



MIX IT UP: Designers and the public interacting at Adelaide's Bowerbird Bazaar. Picture: Dennis Smith

BIRDS OF A FEATHER

Inspiring and unique design all under one roof, makes this Adelaide event a must visit



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We welcome back the fabulous Bowerbird Bazaar with open arms and, third time around, it's going to be better than ever.

Central to Bowerbird's success are organisers Jane Barwick, of inSync design, and Rebekah Cichero, of One Small Room and sproutdesign. Their background in the industry and passion for design make them ideal hosts.

"Bowerbird is a designer/maker market that provides a platform for emerging designers and gives established designers a place to show their new collections; it's a good way to make contact with other designers and bounce ideas off each other," says Rebekah.

The curated event offers a cross-section of works from around Australia and, unlike many other trade-only fairs, Bowerbird is open to trade and the public.

"One thing that's really important at this time of year is to start thinking about Christmas shopping and it's a great place to find unique and inspiring gifts, things that you won't find on the high street," says Rebekah.

"We have everything from wall art to jewellery,

clothing, furniture, lighting, food, wine and beer!"

There are around 75 designers/makers exhibiting and some notable local labels include Messagemark for 100 per cent recycled card paper products, Dallah Devine for cut-out wall art with vintage wallpaper, and Naomi Murrell for her gorgeous handmade wares.

"Events like Bowerbird add a new dimension to the event scene in Adelaide, exposing the city to great local design and encouraging the local creatives to interact with designers from all over Australia," Naomi says.

Aside from hunting for beautiful wares, going to Bowerbird Bazaar is just as much about spending some quality time with friends and family.

Rebekah says, "We want it to be very much about socialising and the last two times we have noticed people coming back and bringing friends with them; it's an event you can come to and have lunch with your friends or come with your husband without the kids and have a drink and a look around."

If you want more information on the event, the blog www.bowerbirdbazaar.blogspot.com includes opening hours, exhibitor profiles and trade details.

Bowerbird Bazaar, Queen's Theatre, Playhouse Lane, Adelaide, October 8-10, www.bowerbirdbazaar.com.au