



NACHO CARBONELL

ARTIST BIOGRAPHY

“I like to see objects as living organisms, imagine them coming alive and being able to surprise you with their behavior. I want to create objects with my hands; then I can give them my personality. I turn them into communicative objects that can arouse one’s feelings and imagination. In short, what I want to create are objects with a fictional or fantasy element that allow you to escape everyday life,” says Nacho Carbonell.

Carbonell is known for his tactile approach to sculpture which plays with textures, experimental techniques, and natural materials.

Born in Spain in 1980 and now based in Eindhoven, the Netherlands, Carbonell works alongside his team of designers and artists in an open warehouse. He graduated in 2003 from Cardenal Herrera University in Spain and went on to study at the Design Academy Eindhoven. Upon graduating, he created collections such as Evolution in 2009, which won him a nomination for Beazley Design of the Year from the Design Museum in London.

In 2010, a year after being named a Designer of the Future at Design Miami/Basel, he presented This Identity, redefining his current style of organic forms and rough and colorful textures. His pieces are part of private collections and museums around the world.

EXHIBITIONS AND FAIRS

2018

/ The Armory Show, Solo Show, Carpenters Workshop Gallery, New York, USA.

2017

/ 'West Coast Pop Up', Carpenters Workshop Gallery in collaboration with 836M Gallery, San Francisco, USA.

/ 'Living Organisms', Hortamuseum Bruxelles, Belgium.

/ Group Show, Carpenters Workshop Gallery, London, UK.

/ Summer Show, Carpenters Workshop Gallery, New York, USA.

/ Art Light, Carpenters Workshop Gallery, New York, USA.

/ Art Light, Carpenters Workshop Gallery, London, UK.

/ Design Miami/, Carpenters Workshop Gallery, Miami Beach, USA.

/ TEFAF New York Spring, Carpenters Workshop Gallery, New York, USA.

/ PAD Paris, Jardin des Tuileries, Carpenters Workshop Gallery, Paris, France.

/ Zona Maca, Carpenters Workshop Gallery, Mexico City.

/ FOG Art + Design, Carpenters Workshop Gallery, San Francisco, USA.

2016

?/ 'Forest', Carpenters Workshop Gallery, Paris, France.

/ 'Retrospective Exhibition 10 Years of Collectible Design', Carpenters Workshop Gallery, Mityr-Mory, France.

/ 'New Gallery Opening 10 Years of Collectible Design', Carpenters Workshop Gallery, London, UK.

/ 'Art Light', Carpenters Workshop Gallery, New York, USA.

/ 'New Works Only', Carpenters Workshop Gallery, Paris, France.

/ Design Miami/, Carpenters Workshop Gallery, Miami Beach, USA.

/ PAD London, Carpenters Workshop Gallery, London, UK.

/ Expo Chicago, Carpenters Workshop Gallery, Chicago, USA.

/ Design Miami/Basel, Carpenters Workshop Gallery, Basel, Switzerland.

/ PAD Paris, Jardin des Tuileries, Carpenters Workshop Gallery, Paris, France.

/ Design Days Dubai, Carpenters Workshop Gallery, Dubai, UAE.

/ Zona Maco, Carpenters Workshop Gallery, Mexico City.

2015

/ Light Mesh, Carpenters Workshop Gallery, London.

/ Preview of the new collection for Carpenters Workshop Gallery, Design Miami, Basel.

/ Presentation with sunbrella Textiles, and the launch of the Book "The Rebus Natura" at

Rossana Orlandi gallery, Milan Furniture Fair, Milano, Italy.

2014

/ World Design Capital, Cape Town, South Africa.

/ Maison Hermes window Display, Ginza, Tokyo, Japan.

/ Design of the window display for the shop during november 2014/ january 2015 "Hatch up"

/ Milan Furniture Fair, Milan, Italy.

/ Exemplary 150 years of MAK (Museum of Applied Arts), Viena, Austria.

/ Nacho Carbonell: Inspiration, Evolution and Transience, Groninger Museum, the Netherlands.

2013

/ Milan Furniture Fair, Milan, Italy.

/ Design Miami/Basel, Basel, Switzerland.

/ Dutch Design Week, Eindhoven, the Netherlands.

/ Time is a Treasure, Design Miami, Miami, USA.

2012

/ Design Days Dubai, Dubai, UAE.

/ Milan Furniture Fair, Milan, Italy.

/ MINT Museum, Charlotte, USA.

/ Dutch Design Week, Eindhoven, the Netherlands.

/ Furniture Sculptures Exhibition, Zurich, Switzerland.

2011

/ Luciferase, BSL Galerie, Paris, France.

/ Post Fossil, Museum of Holon, Israel.

/ Justmad, Contemporary Art Fair, Madrid, Spain.

/ Milan Furniture Fair, Milan, Italy.
/ Playground Closes at Dusk and Luciferase, Design Miami/Basel, Basel, Switzerland.
/ Perceptions of Time and Contemporary Design, Marta Herford Museum, Germany.
/ Material Research / Examples Exhibition, Eindhoven, the Netherlands.
/ Organic Dwelling, State Museum of Architecture (MUAR), Moscow, Russia.
/ 3 years, Rossana Orlandi, Milan, Italy.

2010

/ Vincon Barcelona, Barcelona, Spain.
/ Milan Furniture Fair, Milan, Italy.
/ Evolution, BSL Galerie, Paris, France.
/ Design Miami/Basel, Basel, Switzerland.
/ Brain Ideas, Dutch Design Week, Eindhoven, the Netherlands.
/ Archaic Shelter, Maison & Object, Paris, France.
/ Diversity, Design Miami/Basel, Miami, USA.
/ Hyperlinks, Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, USA.

2009

/ Por las Ramas, Rhein Triadem, Cologne, Germany.
/ New Directions in Design, Vivid Gallery, Rotterdam, the Netherlands.
/ Archeology of the Future, Eindhoven, the Netherlands.
/ Craft Punk, Spazio Fendi, Milan, Italy.
/ Milan Furniture Fair, Milan, Italy.
/ Opening Droog, New York, USA.
/ Design Miami/Basel, Basel, Switzerland.
/ Corn Collection at Fumi Gallery, London Design Week, London, UK.
/ Experimenta Design, Lisbon, Portugal.
/ Dutch Design Week, Eindhoven, the Netherlands.
/ I'm in love!, Tokyo Design Week, Tokyo, Japan.

2008

/ Modefabriek, Amsterdam, the Netherlands.
/ Milan Furniture Fair, Milan, Italy.
/ Circus, Amsterdam, the Netherlands.
/ Singletown, Biennale d'Architettura, Venice, Italy.
/ Design is Air, Seoul, South Korea.
/ Casa Decor, Valencia, Spain.
/ Dutch Design Week, Eindhoven, the Netherlands.

2007

/ Milan Furniture Fair, Milan, Italy.
/ Design Parade, Villa Noailles, France.
/ Valencia Furniture Fair, Valencia, Spain.

2006

/ Por las Ramas, Circulo de Bellas Artes, Madrid, Spain.

AWARDS

2009

/ Designer of the Future, Design Miami Basel – Switzerland.
/ Design of the year nomination: Lover's Chair – Design Museum London.

2007

/ Winner Grand Prix SEB 150 years, July.
/ Milan Furniture Fair, Milan, Italy.
/ Design Parade, Villa Noailles, France.
/ Valencia Furniture Fair, Valencia, Spain.

MUSEUM REFERENCES

Groningen Museum, Netherlands. 2121 Museum, Japan. MINT Museum, Charlotte, USA

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