



## **ABEDINI, RCZA**

Iran

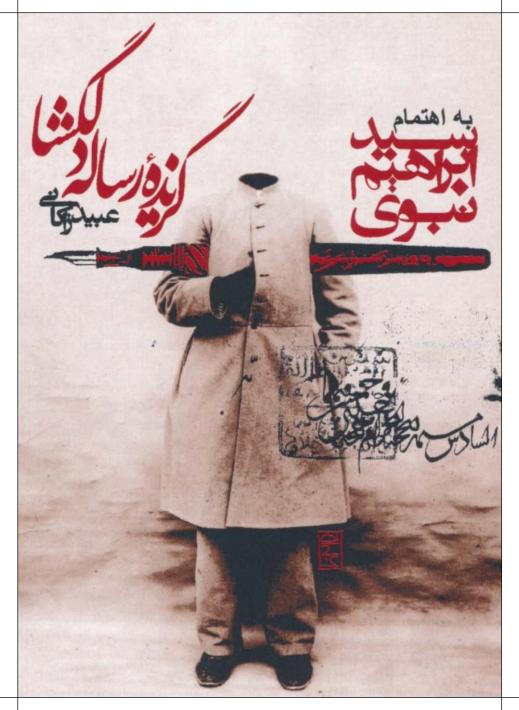
1990s – present

I find artwork and design most powerful when it's created in response to deep emotions, problems or experiences. Abedini's art perfectly exemplifies this, reflecting the simultaneous rich and vivid culture and extreme hurt and oppression of his country, Iran. His works interpolate human figures and Farsi writing which, even in not being able to read the text, clearly illustrates the inseperable connection between the person and the issue.

I enjoy his unapologetic use of block colour, and especially in which colour he chooses for which artwork, as it greatly helps in conveying the intended message and mood. I also like how the writing is oftentimes imperfect and handwritten, giving his work a more personal touch.



Abedini, Reza, Bukra typeface poster, 2015

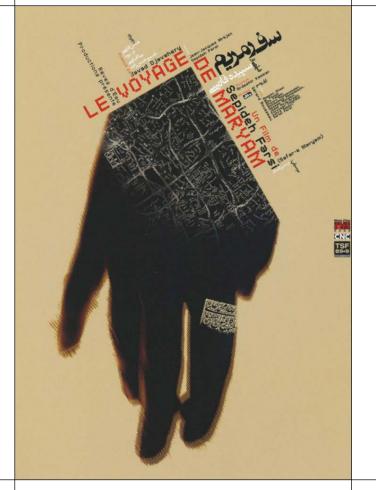




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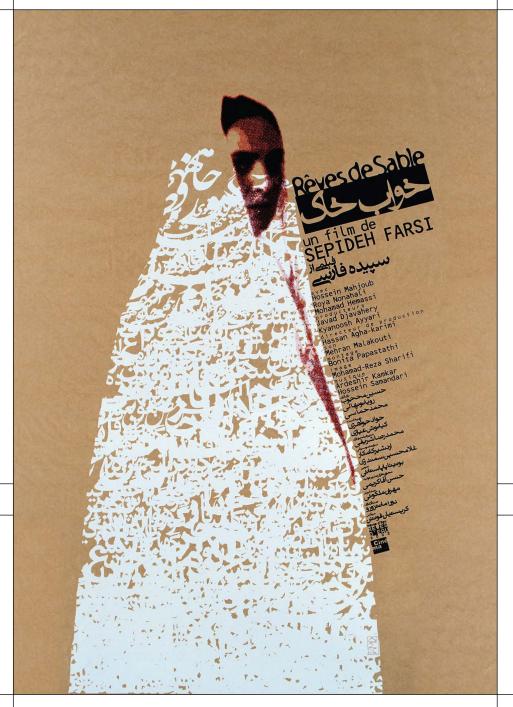
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Abedini, Reza, Book cover for *Resale Delgosha Poetry* selection, 2000

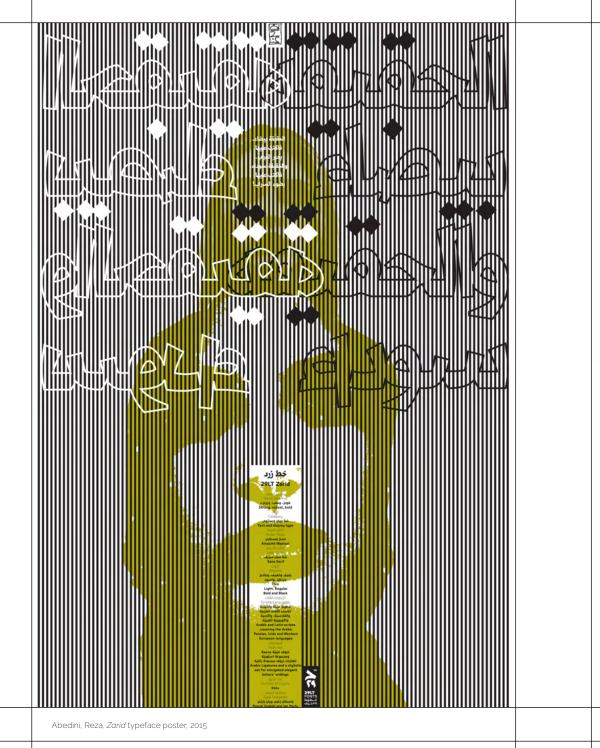


Abedini, Reza, Le Voyage de Maryam film poster, 2004

I find it fascinating how so few colours—like the 4 used in the film poster to the right—can so beautifully and accurately display deep and rich emotions when applied well. Like the red here, for example, harshly contrasts against the neutral brown, white and black, and by using it only on the woman's face and where she is holding her cloak, Abedini has simply but masterfully communicated her pain and distress. Even the brown background in and of itself contains meaning—it makes the poster look more homemade, being printed on naturally-coloured instead of bleached paper, creating a connection to the film's setting.



Abedini, Reza, Rêve d'Eau film poster, 2004





Abedini, Reza, Massira typeface poster, 2014

#### A<u>n</u>derson, Jason

Portland, UK

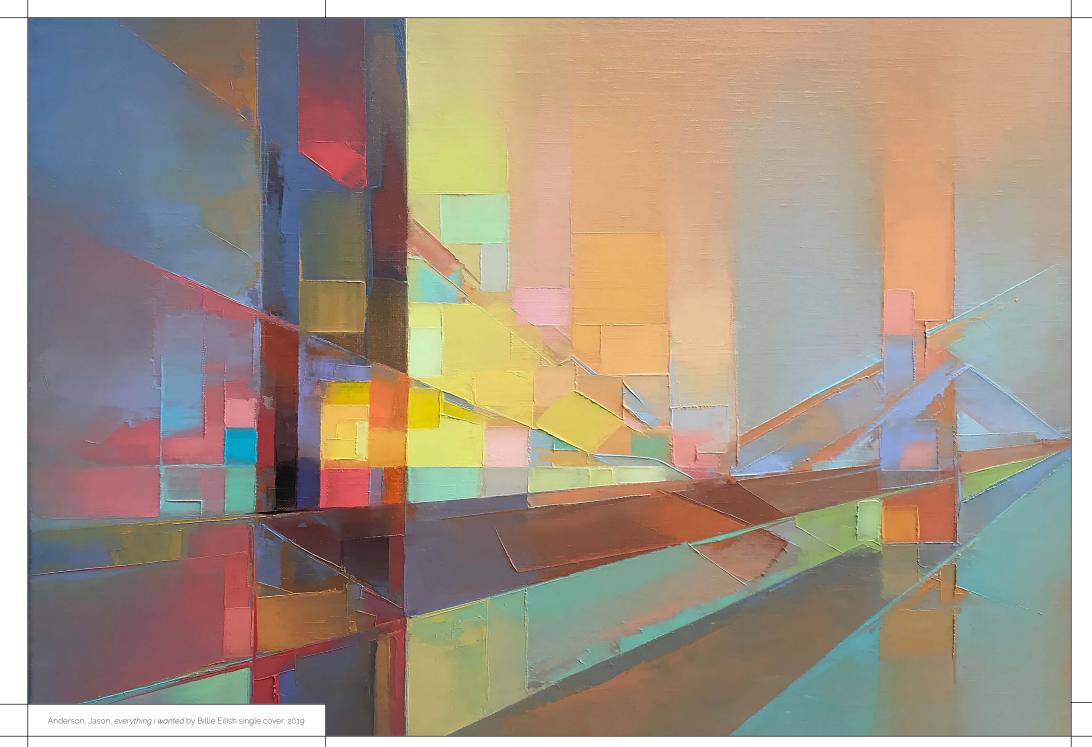
2017 – present

Anderson is a master manipulator of his canvas. Much like the Impressionists of 100 years ago, he paints not the scene itself but the light it creates, reflects, interacts with. He uses many colours in his scene, displaying the rich life and history contained within the cityscapes and grand monuments he depicts. Whilst there are many different hues, his compositions (or each section of the composition) adhere to very specific uses of saturation and shades, rendering the pieces as a whole cohesive and effective.

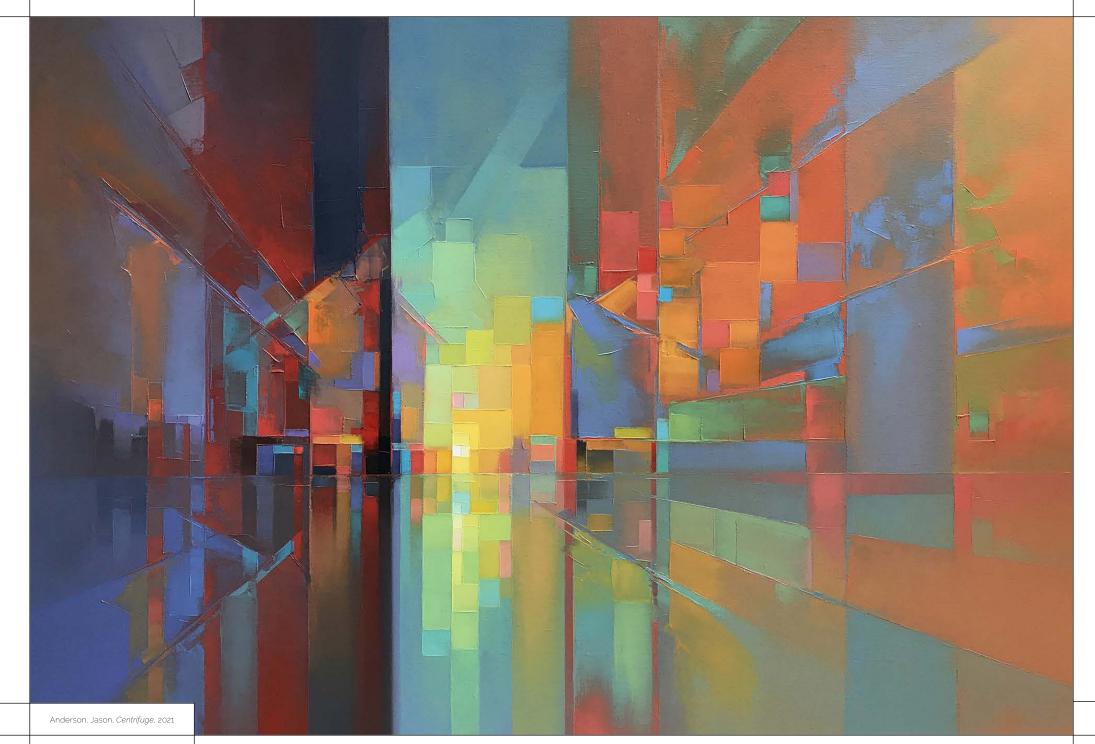
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Anderson, Jason, Sheer, 2020







## EIUSH, BILLE

Los Angeles

2015-16 — present

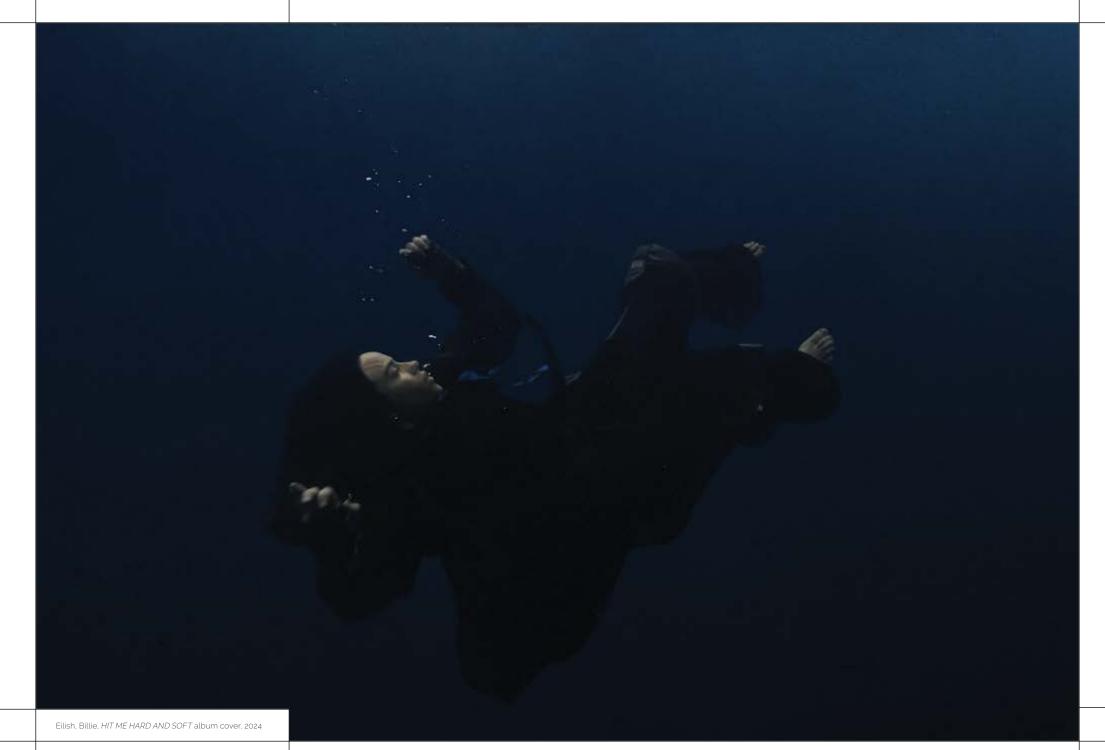
22-year-old Billie Eilish is becoming one of those timeless artists that will be looked back to for her boundary pushing and artistry. She and her brother govern every aspect of the music they create, from its inception to the final product, and she alone controls the visuals for her brand, music videos, merchandising, promotion and marketing. Her music videos are known for their minimalism and simple theming, in some only using a single set and a single camera shot with limited props throughout the entire video. She makes excellent use of colour, noteworthy given her audio-colour synesthesia, and her videos are made not to upstage the music but to complement and reinforce it—she fully understands how to balance each component of her art.

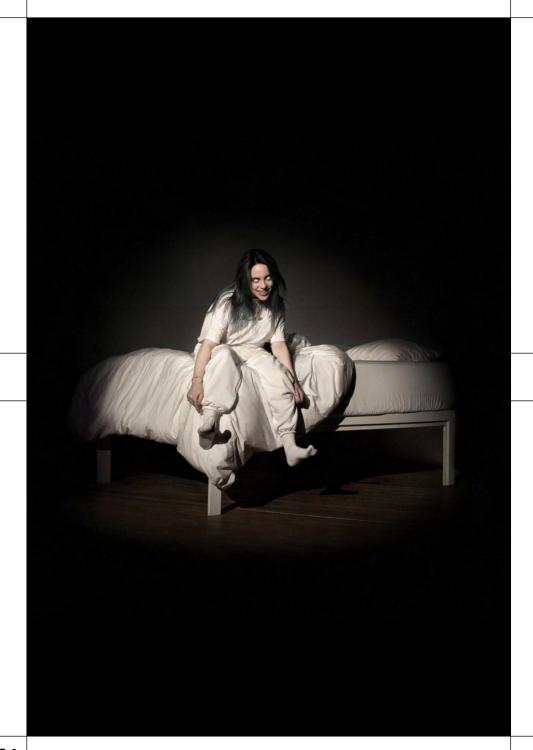
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Eilish, Billie, stills from *Everything I Wanted* music video, 2020 URL: <u>https://youtu.be/EgBJmlPo8Xw?si-qobl8lggwzuCAatl</u>









(Left) Eilish, Billie, WHEN WE ALL FALL ASLEEP WHERE DO WE GO album cover, 2018

(This page) Eilish, Billie, alternative covers and album art using visuals from her music video for *bury a friend*, 2018

Music video URL: <u>https://</u> <u>www.youtube.com/</u> watch?v=HUHCgtYz8ik



# ANDRÉ BRETON MOUR

#### FAUCHEUX, PIErre

France

1940s — 1999

I enjoy Faucheux's use of splicing and overlaying images of people to affect and distort how we perceive the scene. He cuts along straight lines and extends figures, allowing the viewer to notice certain things in the image that may have otherwise gone overlooked. These new composite images also sometimes reflect very different moods or concepts, like in the image below which takes on a much more self-reflective mood than it would have otherwise. In my film, I very much this technique as I wanted to convey the notion of conflicting and racing thoughts.

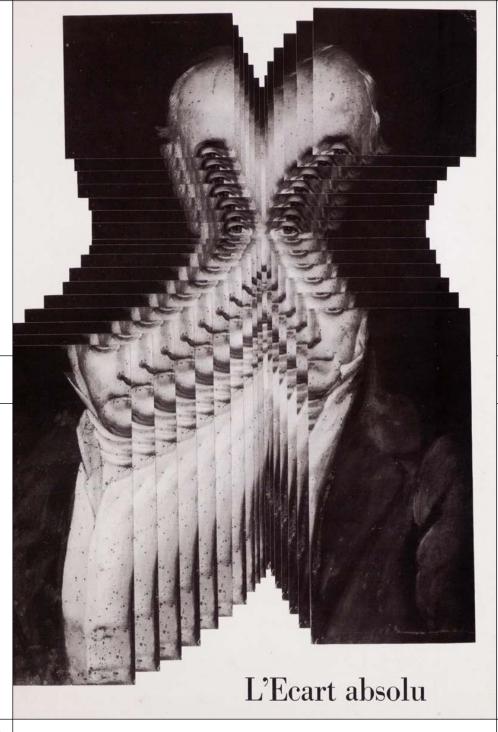


Faucheux, Pierre, L'astragale by Albertine Sarrazin book cover, 1968

Faucheux, Pierre, Anthologie de l'humour noir by André Breton book cover, 1970

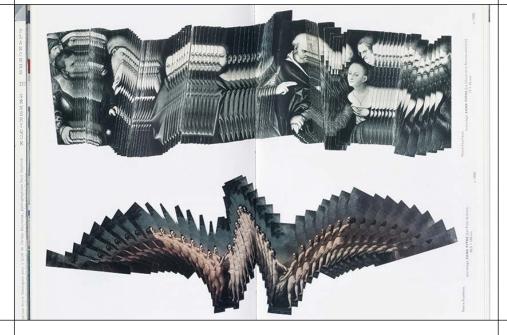
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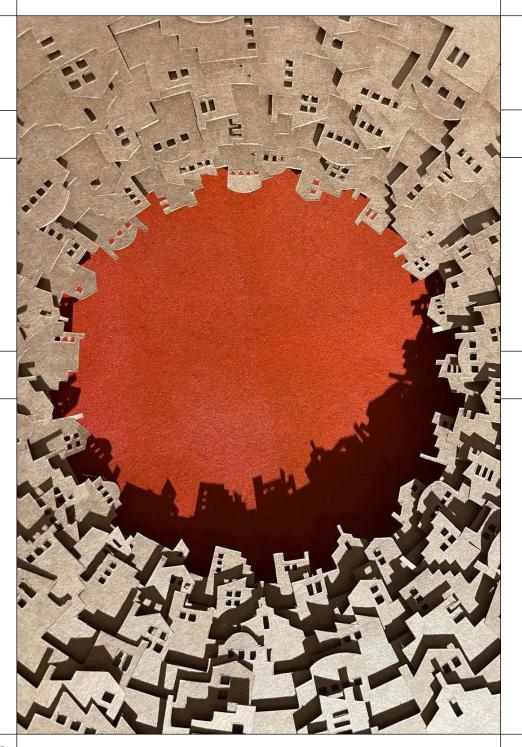






Faucheux, Pierre, L'Écart Absolu by L'ŒIL book illustrations, 1965





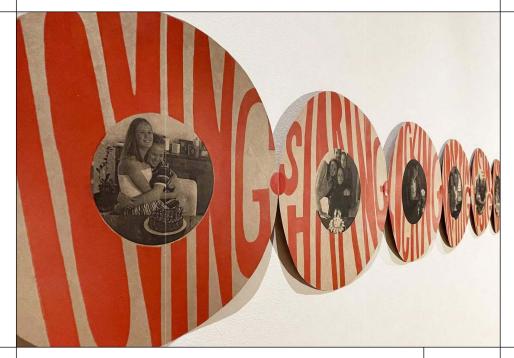
## F<u>Y</u>SON, MiA

Previous student work

2021

Fyson's work uses colour beautifully, using only the natural colour of the paper and a brilliant red. The cutouts of the houses create intricate and interesting shadows on the other houses and on the red, adding to the idea of a crowded and busy cityscape Fyson was creating.

On the individual discs, I am particularly fond of the type behind the images—I like how it stretches to take up the whole space, with letters shrinking or growing around each other.





## GONZLEZ, JOÃO

Porto, Portugal 2017 – present BEST ANIMATED SHORT FILM Seeing as our first assignment was a short film, I though it would be appropriate to look to existing short films for inspiration. I first discovered Portugese film director and animator João Gonzalez when his film won Best Animated Short Film at the Melbourne International Film Festival in 2023. He has released 3 films, all of which bear his signature animation style. They are deeply symbolic and thought-provoking, which is reflected by the restricted colour palettes, simple animation and personal pencil-drawing style. I really love how he uses colour so specifically to represent very certain ideas and motifs, and any element that doesn't contribute to the storyline is relegated to the background colour. Link to *Ice Merchants* (must use American VPN): https://www. newyorker.com/video/watch/the-new-yorker-shorts-ice-mer-MERCHANTS chants-a-father-and-son-brave-perilous-heights UM FILME DE JOÃO GONZALEZ (MILES) (MILES NÃO GONZALEZ ESCRITO E REALIZADO POR JOÃO GONZALEZ PRODUZIDO POR BRUNO CAETANO CO-PRODUZIDO POR MICHAËL PROENÇA DIREÇÃO DE ARTE JOÃO GONZALEZ ANIMAÇÃO JOÃO GONZALEZ e ALA NUNU BACKGROUNDS JOÃO GONZALEZ EDIÇÃO E MISTURA DE SOM ED TROUSSEAU ENGENHEIRO DE SOM RICARDO REAL ASSISTENTE DO ENGENHEIRO DE SOM **JOANA RODRIGUES** BANDA SONORA ORIGINAL/COMPOSIÇÃO MUSICAL JOÃO GONZALEZ ORQUESTRAÇÃO NUNO LOBO EDIÇÃO E PÓS-PRODUÇÃO JOÃO GONZALEZ REPÚBLICA PORTUGUESA MUNDO Wild 🎎 **INEO** ICA INSTITUTO DO CINEMA E DO AUDIOVISUAL

Gonzalez, João and Nunu, Ala, Ice Merchants film poster, 2023

Gonzalez, João, *Nester* film banner, 2020





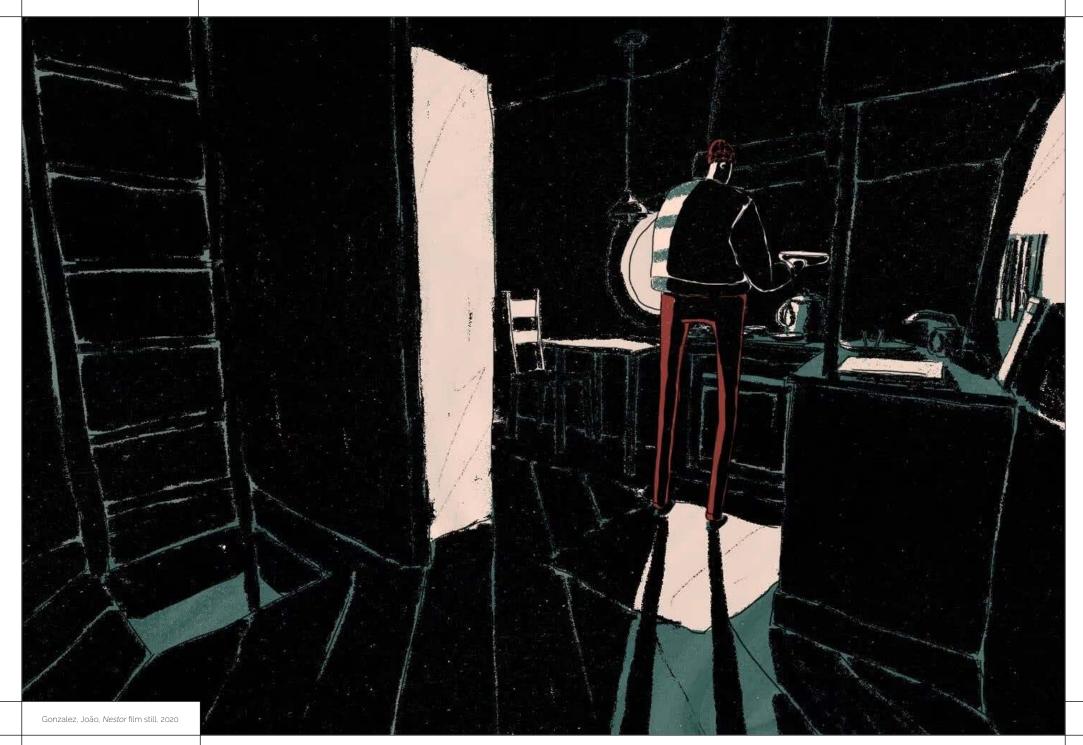
(Above) Gonzalez, João, Father and Daughter film still, 2018; (Below) Gonzalez, João, Ice Merchants film still, 2023

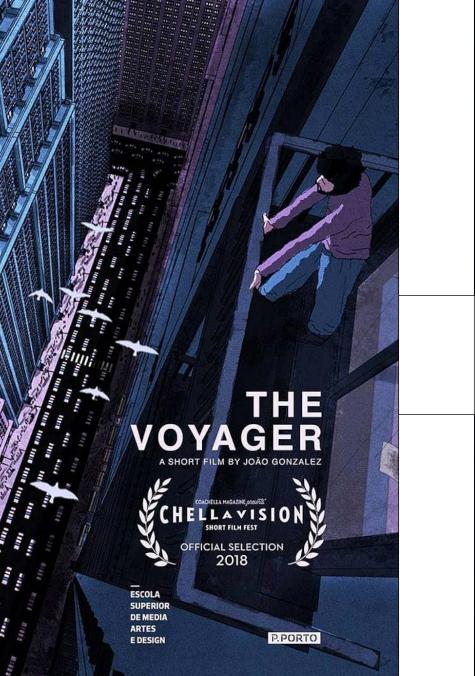




(This page) Gonzalez, João, Nestor film stills, 2020









Gonzalez's unique style really inspired my film, especially with its minimalism and use of colour. I also really enjoyed how he uses sound sparingly but specifically, lining the visuals up directly to the audio in the background.



Gonzalez, João, The Voyager film poster and stills, 2017





Gigi Goode, Balls to the Wall Eleganza look on RuPaul's Drag Race, 2020

## GiGi GOOD<u>e</u>

Los Angeles

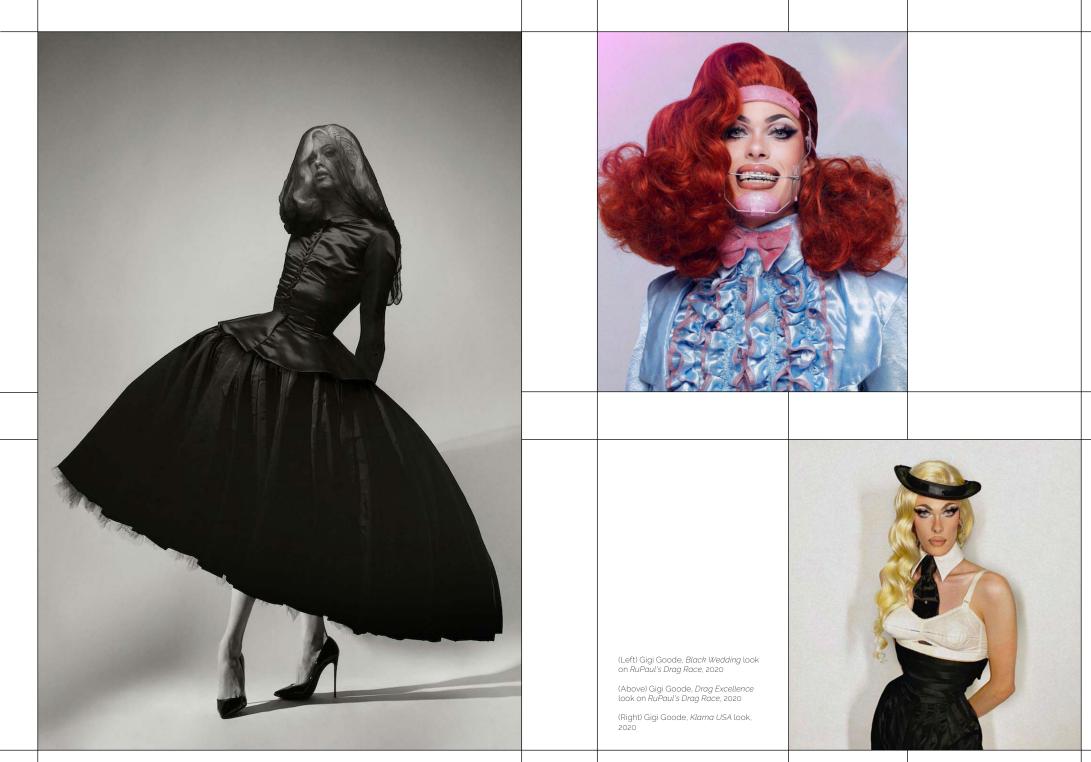
2013 – present

Gigi Goode is a renowned fashion drag queen. She designs and contructs all her outfits with her mother, often focusing on creating unique shapes, showcasing colours/cominations of colours and mixing different textures. She displays the true beauty and high fashion of the art of drag, especially given she also does her own makeup, hair, styling and the modelling of the outfit.

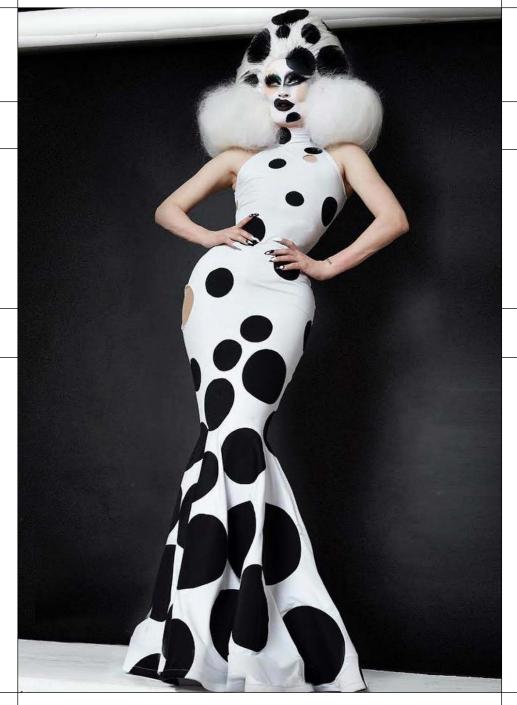
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Gottmik, Drag Excellence look on RuPaul's Drag Race, 2021

#### GottWik

Los Angeles

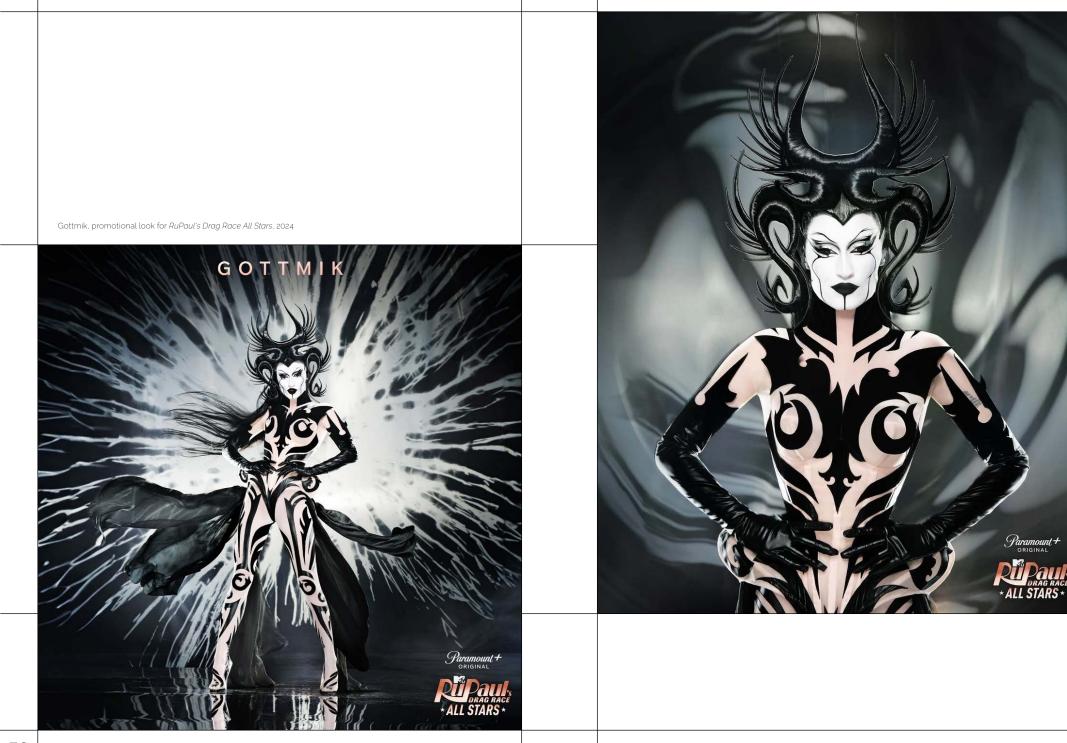
2015 — present

Gottmik is a drag artist known for her out-of-the-box and envelope-pushing designs. She always goes outside the traditional boundaries of gender, fashion and performance. Her looks incorporate an exceptional use of pattern, colour, material and texture, blurring the lines of clothing and art. Many of her outfits would not be out of place on high fashion runways, made even more impressive by the fact she designs and makes her own outfits.

Instagram: <u>@gottmik</u>

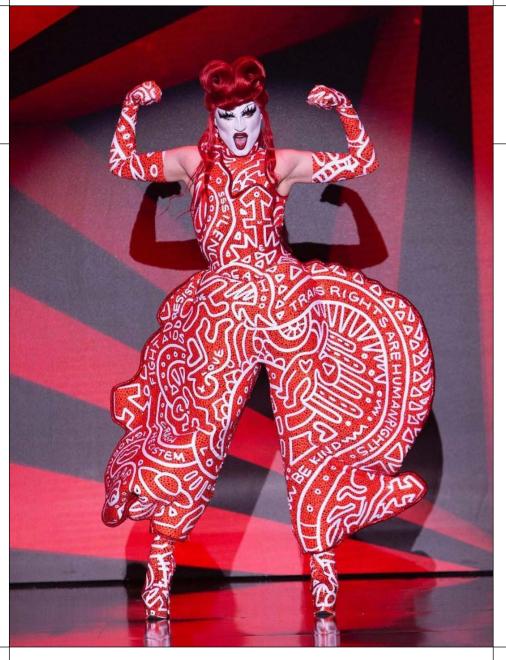


Gottmik, entry look for RuPaul's Drag Race All Stars, 2024









Gottmik, Finale look on RuPaul's Drag Race, inspired by Keith Haring's political AIDS artworks, including Silence - Death, Unfinished and others, 2021





Britain

late 1950s – 2021

The thing I love most about King's sculpture is the way he actively encourages people to explore the sculpture in its 3-dimensional space. He uses unconventional shapes and plays with hiding and showing elements behind other elements to invite the reader to stick their head in and look from different angles. He plays with light and transparency, and is not afraid to create perculiar shadows that complement the shape of the sculpture.

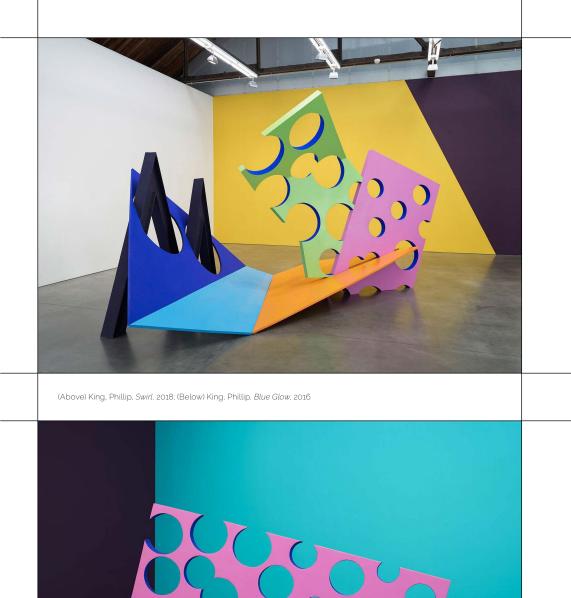
King has an unparalleled ability to transform everyday materials into unique and captivating forms that challenge how conventional and traditional structure utilises space, shape and balance. He has a unique use of colour and material, whether it be painted surfaces, brightly-coloured plastic or bare wood, which evokes a sense of energy and movement.

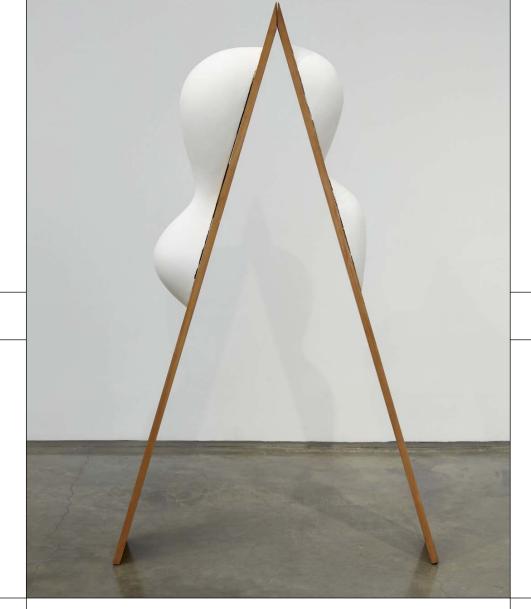
King's work has inspired my book in the sense of using colours, materials and transparency not typically found in book forms, and especially in the idea that my work is ideally to be picked up and looked at from different angles and under different lights.



King, Phillip, *Slant*, 1966

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King, Phillip, Untitled, 1961



King, Phillip, Within, 1978-9



(Above) King, Phillip, Download Stretch Float Maquette, 2013; (Below) King Phillip, Au Repos Maquette, 2013





#### LÉGER, FERNAND: La Fin du monde

France

1919

Fernand Léger's *La Fin du monde* was well ahead of its time. It seems clearly Bauhaus but was created before the Bauhaus even opened (although it was actually Cubist). Seeing this in person at the State Library of Victoria, I was amazed by how the bright colours seem to pop off the page, creating stunning and captivating arrays of simple letterforms and shapes. Léger actively utilised the properties of his materials, celebrating the slight transparency and thickness of the plastic used for the illustrations. I loved the fact that you can see where he overlapped sheets of plastic and how they reflect in the light.









## Matin, Mandy

Centrel West, NSW, and Canberra

late 1970s - 2021

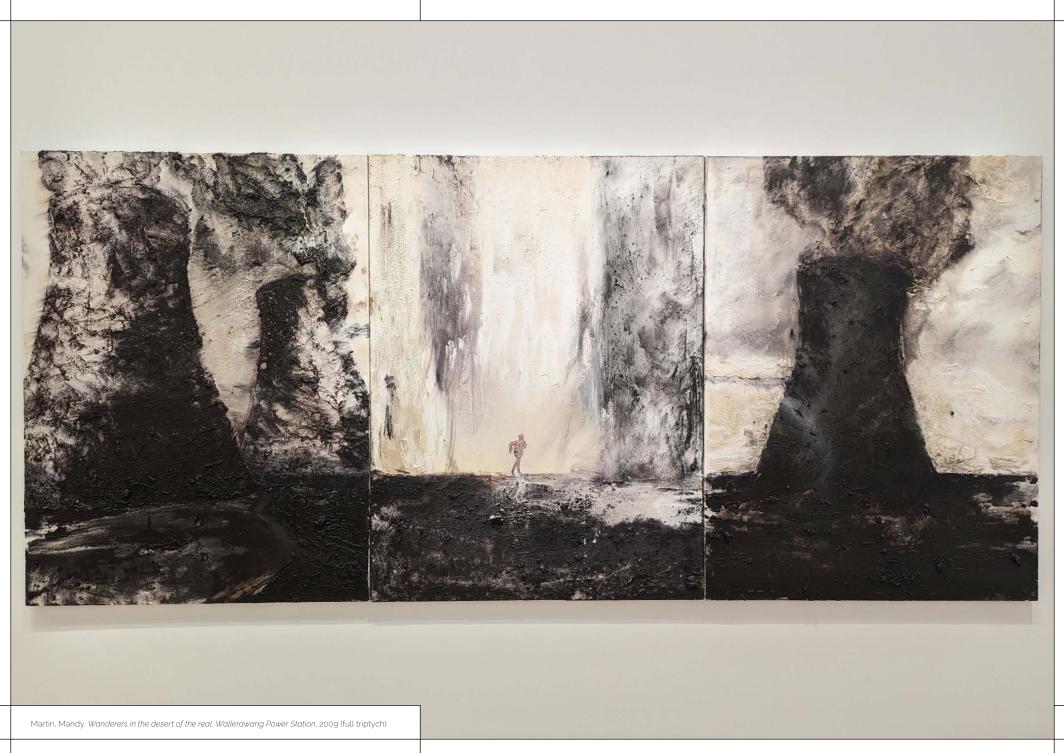
Mandy Martin was an artist nationally and internationally known for her painting of the Australian landscape and themes of conservation and destruction of land. Her artwork is known for its highly textural painting style, with splotches of paint seeminly reaching out the canvas.

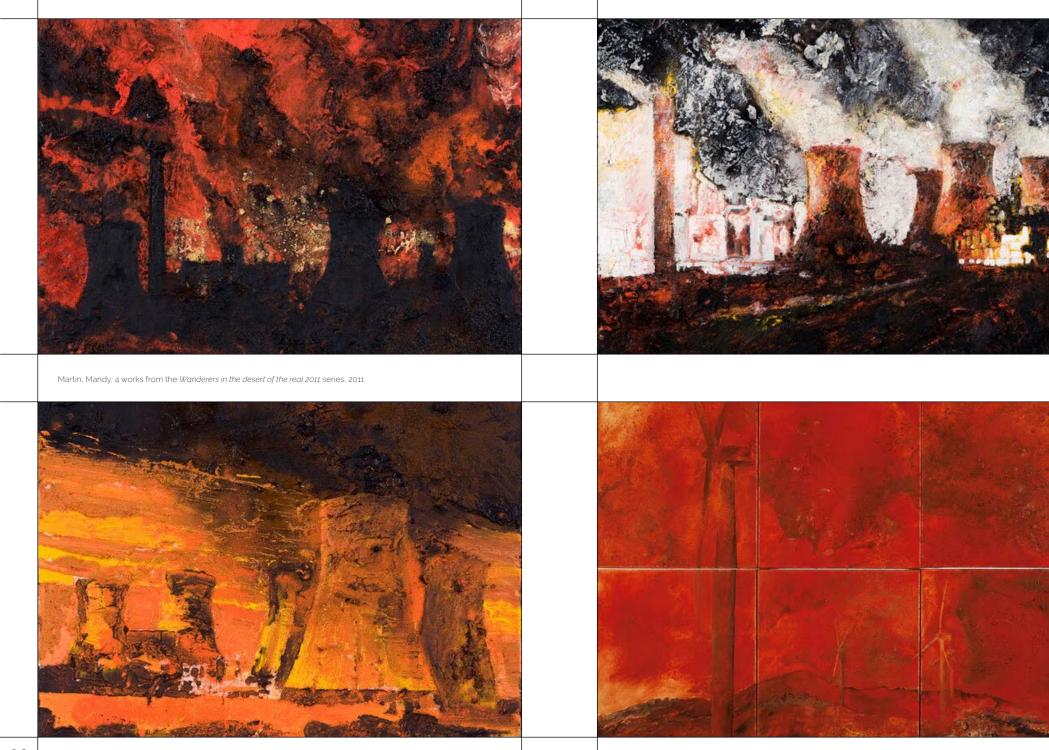
I was lucky enough to see a tryptich of her's at the National Gallery of Australia in Canberra (shown on next page)—seeing it in person versus on a screen was a completely different experience, and I couldn't stop looking for upwards of 20 minutes. I was taken aback by how she uses colour so sparingly but texture so apparently, the inverse of what is often seen in paintings. It was almost as if the paint was jumping off the canvas, highlighting the destructive nature of the scene she was depicting. The shadows cast by the paint and her harsh use of blacks and white with dots of orange splattered throughout make the painting appear dark, uninviting and aggressive, much akin to the power plant's effect on the landscape around it. Although the painting isn't a beautiful scene or, really, a particularly attractive artwork, it sells its message so well that one cannot take their eyes off it.

I wanted to create a similar effect in my film - the shots of my exposed and hurting body aren't nice to look at, but they convey the emotions and feeling of what it's like to be in the state they depict that they draw the eye and collectively create a work that can be seen as artistic.

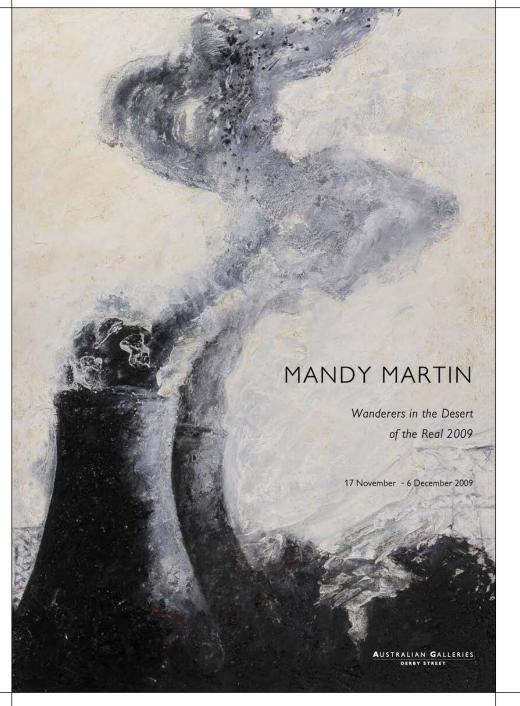
Most of her other works centre around the Australian landscape and its destruction by modern industrialisation, and they all cleverly manipulate texture and colour to create their desired moods.

Martin, Mandy, Wanderers in the desert of the real: Wallerawang Power Station, 2009 (from up close)









Martin, Mandy, Wanderers in the Desert of the Real 2009 gallery poster, 2009



Martin, Mandy, Wanderers in the Desert of the Real: Rain Blur, 2009

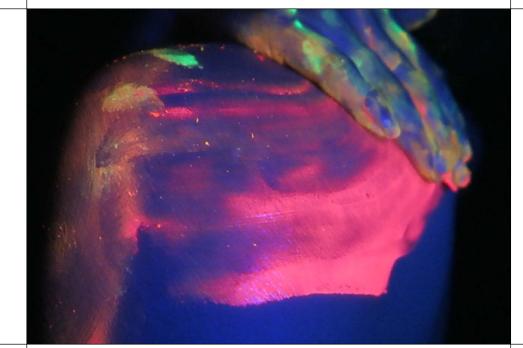


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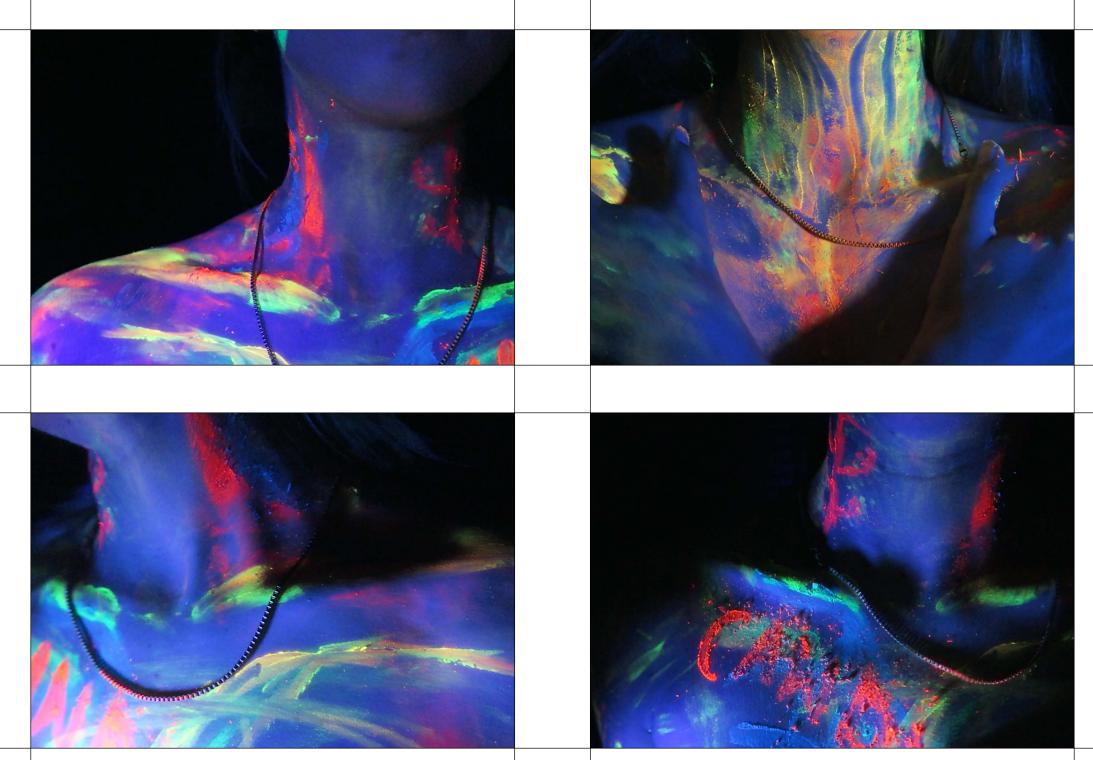
Previous student work

2023

McKenzie's film really influenced mine—the inspiration is clear, with the plain black backgrounds, focus on the body and very specific use of sound. I love how she's used colour on her body to change how we perceive her, making her look less human and more of an artpiece in and of herself. The plain black backgrounds ensure the focus is solely on her, and it gives it a really introspective and mysterious mood. I was also really inspired by how she moves her hands over her body, a really common experience when distressed or in deep thought.









#### PERBANDT, ESTHER

Berlin

1987 — present

Perbandt is an avant-garde fashion designer who truly showcases the unique history and artistry of German design. Her work adheres to her motto that "Black is colourful", showing how you don't need colours to elicit the emotions and feelings they are used to convey.

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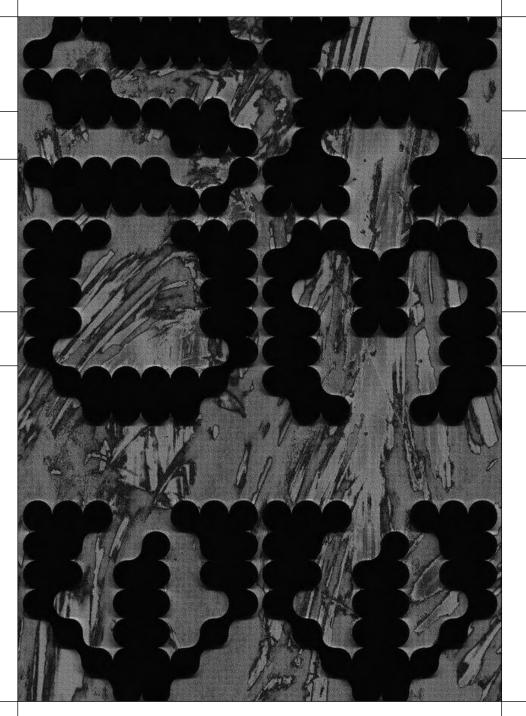
Perbandt herself on the cover of W Magazine, 2015

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#### Shum Wanwai, Mix Place lecture poster, 2019

#### SHUM WANWAI

Rotterdam

2017 – present

Shum is one of those designers who doesn't need anything more than two colours or shades for her work to shine. She seamlessly juxtaposes complex shapes and patterns with restrained colour palettes to highlight the forms themselves above anything else. I definitely drew inspiration from this kind of practice in my film, where I wanted each shot to focus on the body's pose and one particular mood and nothing else for each shot.

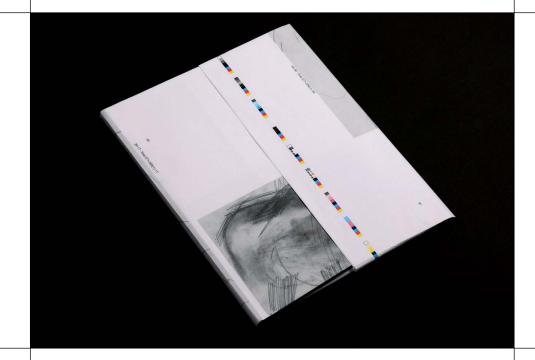
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Shum Wanwai, The 6th abC Art Book Fair Beijing poster series, 2021



(Above) Shum Wanwai, Ancestral Fortune Identity, 2021; (Below) Shum Wanwai, We miss the light, 2020



(This page) Shum Wanwai, Empty Journal







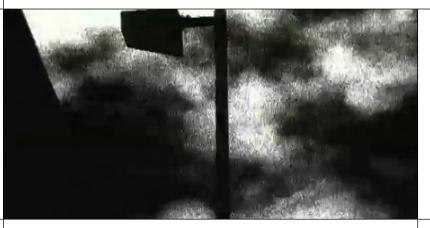


#### TOMATO STUDIO: Natural essence's 'Injury' music video

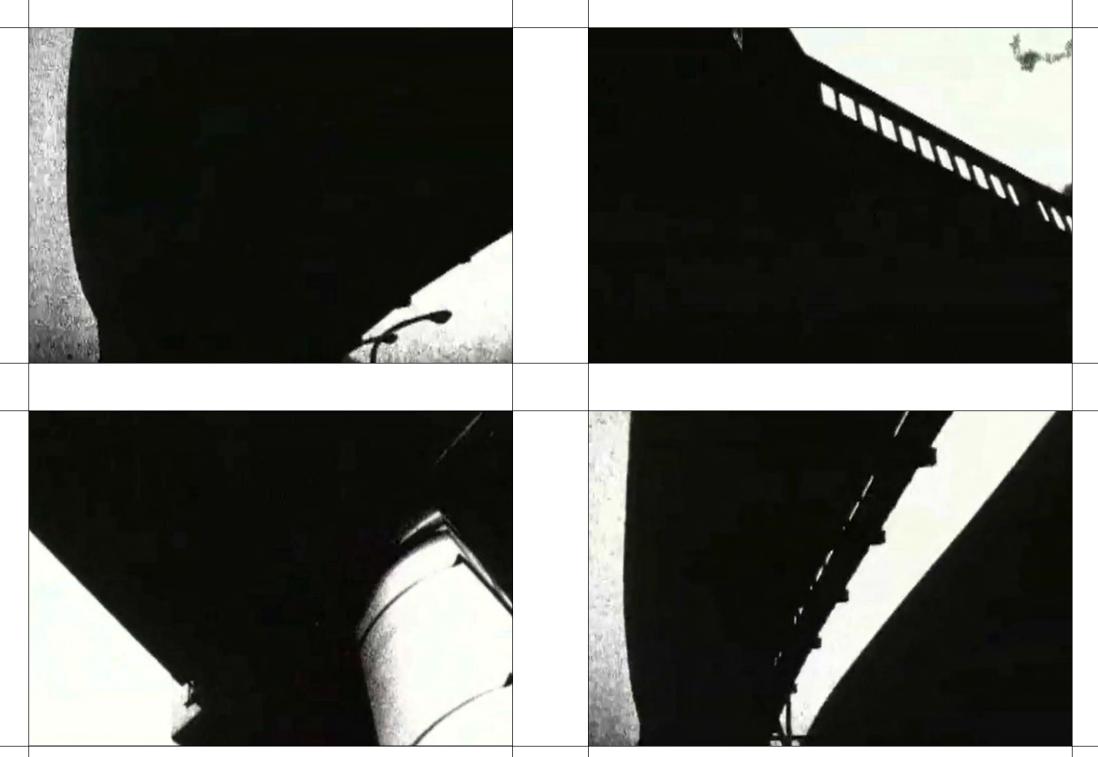
London

The visual effect on the Tokyo landscape in this music video creates an indescribable sort of eeriness and uncomfortability—something I very much tried to recreate in sections of my film (most visibly in the red and yellow, fast-moving, panicked state). This was one of the first pieces of inspiration we were shown and it immediately struck me. I quite like how you can't take a frame in isolation and still capture the full effect (despite my best efforts here), and I appreciate how the poor video quality actually adds to the experience, not showing superfluous or distracting details.

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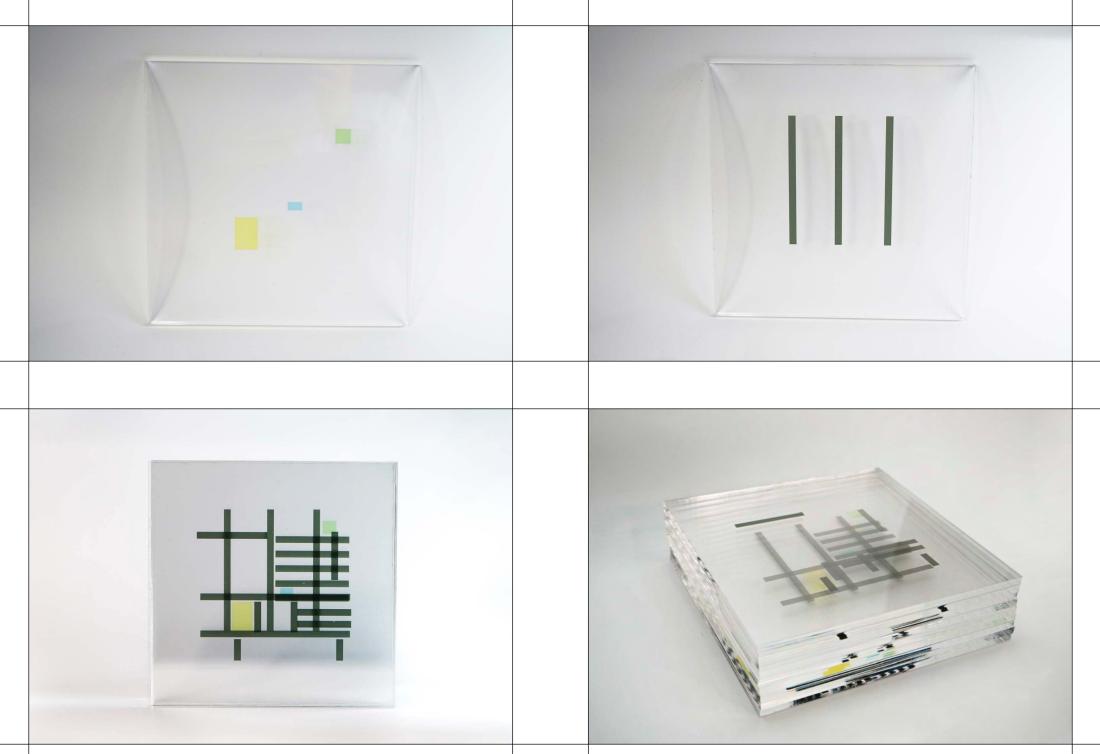


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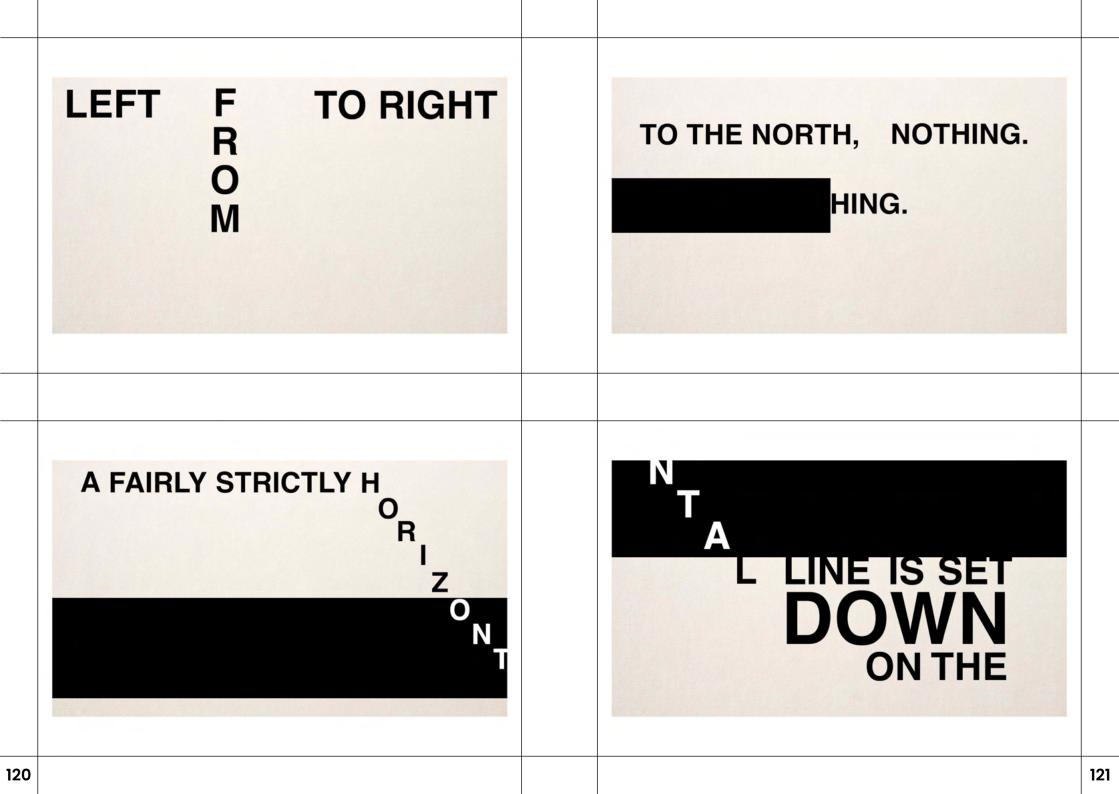


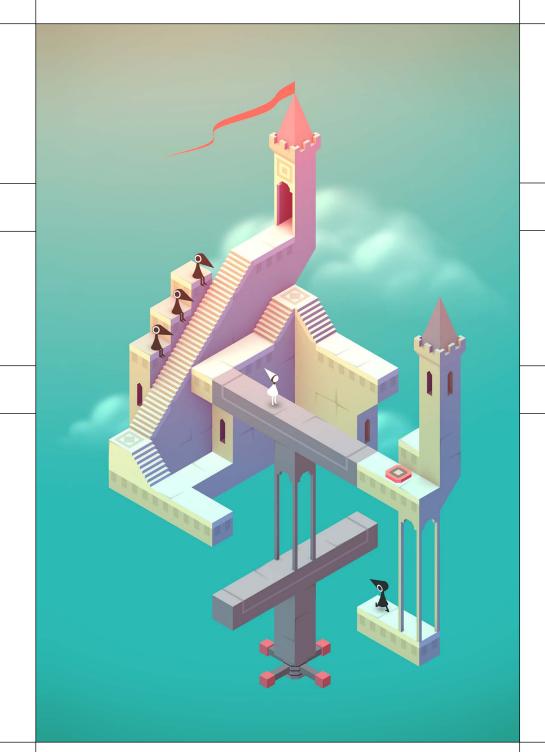






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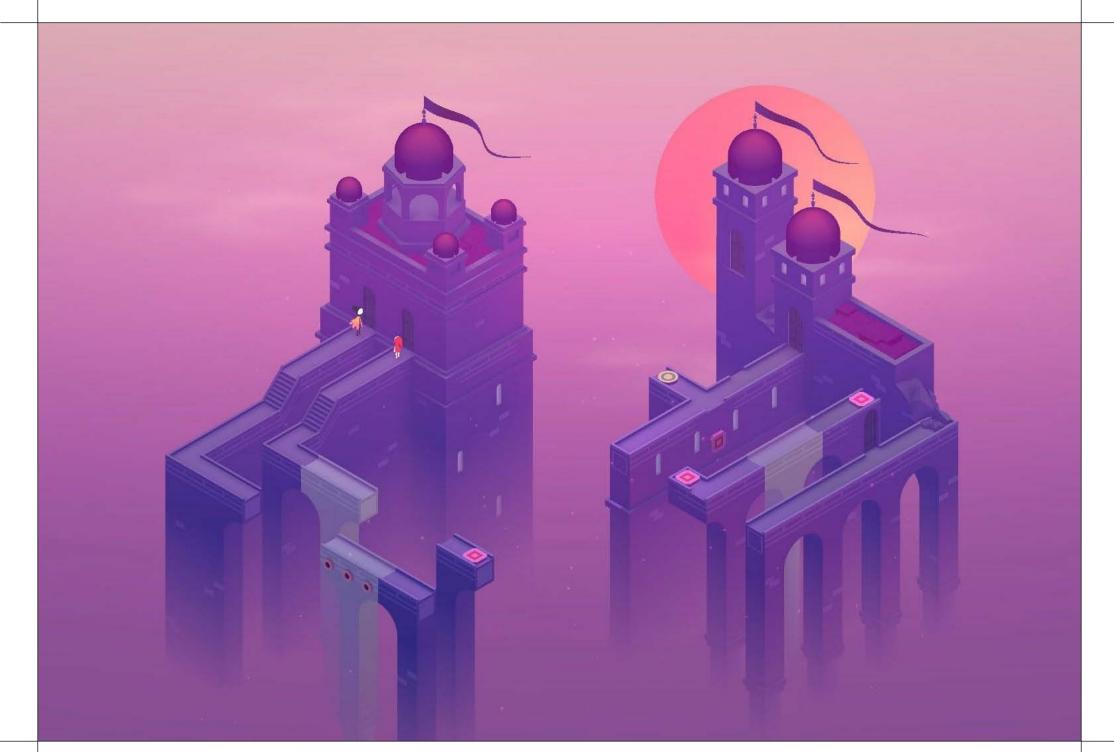
#### USTWO STUDIO: Monument Valley 1 & 2

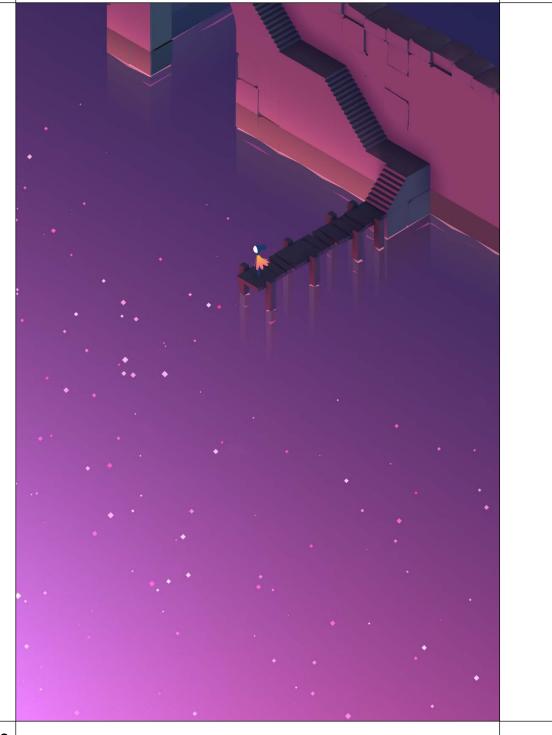
London

2014 & 2017

It's rare that a game is as visually captivating as Monument Valley. This game is widely celebrated for its stunning visual design, which isn't used to complement the gameplay but is genuinely fundamental to it, using Escher-like optical illusions as the key puzzle solving mechanism of the game. Every new scene is a work of art in its own right.











#### Pared down and teched up

While capturing the original clamp lamp's simplicity, w153 Île features refined technical solutions to meet contemporary needs. A COB LED emits a soft, warm white light, and a magnetic ball-joint construction allows for smooth, precise adjustment of the aluminium shade.



#### WÄSTBEIG

Stockholm

1998 – present

Wästberg is an innovative Stockholm lighting company built on the idea that the lighting industry has become overly standardised and consumerist and that people deserve lights to aid in their personal well-being. They work with leading architects and designers, and their products are uniquely aesthetic and minimalistic. Wästberg's lights are designed to work with and complement their surroundings more than just to create light and act as centrepieces in their own rights. I'm particularly drawn to the company's marketing and product imagery, especially in their use of colour and framing. The products are placed against plain black or white backgrounds, allowing the shape and colour of the product to speak for itself.

The extreme minimalism perfectly showcases how less is more, a concept I always try to strive for.

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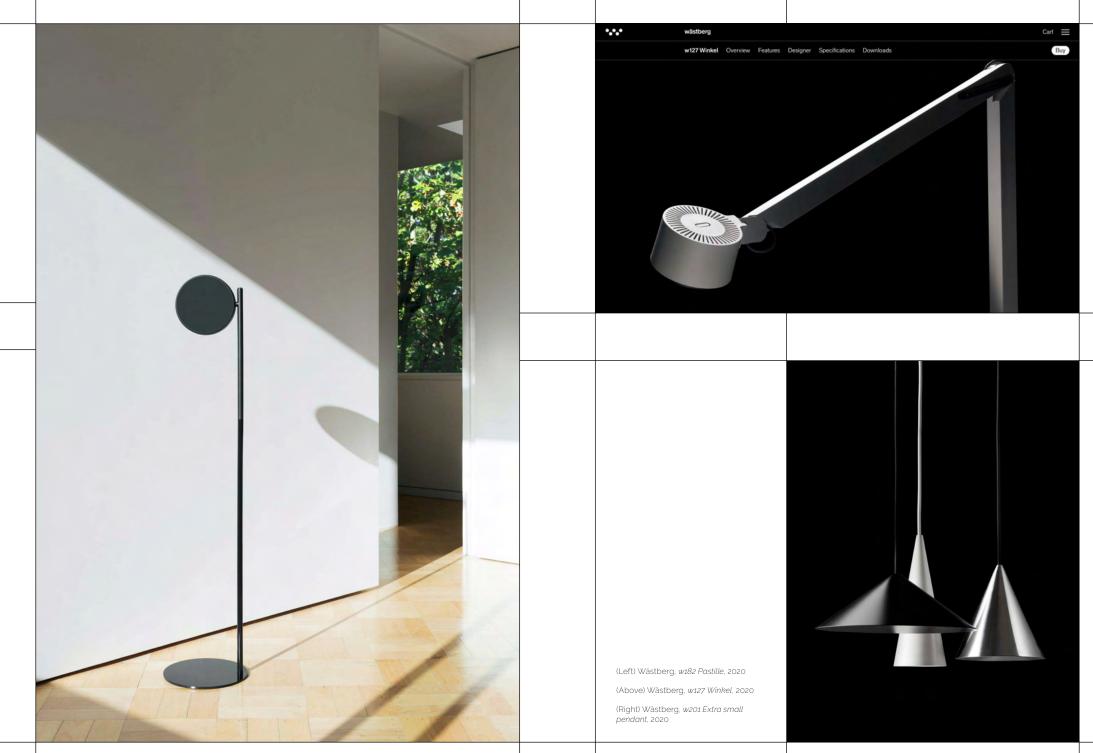


w153 lie shines brightly enough to be your bedside reading partner, as well as gladily playing a more decorative role, adding a dash of light and colour where needed. Its flat base allows it to stand confidently on its own, or to be mounted on a wail. And, of course, a clamp allows you to attach the lamp wherever you want it.

Wästberg, *w153 Île* webpage, 2020



Wästberg, w201 Light, 2020





# wästberg



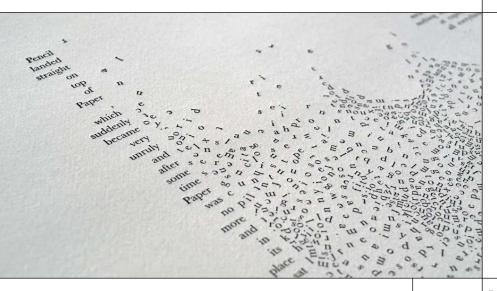
#### WINSTON, SAM: a diction/ry story

London

2021

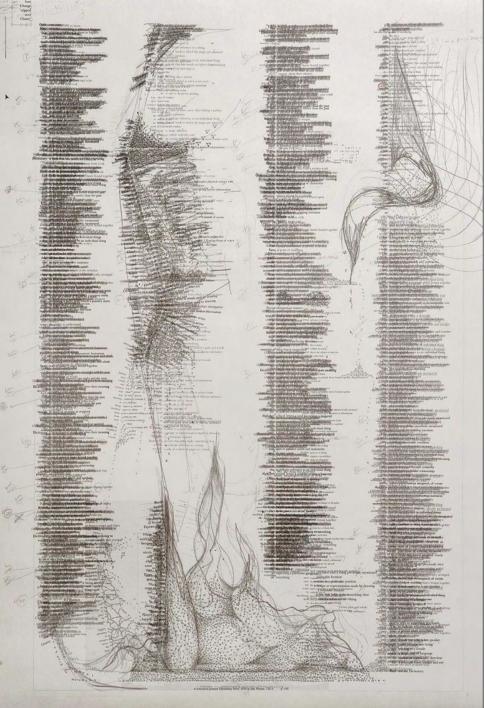
I love that Winston uses the existing elements on a page to create artwork; he's not adding anything new, but he's still creating something original. In this artwork, he creates really interesting scenes and shapes by just moving letters around, manipulating the density of the letters to create 3-dimensional and realistic effects. I really enjoy how he doesn't feel the need to keep adding stuff to his art; less is more. Winston states that this work reflects his struggle with dyslexia; in my film, I similarly wanted to utilise things in my life that contribute to my personal struggles.

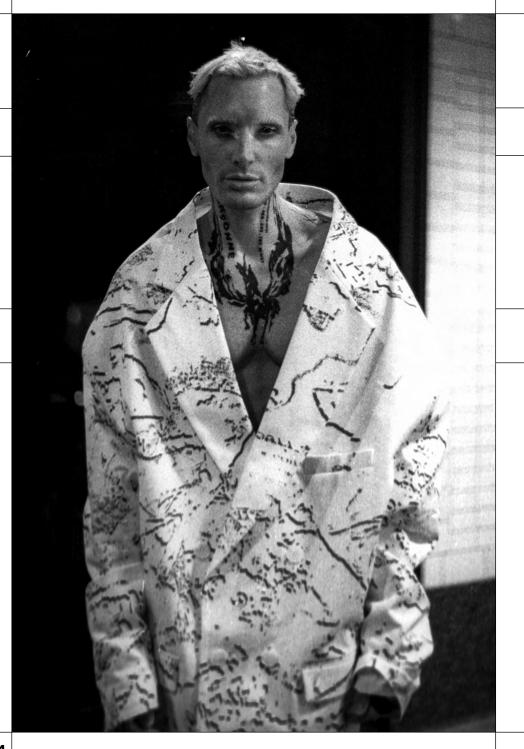
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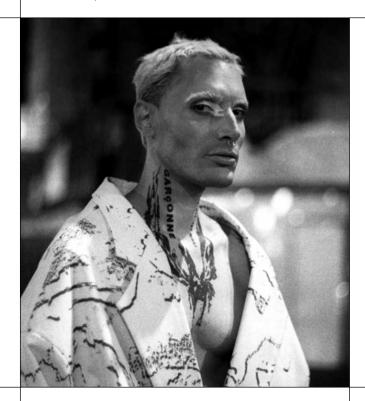
## ZAMBONI, YANNIK

Zürich

2020 – present

Perbandt, creator of his studio Maison Blanche, is an avant-garde fashion designer who not blends but basically destroys the limits of gendered fashion. He masterfully combines elements of different articles of clothing and pastiches them into new, original artpieces. He primarily bases his clothing around the colour white, but incorporates other colours only when they would actually make a difference to the perception of effect of his works.

URL: <u>https://www.maisonblanche.swiss/</u>



Zamboni himself on the cover of *Iris Covet Book*, 2020

Maison Blanche, *SS23 at New York Fashion Week*, 2022 Full collection and videos: <u>https://www.maisonblanche.swiss/collections/14092022-nyfw-back-collection</u>







