



# MAARTEN BAAS

## ARTIST BIOGRAPHY

Maarten Baas (1978) is a Dutch designer, who graduated from the Design Academy Eindhoven in 2002. His studio is based in 's-Hertogenbosch (NL).

Baas is considered one of the most influential artist designers of the early twenty-first century. His works straddle boundaries between art and design. He occupies a unique position in the field, embodying conceptual art, craftsmanship, installation, public space and performance into his oeuvre. He's known for his rebellious, intellectual, theatrical and artistic style. Baas' most renowned works are Smoke, Clay and Real Time, that gave him instant worldwide recognition. In 2009, he was named 'Designer of the Year' at Design Basel/ Miami. In 2012, the New York Times listed both Smoke and Clay in its 'Top 25 Design Classics of the Future'. In 2016, Baas won the Artprize for his Real Time Sweeper's clock.

His work is found in numerous private and major museum collections, such as MOMA New York, Victoria & Albert Museum London, Les Arts Décoratifs Paris, San Francisco MOMA and Rijksmuseum Amsterdam. Furthermore, he has worked for exclusive brands like Louis Vuitton, Swarovski, Dior, Dom Ruinart and Berluti.

In 2017, his first major museum show was opened at the Groninger Museum (NL), coinciding with the publication of his monograph, both titled 'Hide & Seek'.

## EXHIBITIONS AND FAIRS (selection)

2018

- / 'Hide and Seek', Design Museum, Ghent, Belgium.
- / 'Close Parity', Carpenters Workshop Gallery, Paris, France.
- / ArtMonte-Carlo, Carpenters Workshop Gallery, Monaco, France.
- / PAD Paris, Carpenters Workshop Gallery, Paris, France.
- / TEFAF, New-York Spring, Park Avenue Armory, New-York, USA.

2017

- / 'Cabinet Makers', Carpenters Workshop Gallery, Paris, France.
- / 'Hide & Seek', The Groninger Museum, Groningen, The Netherlands.
- / 'TEFAF', New York Spring, Park Avenue Armory, USA.
- / 'Run & Hide', Carpenters Workshop Gallery, London, UK.

2016

- / 'New, Newer, Newest!', Salone del Mobile, Milan, Italie.
- / '10 Years Clay', Salone del Mobile, Milan, Italie.
- / Design Miami/ Basel, Carpenters Workshop Gallery, Basel, Switzerland.
- / 'Carapace', Carpenters Workshop Gallery, New York, USA.
- / 'Martin BAAS Real Time', Schiphol/Amsterdam, The Netherlands.
- / 'Expo Chicago', Navy Pier, 600E Grand Ave, Chicago, USA.
- / 'Retrospective Exhibition, 10 Years of Collectible Design', Carpenters Workshop Gallery, Roissy, France.
- / Design Miami/, Carpenters Workshop Gallery, Miami Beach, USA.

2015

- / 'Fetichism', Trapholt Museum, Kolding, Denmark.
- / 'L'Eloge de l'Heure', MUDAC, Lausanne, Switzerland.
- / 'Make Yourself Comfortable at Chatsworth', Chatsworth House, UK.
- / Design Miami/ Basel, Carpenters Workshop Gallery, Basel, Switzerland.
- / 'Measuring: This much, That much, How much?', 21\_21 Design Sight, Tokyo, Japan.

2014

- / 'The Theme of Time', Centraal Museum Utrecht, Utrecht, The Netherlands.
- / PAD Paris, Carpenters Workshop Gallery, Paris, France.
- / Design Days Dubai, Dubai, UAE.

2013

- / PAD London, Carpenters Workshop Gallery, London, UK.
- / Design Miami, Carpenters Workshop Gallery, Miami, USA.

2007

- / Design Art London, Carpenters Workshop Gallery, London, UK.

2006

- / 'Smart Deco', Droog Design, Miami, Art Basel Fair
- / Animaux gallery: permanent exhibition, Rotterdam
- / 'Odds & Ends', Contrast Gallery, Shanghai, China
- / 'Clay and Smoke', Cibone, Tokyo
- / 'Underdogs & Überprodukte', MU gallery, Eindhoven
- / 'Made in Eindhoven', Milan
- / 'Clay Furniture', Superstudio Piu, Milan

2005

- / 'Treasures', The Hague
- / New York, Dutch Village: Donna Karen, New York

2004

- / 'Nocturnal Emissions', Groningen, Groninger Museum
- / 'Where There's Smoke', Moss, New York

2003

- / 'Brilliant', Victoria & Albert Museum, London
- / 'Use Your Faults', The Hague, Artoteek

/ 'AU!?!' Auping showroom, Milan

2002

/ 'An educative exhibition', Vivid, Rotterdam

**PERMANENT COLLECTIONS (selection)**

/ Vitra Design Museum , Weil am Rhein, Germany

/ The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, USA

/ Stedelijk Museum Amsterdam, the Netherlands

/ Collection Musée d'Art Moderne Grand-Duc Jean, Mudam Luxembourg

/ Cafesjian Center for the Arts, Yerevan, Armenia

/ Graphic Design Museum, Breda, The Netherlands

/ Centre National des Arts Plastiques , Paris, France

/ Philadelphia Museum of Art, Philadelphia, USA

/ Centraal Museum, Utrecht, The Netherlands

**MUSEUMS REFERENCES**

Groninger Museum, Groninge