues to support this field with its sponsorship at the Istanbul Design Biennial. Undertaking the biennial sponsorship of the Istanbul Design Biennial, VitrA increases its support to the event. VitrA is also the sponsor of the Pavilion of Turkey at the International Architecture Exhibition of La Biennale di Venezia since 2014.

Media and professional accreditations for the *Orientation* days will be open in June 2018 at www.aschoolofschools.iksv.org/

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