

# CDS DESIGNERS ON THE WORLD STAGE



Celia Visser

New Zealand kitchen designers and Certified Designer Society members are once again in the spotlight on the world stage with the announcement of the finalists in several international awards, including the Society of British Interior Design (SBID) International Awards, German Design Awards and the UK Designer Kitchen & Bathroom Awards. Four CDS designers have all been shortlisted across the three international awards.

2018 saw CDS chairperson and professional member Celia Visser take out top honours at the SBID Awards, and several Kiwi designers hope to do the same this year. Damian Hannah, Davinia Sutton, Leonie Hamill and Mal Corboy are all finalists in this year's event, with Damian shortlisted for the Retail Design category, and Davinia, Leonie and Mal all vying to take out the Kitchens, Bathrooms and Bedrooms category.

Leonie Hamill and Davinia Sutton have also been shortlisted in the International Design of the Year category at the UK Designer Kitchen & Bathroom Awards. Both Leonie and Davinia are joined by Damian Hannah as nominees in the 2020 German Design Awards.

Damian Hannah is no stranger to international awards. He has entered into both the SBID Awards and the 2020 German Awards for Auckland's BSH Home Appliances Showroom "Unserhaus". Damian's entry is holding its own on the world stage, with competition including the likes of Harrods, Harvey Nichols, Michael Kors and Sarah Jessica Parker.

Leonie Hamill is the only finalist in the KBB category, with two kitchens in the running for awards. Both kitchens have already been nationally recognised through the NZ National Kitchen & Bathroom Association (NKBA) Excellence in Design Awards, NZ Master Joiners Awards, NZ Registered Master Builders Awards and the NZ Trends International Design Awards. Following these outstanding achievements, Leonie's project, Karaka Lakes, has gone on to take the first of three spots in the finals of the Designer Kitchen & Bathroom Awards, and has also been nominated for the 2020 German Design Awards.

Davinia Sutton has already walked away with multiple awards at the 2019 NZ NKBA Awards. One of her kitchen projects has now been named as a finalist in the SBID Awards in 2014. Two more of her projects have also been announced as finalists in the Designer K&B Awards, where she has taken two out of the three available spots, making it an all-Kiwi final for 2019. To top off her accolades for 2019, Davinia has also been nominated for the prestigious German Design Award for 2020.

Multi-award-winning CDS designer Mal Corboy has also been shortlisted for the SBID Awards for 2019. Having judged and won both national and international awards multiple times, Mal was the first person from the Southern Hemisphere to win the SBID Award. This is just one of 17 prestigious international awards he has won. With all of these accolades to his name, Mal knows what it takes to stand out in the world of design and

is hopeful that his most recent project in St Heliers Bay will take top honours for 2019.

This year's finalists have proven they can create award-winning spaces time and time again, so it's no surprise that they choose to be among the best of the best of NZ talent by joining the Certified Designers Society (CDS). CDS kitchen designers pride themselves on offering their clients a design service backed not only by talent, but one that also comes with industry-recognised qualifications. By choosing a certified kitchen designer, you are engaging with a designer who is experienced, up to date with the latest industry information and trends and, most importantly, hold specific qualifications in kitchen and bathroom design.



Leonie Hamill



Mal Corboy



Damian Hannah



Davinia Sutton

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