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‘Flatlands Remix’ a David Batchelor Exhibiton Opens on Wednesday 25 March 2015 at Virginia Commonwealth University in Qatar in Partnership with the British Council

Doha, Qatar –Virginia Commonwealth University in Qatar (VCUQatar) is proud to host ‘Flatlands Remix’ by David Batchelor, an exhibition organised in partnership with the British Council and British Embassy in support of the British Festival 2015. ‘Flatlands Remix’ is based on Batchelor’s solo exhibition 'Flatlands' (2013), which was guest-curated by Andrea Schlieker with The Fruitmarket Gallery, Edinburgh and Spike Island, Bristol.

'Flatlands Remix' brings together David Batchelor’s intricate and vibrant drawings, as well as his more recent exploration into painting. Alongside these works the exhibition presents a group of Batchelor’s color-based sculptures, and a new digital installation of his *Found Monochromes* (1997-2015) - a series of white rectangular and square panels encountered on walks through cities around the world.

David Batchelor’s work revels in the brilliant hues of artificial color and illuminated light, often hinting at the urban landscape through vivid three-dimensional structures that can only have been created by a modern world. Since the late 1990s drawing has been at the heart of Batchelor's work, allowing him a freedom he cannot exercise in his sculptural work. “For me drawing is a kind of dreaming. It’s a kind of place where forms and shapes and things don’t have to obey the laws of gravity,” says Batchelor.

Batchelor was born in Dundee, Scotland in 1955 and lives and works as an Artist and Writer in London. The exhibition presents a group of Batchelor’s color-based sculptures, and a new digital installation of his *Found Monochromes* (1997-2015) - a series of white rectangular and square panels encountered on walks through cities around the world. He is best known for his vivid three-dimensional structures made from re-purposed domestic and light industrial objects such as light boxes, dollies and detergent bottles.

VCUQatar will open Batchelor’s ‘Flatlands Remix’ exhibition on 25 March 2015 at 6pm. Visitors are welcome to experience his work until 21 April 2015.

About Virginia Commonwealth University in Qatar:

VCUQatar is the Qatar campus of the prestigious Virginia Commonwealth University School of the Arts in Richmond, Virginia. Established in 1998 through a partnership with Qatar Foundation, VCUQatar offers students the opportunity to earn a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in fashion design, graphic design, interior design and painting & printmaking, a Bachelor of Arts degree in art history and a Master of Fine Arts degree in design.

In addition to a comprehensive annual public events program that includes a wide range of exhibitions, lectures and fashion events, the University hosts the biennial international design conference Tasmeeem and the biennial Hamad bin Khalifa Islamic Art Symposium, attracting globally recognized designers, academics and thinkers while fostering sustainable, university-community partnerships that enhance the educational, economic and cultural vitality of Qatar. For more information please visit www.qatar.vcu.edu

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