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- **Trained in Britain – 24 elite new textile designers are presented to the international design industry in the Texprint Village, in Indigo – Hall 5, aisle Z.**
- **2013 Texprint Award winners announced at 3.30pm Wednesday 18 September by couturier Maurizio Galante**
- **Special prizes awarded by Lululemon Athletica and The Woolmark Company**



Their origins are as diverse as their design handwriting; from the hills of rural Wales to the ancient capital of Japan. What the 24 hand-picked new textile designers taking part in the 2013 Texprint programme have in common is remarkable talent and they all chose to train in Britain.

Texprint is the charity that each year, from over 200 entries put forward by textile degree course tutors, selects 24 of the most talented new graduates from UK art schools and universities, guiding them from education into their professional lives.

Through the support of Indigo / Première Vision each of the 24 has the opportunity to present themselves and their collections, which the press are invited to view, on their individual stands in the Texprint area of Indigo, along aisle Z.

Renowned fashion designer and member of the Chambre Syndicale de la Haute Couture, Maurizio Galante announces this year's special prizes at 3.30pm on Wednesday 18 September – press interviews at 3pm.

Indigo also hosts Texprint's annual prize presentation and this year's special guest prize presenter is the Italian-born, Paris-based couturier Maurizio Galante. M Galante will present the four prizes of £1,000 for Body, Space, Pattern and Colour, courtesy of prize sponsors The Clothworkers' Foundation, Liberty Art Fabrics and Pantone.

The shortlist of designers was picked from among the 24 designers in London in July by a jury comprising fashion journalist Tamsin Blanchard; womenswear designer Madeleine Press; Luigi Turconi from luxury silk printer Ratti; Emma Kidd, from department store Selfridges' creative team; and Deanne Schweitzer, SVP of design and creation, Lululemon Athletica.

Body - Pepe Lowe (Chelsea College of Art), Kazusa Takamura (Chelsea), Alice Archer (RCA and previously Goldsmiths College)

Space - Paul Roberts (Loughborough University), Heather JY Cheung (Heriot-Watt University) and Ffion Griffith (Chelsea)

Colour - Danni Fairchild (Central St Martins), Taslima Sultana (CSM) and Gillian Louise Murphy (Glasgow School of Art)

Pattern - Elizabeth Ashdown (CSM), Danni Fairchild (CSM) and Cherica Haye (RCA and previously CSM)

A further designer will be chosen from a short list including Gillian Louise Murphy, Pepe Lowe, Luise Martin (RCA and previously Ecole Duperré, Paris), Cherica Haye and Florence Angelica Colson (Leeds College of Art) to receive the **Lululemon Texprint Award**. In its second year, the award is sponsored by the activewear company Lululemon Athletica and the winner, who will be announced by **Deanne Schweitzer**, will receive a prize of £1,000 and a three-month paid internship at Lululemon headquarters in Vancouver, Canada.

Plus, the third annual winner of the **Woolmark Texprint Award** will be selected at Indigo and announced at the prize ceremony. The award celebrates design excellence in fabrics created with 60% or more Merino wool, in forms including printed, knitted, woven and/or mixed media fabric. Chosen from 24 shortlisted Texprint designers showcasing their collections at the Texprint Village at Indigo, Première Vision, one talented designer will be selected by prize judges John Walsh, managing director of Abraham Moon & Sons; Daliah Simble, head of sourcing & production, and Estelle Williams, collection development manager at Roland Mouret. The winner of the Woolmark Texprint Award will receive £1,000 prize money and extensive training on the benefits and uses of wool from their nearest Woolmark office. (See separate release.)

Texprint's chairman Barbara Kennington is delighted to present the 24 new designers to the international fashion and design community and press who visit Première Vision Pluriel: "Texprint is a vital link between education and industry: we encourage and support design excellence, introducing the best British-trained designers to industry, building their confidence and commercial skills and helping fast track them into valuable and worthwhile roles."

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The Texprint programme – which is funded by industry and charitable institutions – has helped close to 1,000 new designers launch their careers in over 40 years since its launch. Texprint's alumni have gone on to establish their own brands, such as fashion designer Alice Temperley and scarf designer Emma J Shipley; set up design studios such as Kirsty McDougall of Dashing Tweeds and knitwear designer Sophie Steller; or have joined the creative departments of international design houses and major retailers, including Givenchy, Tom Ford, Roland Mouret and Marks & Spencer.