DIRECTIONS LONDON

MAVERICK UNMASKED

The first major survey in the UK of internationally acclaimed design maverick Ron Arad is now on show at Barbican Art Gallery. *Ron Arad: Restless* explores three decades of Arad's designs from his early post-punk approach of assembling products from ready-made parts to his exclusive and highly polished sculptural furnishings. Familiar, mass-produced pieces, such as the now classic Tom Vac chair, feature alongside bold architectural designs in a dramatic exhibition that utilises cutting-edge LED display technology on show until May 16. *Visit barbican.org.uk.*

THE SPACE BETWEEN

Emerging London artist Nick Hornby is one of eight artists shortlisted for the inaugural Spitalfields Sculpture Prize. Nick's work features a large-scale, multi-faceted sculpture that merges six aspects of Spitalfields – an area with a rich, diverse and overlapping history – that become visible as one walks around the piece. A solo exhibition of Nick's new work opens at the Alexia Goethe Gallery in May featuring sculptures of cast jesmonite and resin. Generated by intersecting extruded cut-outs, which are rotated and distributed around 360 degrees, the space between the forms is intrinsic to Nick's process and the audience experience. *Visit nickhornby.com.*

DESIGN LEGEND: Ron Arad and (left) his Tom Vac chair.

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