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EXHIBITION: "24' BY PAOLA PETROBELLI' AT GALLERY LIBBY SELLERS  
(FITZROVIA), 9TH MAY – 14TH JUNE 2013



**'24' BY PAOLA PETROBELLI**

9<sup>th</sup> May – 14<sup>th</sup> June 2013

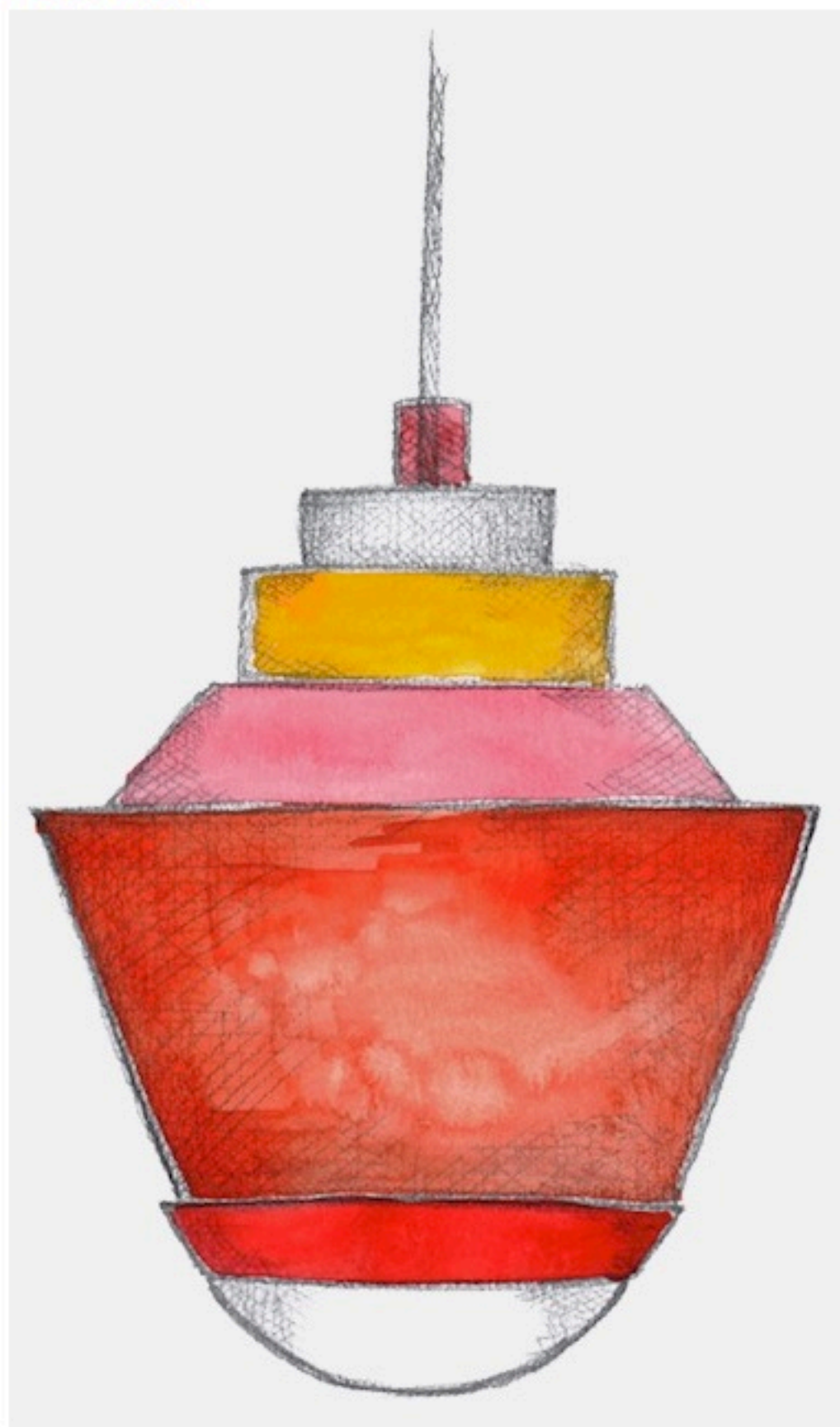
**GALLERY LIBBY SELLERS**

41 – 42 Berners Street, London, **W1T 3NB** (020 3384 8785)

Opening hours: Tuesday – Friday, 11am – 6pm. Saturday, 11am – 4pm

Opening hours after June 7<sup>th</sup>: Tuesday – Friday, 11am – 6pm. Saturday by appointment

Free admission



After a varied career, including time spent as a molecular biologist and a champion in international motor racing, Petrobelli settled into glassmaking in the 1990s. Working with the same Murano glassmaker since the beginning, Petrobelli has developed a portfolio characterised by strict formal qualities that accentuate the architectural nature of her colourful glassware.



As she has said of her work, "Glass is a beautiful material that lends itself to organic shapes and lots of colour. I try to restrain myself so the shape can be more interesting, more disciplined."



The new body of work, titled '24' and commissioned by the Gallery, follows a similarly architectural agenda as it cites Meccano – the modular construction system – as inspiration. Moulded geometric forms were rigorously conceived to stack one above each other. Just like the Meccano bricks, each layer of one stacked glass lamp – be it a floor based or ceiling pendant lamp – can be reordered and swapped to create innumerable different forms and colourways.



Specialising in glass works for private commissions and collectors, Petrobelli has also created works for Wallpaper\* magazine's Handmade collection and luxury hospitality clients such as the Club at the Ivy in London. The presentation at Gallery Libby Sellers is timed to coincide with **COLLECT**, the annual International Fair for Contemporary Objects at the Saatchi Gallery, London.

*Images from top: Work in progress by Paola Petrobelli, Drawing, 24.2.2, 24.2.1, 24.2.3. Images of Lamps by Paola Petrobelli, Works courtesy Gallery Libby Sellers.*