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LEOLA PRESS RELEASE

Ethical Elegance with a Twist

Jill Phillips a renowned Northern Irish Designer has been selected as a finalist in the prestigious RDS National Crafts Awards of Ireland 2007. Her design submission Leola, an exquisitely designed, hand-crafted oak table was selected from hundreds of entrants from across Ireland. The awards, which are independently adjudicated, are sponsored by RDS and supported by Bewleys Hotels Group.

Speaking on her selection as finalist, Jill explained:

"I am absolutely thrilled to have my work recognised by such a respected body as the Royal Dublin Society. Having just recently previewed my range of tables in London and having been selected as a member of the Crafts Council of Ireland with them, I am delighted that they have received this accolade so quickly. The Leola, design is a juxtaposition of centuries of craftsmanship and contemporary wood fashioning. It was inspired from a desire to design and craft a table which is functional yet discreet. Design for me is examining the object and finding new things within. At a first glance Leola appears simple and understated; while a closer inspection reveals subtleties like the hand-carved wood turning on the legs".

Jill is delighted that from these previous designs she has already been commissioned by Craft NI to complete a further three pieces for a highly acclaimed exhibition; Making Changes, opening August 07. These three commissioned pieces, once again examine craftsmanship and antique grandeur however mixing this with laser engraving and three different methods of printing creates exceptional workmanship combined with imaginative flamboyance.

EDITORS NOTES:

RRP: £8,050.00

Dimensions: 1600mm L X 900mm W X 750mm H

Construction Detail: Solid Oak (available also in steamed Pear wood), mortise and tenon joints, button and groove rail attachments, butt joints, rebated top rail junction, natural oiled finished. All hand made including wood turning.

Each table is limited edition, one of ten, complete with certificate which includes cabinet maker details.

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