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SHÅK GALLERY

I must have been 17 when I saw the film 'The Trip', directed by Roger Corman in 1967. As I delved into his filmography, I realised that he worked mainly in the horror genre. This is interesting because the subject of this exhibition is, in a sense, terrifying.

The film is a journey of free love, demons, experimentation, abandonment and the search for meaning and self, set against the backdrop of the end of an era. It seems to me that at the end - because I haven't seen the film since - the protagonist, played by Dennis Hopper, doesn't find the answers to his questions, or if he does, doesn't express himself.

I can't stop thinking about this film. I've long been fascinated by the 60s. By the idea of appropriating the world and time. Living according to your own codes and values. Valuing instinct and a certain carefree attitude. Inventing a more egalitarian and conscious society. And then the dream turned into a nightmare. In the end, there weren't that many hippies and their ideal sank with them.

I grew up in the 80s, was a teenager in the 90s, privileged. The dream back then was America. The America of Bill Clinton, Sprite, Sea World and MTV. Money wasn't a problem, people consumed. For the most part, they were confident. The system worked and anything seemed possible. I was Grunge. Driven by an adolescent awareness - more a feeling than a certitude - that there was a fish in the soup. I became an artist.

30 years later people are scared. And so am I. We've broken the earth and we don't seem to want to fix it. My parents are still living in the 90s. The system doesn't seem to want to protect me any more. MTV has turned to shit and social networks make me feel like I'm wearing make-up.

This exhibition is about make-up. About wanting to be what you are not or what you are no longer. Being forced to accept who you are.

People around me are talking about improving your image on the internet. Micro doses of LSD to be more creative, to improve your performance, to be more. People talk about the things they can no longer say, about transcendental meditation, AI, wellness and personal development. We're talking about witchcraft, energy and reconnecting with nature. There's also talk of Botox and defying death. Colonising Mars is a hopeful prospect. Some people are highlighting the madmen who are thinking about it. We talk about money, Kanye West and we cure our hearts with ecstasy.

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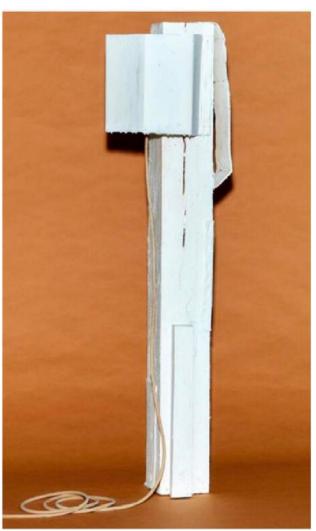


Self-taught, PIERRE CODDENS experiments at the frontiers of design.

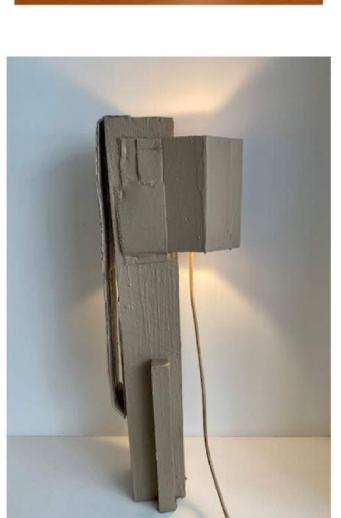
True to his guiding principles, the designer, whose roots lie in post-minimalism and the Anti-Form movement, continues his exploration of the theme of "Neo-Primitivism" begun in 2022 with the "Buphagus" project, for which he took up the game of collecting and assembling scrap wood to create unique sculptural objects whose raw character lends them considerable narrative power.

Today, he describes his work as "Ultra Realism". Pierre Coddens' aim is to place the human being at the center of the work. He seeks to introduce reality into his work, demystifying the creator by favoring an instinctive, ready-made approach.

The imperfections of urgent production give his work a very real texture. The pieces don't lie, they express a societal desire to get back to basics. That of a contemporary man aware of his humanity and its limits in a world essentially focused on performance. The artist is looking for simplicity and fun, going where his instincts take him, blurring the lines a little more and more.



TOTEM (**B**) lampe, 2023 Wood shavings, Cardboard, Epoxy, Acrylic, natural rubber. H138 x W33 x D24 cm Unique 8833€ TVA Inclus





TOTEM (**S**) Floor lamp, 2023 Wood shavings, Cardboard, Epoxy, Acrylic, natural rubber. H85 x W33 x D24 cm Unique 7067€ TVA Inclus

TOTEM (**M**) Floor lamp, 2023 Wood shavings, Cardboard, Epoxy, Acrylic, natural rubber. H101 x W33 x D24 cm Unique 7950€ TVA Inclus



Sculpture Orange, 2023 Wood shavings, Epoxy, Acrylic, PU glue. H137 x 40 x 38cm Unique 8833€ TVA Inclus



Smile! Wall Piece, 2023

Wood shavings, Cardboard, Epoxy, Acrylic, Plaster, Silicone, Fibreglass. Diameter 120cm Unique 8833€ TVA Inclus



Grid #1, 2023
Wood shavings, Cardboard,
Epoxy, Acrylic, natural rubber,
Silicone, Waste.
H135 x W111cm
Unique
7067€ TVA Inclus

Grid #2, 2023
Wood shavings, Cardboard,
Epoxy, Acrylic, natural rubber,
Silicone, Waste.
H137 x W114cm
Unique
7067€ TVA Inclus





Floor lamp DMT (Prototype), 2023

Wood, Acrylic, pigments, Epoxy, natural rubber, « Willy Guhl » bowl, Granite. H158 x D57cm Unique 10,600€ TVA Inclus



Table Lamp DMT Pink 2023

Plaster, Acrylic, Epoxy, natural rubber. H70 x D59cm Unique

Table Lamp DMT Yellow, 2023

Plaster, Acrylic, Epoxy, natural rubber. H70 x D59cm Unique 5653€ TVA Inclus





Table Lamp DMT Green, 2023

Plaster, Acrylic, Epoxy, natural rubber. H70 x D59cm Unique 5653€ TVA Inclus





Table Lamp DMT Turquoise, 2023

Plaster, Acrylic, Epoxy, natural rubber. H70 x D59cm Unique 5653€ TVA Inclus

Table Lamp DMT Orange, 2023

Plaster, Acrylic, Epoxy, natural rubber. H70 x D59cm Unique 5653€ TVA Inclus





Table Lamp DMT Blue/Green 2023

Plaster, Acrylic, Epoxy, natural rubber. H70 x D59cm Unique 5653€ TVA Inclus



Bench SCRATCH OFF #1, 2023
Steel, Sawdust, plaster, pigments, epoxy.
H35 x L134 x W34cm
Unique
8833€ TVA Inclus



Bench SCRATCH OFF #2, 2023

Steel, Sawdust, plaster, pigments, epoxy..
H30.5 x L 175 x W38cm
Unique
10,600€ TVA Inclus



Lionel Jadot

Born and based in Brussels, LIONEL JADOT (1969) is an interior architect, artist, designer, filmmaker, adventurer. But preferably all at the same time. It makes all the fire. "I don't throw anything, I pick up. I don't have a green thumb, I try cuttings, unnatural marriages. I never forget a line." Jadot invites you into subtle, quirky worlds bordering on reality. His material is dilated time. The traveler spirit seeks a protective balance in a hostile world. This is his permanent questioning: what becomes of the place where we live? For Jadot, everything is an object, everything is history.

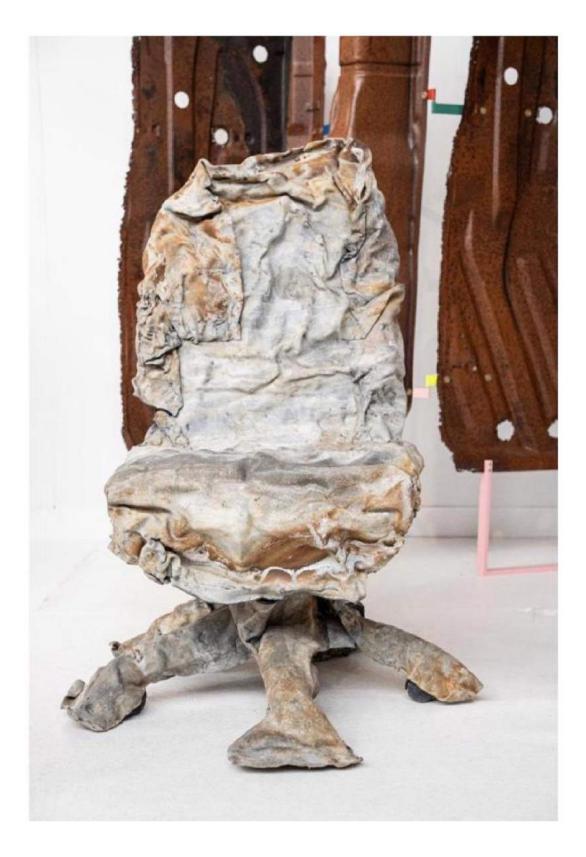
He draws on other places, other times, and seeks what binds them. He sews, seams, re-sews, combines materials, combines eras. He embeds wood in metal, mineral in vegetal, old in new. "I take care of the connection between two materials". At home, there is play, as in a piece of machinery. From one reign to another, it causes organic, viral, energy-generating growths. Linking past and future, he never forgets a line. "I accumulate them." Are we in 1930 or in 2030? Both, no doubt. The eye goes hand in hand with the ear. "When I walk into a place, I listen to the good (or bad) it does to me. Ineffable feeling." He recreates buildings and mutant objects. He flirts with retro-futurism. He finds echoes of gothic comics, Moebius, Jodorowski, Bilal, sets of the Hermetic Garage and Blade Runner, protective balance in a hostile world. "I fix everything. I collect pieces of wood. A trunk wrapped in copper matrix becomes a bench". He diverts lamps from a musician's desk, which have become a brass tree, and an orchestra lights you up...





Work Table, 2023 Found materials H240 x W112cm Unique 9,800€ TVA Inclus





Lead, 2023 Compressed metal H104 x D58 x W53cm Unique 7,000€ TVA Inclus





RIMRAM

Emiel Lierman

Rimram is my creative outlet and platform where I go to to create. What stands central in my work is the use of metal I aspire to explore this medium to the fullest and use it any way shape or form.

This idea has led me to experiment with furniture and artworks these pieces can range from something that is produced in larger quantities to something that is unique and more collectible.



Square Chair, 2023 Wrought Iron H80 x 50 x 50cm 2083€ TVA Inclus

Chair, 2023 Wrought Iron H80 x 50 x 50cm Unlimited series 1500€ TVA Inclus **Chair**, 2023 Unique

Scrap metal H80 x 60 x 60cm 2083€ TVA Inclus **3pied table**, 2023 Wrought Iron Unique H75 x 60cm 2083€ TVA Inclus

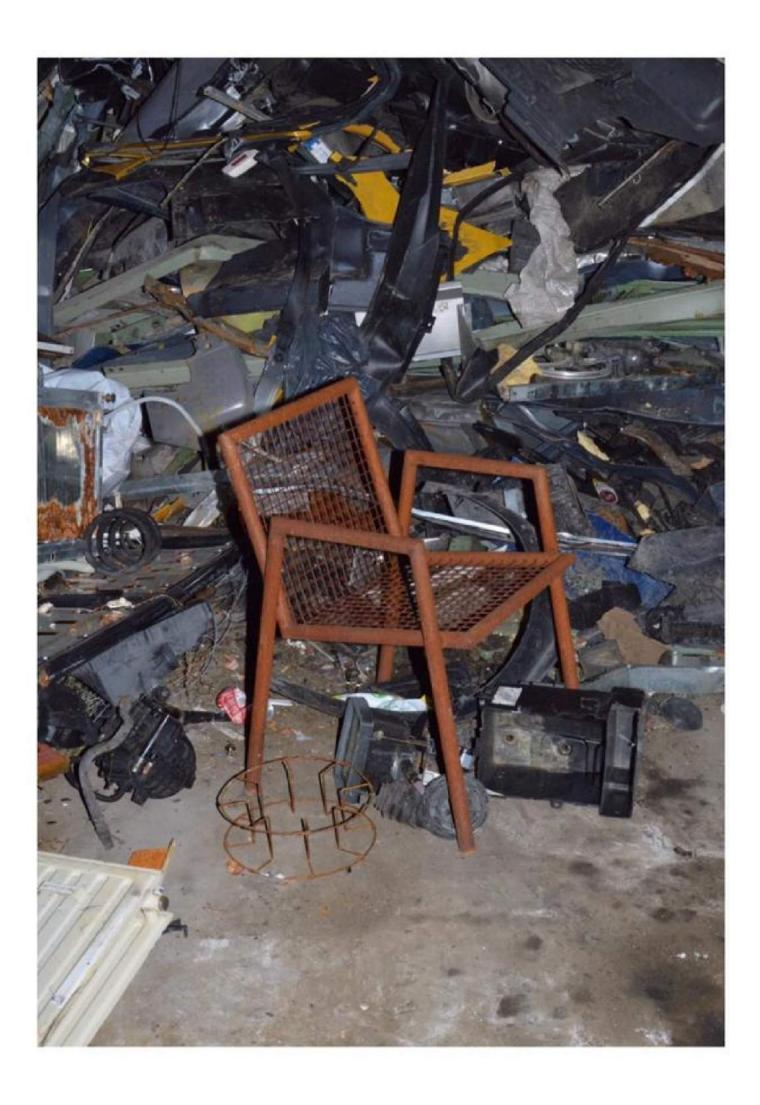






Square bench, 2023 Wrought Iron

H80 x W80 xL130cm Limited edition 3333€ TVA Inclus





Plant + Table 2023 Wrought Iron H 130 x 90 x 90cm

Unique 3333€ TVA Inclus

Ozzy Le BBQ, 2023

Wrought Iron H 85 x 45 x 45cm Unique 4167€ TVA Inclus



Chair, 2023 Limited series Wrought Iron H80 x 50 x 50 cm 2250€ TVA Inclus



Yellow Chair, 2023 Wrought Iron

Wrought Iron H80 x 50 x 50cm Unlimited edition 1500€ TVA Inclus

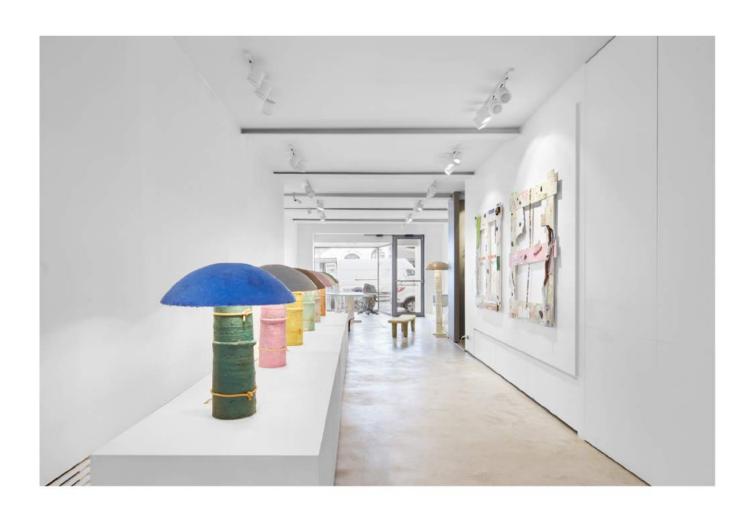


AA Table Brown, 2023

Wrought Iron H75 x 70 x 70cm Unlimited edition 1250€ TVA Inclus



AA Table Black, 2023 Wrought Iron H40 x 70 x 70cm Unlimited edition 1250€ TVA Inclus



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