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Spain NOW! 2014

The 6th Annual Season for Contemporary Spanish Art and Culture in London takes place 9th October – 25th November

This 6th year of Spain NOW! will again offer a snapshot of latest creative Spanish talent at various locations across the city. Showcasing Spanish arts at the cutting edge of global contemporary culture, Spain NOW! 2014 spans visual art, architecture, literature and dance at the Barbican Centre, Sadler's Wells, Maddox Arts, 12 Star Gallery and its creative hub the Hanmi Gallery in Fitzrovia.

Winner of the Silver Lion at this year's Venice Biennale, New York-based architect and theorist Andrés Jaque opens the season on the 9th of October asking "What are the borders of architecture?" "How does it evolve to meet the challenges of the city?" "How does it connect and communicate with society?" Also at the Barbican Centre will be the London premiere of 'El Edificio' ('The Building') about the renovation of the iconic Madrid building, moderated by Brendan Cormier, lead curator of 20th Century Design at the V&A.

One of Spain NOW! 2014 highlights takes place in mid-October in collaboration with the prestigious photography festival PhotoEspaña, with an exhibition by the photographer Ricky Dávila at the 12 Star Gallery in Westminster. The second of this year's visual art exhibitions will take place at Maddox Arts in Mayfair in partnership with the Institut d'Estudis Balearics and will showcase the work of Amparo Sard – a new major player in the Spanish contemporary art world.

2014 will again see Spanish artists open their studio doors during the Open Studios Weekend, from the 7th to the 9th of November. This will run alongside a comprehensive programme of screenings, exhibitions, talks and events at the Spain NOW! Creative Hub at the Hanmi Gallery in Fitzrovia.

The literature strand of this year's programme consolidates the collaboration with Spanish publishing house Hispabooks with the launch of two works of contemporary fiction in brand new English translations by authors Nicolás Casariego and Pedro Zarraluki. This will be held at the London Review Bookshop in Bloomsbury. The authors will be joined by Samantha Schnee - founding editor of Words without Borders – who will inspire the conversation around this year's theme of humour in contemporary Spanish fiction.

The closing event of Spain NOW! 2014 will take place on 24-25th November at Lilian Baylis Studio, Sadler's Wells, with the performance of *Provisional Landscapes* by AVA Dance Company including the premieres of the pieces *Balibkayan* and *Foreign Bodies*.

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