



RICK OWENS

ARTIST BIOGRAPHY

A Southern California native born in 1962, the acclaimed fashion designer Rick Owens displays a demanding and singular aesthetic in fashion. His original vision plays on material.

Owens lives and works in Paris, but the dark, minimalist style of his designs was created in the United States when he started out making bespoke furniture for his bunker-style loft in Los Angeles. Working with craftsmen of the highest caliber, he has developed a collection of pieces that express his signature style in cut, volume, and plan.

His designs evoke original furniture through archetypes. There are a number of typologies: the ceremonial chair Curial, the Trident chair with its structure, and the Halfbox armchair crafted from a chest. Through his choice of subtle and rare materials, Owens suggests the beauty of nature and develops a contrasting palette of black and white that confirms his taste for the monochrome.

He juxtaposes values to compose three-dimensional pieces that fully reflect his own style. Through fashion, design, and furniture, he cuts and shapes a transversal and global universe.

EXHIBITIONS AND FAIRS

2019

- / 'Glade', Solo Show, Carpenters Workshop Gallery, London, UK.
- / 'Dark Fantasy', Carpenters Workshop Gallery x UTA Artist Space, Los Angeles, USA.
- / 'Dysfunctional', Carpenters Workshop Gallery, Galleria Giorgio Franchetti Alla Ca' D'Oro, Venice, Italy.
- / 'Anthology', Carpenters Workshop Gallery x Vincenzo De Cotiis, Milan, Italy.
- / 'Nouveau Brutalisme', Carpenters Workshop Gallery, Paris, France.
- / 'New Works', Carpenters Workshop Gallery, Paris, France.
- / PAD London, Carpenters Workshop Gallery, London, UK.
- / TEFAF New York Spring, Carpenters Workshop Gallery, New York, USA.
- / Art021 Shanghai, Carpenters Workshop Gallery, Shanghai, China.
- / Unique Design Shanghai, Carpenters Workshop Gallery, Shanghai, China.

2018

- / 'Summer Show', Carpenters Workshop Gallery, Paris, France.
- / PAD Paris, Carpenters Workshop Gallery, Paris, France.
- / Design Miami/ Basel, Carpenters Workshop Gallery, Switzerland.
- / Design Miami, Carpenters Workshop Gallery, Miami Beach, USA.

2017

- / FOG + Art, Fort Mason Center Festival Pavilion, San Francisco, USA.
- / 'Art Light', Carpenters Workshop Gallery, London, UK.
- / Design Miami / Basel, Carpenters Workshop Gallery, Switzerland.
- / 'West Coast Pop-Up' 836M Gallery, Carpenters Workshop Gallery, USA.

2016

- / 'New Works' Carpenters Workshop Gallery, Paris, France.
- / PAD Paris, Carpenters Workshop Gallery, Paris, France.
- / ArtMonte-Carlo, Carpenters Workshop Gallery, Monaco, France.
- / 'Tribal', Galerie Bernard Dulon, Carpenters Workshop Gallery, Paris, France.
- / Expo Chicago, Navy Pier, Chicago, USA.

2015

- / 'La passion selon Carol Rama', MaM, Paris, France.
- / Bargenale at Certosa Island, Venezia, Italy.
- / Art Geneve, Switzerland.
- / PAD Paris, Paris, France.
- / Design Miami/ Basel, Basel, Switzerland.

2014

- / BRAFA, Brussels, Belgium.
- / Design Days Dubai, UAE.
- / PAD Paris, Carpenters Workshop Gallery, Paris, France.

2013

- / 'Prehistoric', Carpenters Workshop Gallery, London, UK.
- / Abu Dhabi Art, Saadiyat Island, Abu Dhabi, UAE.
- / Design Miami, Carpenters Workshop Gallery, Miami, USA.
- / Design Miami / Basel, Carpenters Workshop Gallery, Switzerland.
- / PAD London, Carpenters Workshop Gallery, London, UK.
- / The Salon: Art + Design, New York, USA.

AWARDS

2007

- / Cooper-Hewitt National Design Award, USA
- / Fashion Group International's Rule Breaking Award

2002

- / Perry Ellis Emerging Talent Award, Council of Fashion Designers of America, US

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