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## **Bio**

Maarten De Ceulaer (1983) was born in Belgium, and started his education in design at the Sint-Lukas Hogeschool in Brussels. Attracted by the conceptual and the narrative, he continued his studies at the Design Academy Eindhoven. A strong passion for travelling inspired his graduation project 'A Pile of Suitcases', which was immediately picked up worldwide. Since then, Maarten regularly catches attention for the highly evocative, poetic and playful touch he gives his objects.

He uses his work to tell stories, to stir people's emotions, to tickle their imagination or to make them wonder. He continuously wants to explore new materials and investigate in production techniques and crafts. The emotional aspect of objects is equally important as the functional, and he puts a lot of energy in achieving products of the highest quality.

His works have been awarded and nominated (Belgian Young Designer 2007, one of the 5 designers to watch The New York Times 2009, Fendi Design Performance at DesignMiami 2012, Henry Van De Velde award for Young Talent 2013), featured in international design magazines, publications and newspapers, and exhibited at galleries, museums, festivals and fairs worldwide.

## **Curriculum Vitae**

### **Education**

- St. Lukas Hogeschool Brussel - Interior Design-2005
- Design Academy Eindhoven –Industrial Design-2008

### **Working Experience**

- Danny Venlet Interior Architecture-Internship
- Alain Berteau Designworks Brussels – Internship
- TheMudOffice Bangalore, India – Internship
- Alain Berteau Designworks Brussels – design and development
- setting up 'Maarten De Ceulaer Design Studio' in 2009

## Exhibitions

2014

April // 'Reflections' at Triennale di Milano  
March // PAD Paris with Galerie Du Passage, Paris  
March // Design Days Dubai with Industry Gallery, Dubai  
April // Industry at the San Francisco Decorator Showcase - "Danger Zone" curated by Eche Martinez, San Francisco  
October // Art Silicon Valley with Industry Gallery  
November // Lightopia at Design Museum Ghent, Belgium  
December // Design Miami with Victor Hunt Designart Dealer  
December // Aqua Art Miami with Industry Gallery

2013

December // 'Tales of Heroes' at Design Week Hong Kong  
November // 'Gelinkt', curated by Chris Meplon en Moniek Bucquoye, at Design Museum Gent  
November // 'The Toolbox', curated by Giovanna Massoni, at Design Flanders gallery, Brussels  
October // 'Into Studio' at atelier Kaspar Hamacher, Eupen, Belgium  
October // PAD London with Galerie Du Passage  
August // 'A Poesia das Formas', curated by Elien Haentjens and Davide Pirelli, Made, Sao Paulo, Brasil.  
May // 'An inspiring journey through Belgian Design', curated by Adeline d'Ursel for Accenture, Brussels, Belgium.  
April // 'Voyages' expo at Galerie Du Passage, showing entire Suitcase collection, Paris, France  
April // 'Chest of Suitcases' at Nilufar during Salone del Mobile, Milan, Italy  
March // 'Mutation Series' at Design Days Dubai with Industry Gallery, Dubai, UAE  
March // L'objet d'un Dialogue, curated by Céline Savoye, Metz.  
January // Nourritures Premières, curated by Elisabeth Leriche, Paris.  
January // Henry Van De Velde Award exhibition, curated by Design Vlaanderen, Brussels.

2012

December // Design Miami 2012 with Fendi, Industry Gallery and Nilufar, USA.  
October // Squat #1 by Nilufar, Paris.  
September // Design September at Studio With A View, Brussels.  
August // Lecture and exhibition at BoomSPdesign, Brasil, Sao Paulo  
April // Another Terra by InResidence, curated by Barbara Brondi and Marco Rainò, Milan.  
April // 'Mutation Series' at Rossana Orlandi, Milan.  
April // 'Mutation Series' at Perspectives, curated by Giovanna Massoni, Triennale design museum Milan.  
March // Design Days Dubai with Victor Hunt.  
February // Open House Barcelona.  
February // Object Rotterdam with Victor Hunt.

2011

December // Moss, New York.  
November // Nilufar in Bergamo.  
October // Qubique/Ventura Berlin.  
September // Mint, London Design Festival.  
September // Atomium Brussels, Design September.  
September // Maison et Objet, Paris.  
April // 'Balloon Bowls' show at Salone del Mobile with Victor Hunt, Milan.

2010

September // Mint gallery, design festival London.  
September // Galerie BSL, Paris.  
September // 'Borders', group-exhibition on experimental design, DiB galerie, Brussels.  
May- August // 'De Nieuwe Oogst', exhibition at Design Vlaanderen, Belgium.

July // Centre Pompidou-Metz for 'Imaginez Maintenant', Metz.  
July- October // Mobilier Rare et Design, Art& Rapy with Nilufar, Monaco.  
June // Design Miami/Basel with gallery Nilufar.  
April // Exhibiting the 'Colour Lights' at Spazio Rossana Orlandi, Milano, Salone Del Mobile.  
January // "Belgian Design Platform" at De Modiefabrik, Amsterdam.

2009

November // "Design Verpakt" at Design Vlaanderen gallery, Brussels.  
November // "101 % Design Showcase", Designed In Brussels showroom, Brussels.  
15-31 October // Design Tales exhibition at Lodz Design Festival.  
September // Mint Escapes at Mint Gallery, London.  
September // Design London with "101 % Design Collective" of Designed in Brussels and Brussels Export.  
June // Design Basel with Nilufar Gallery  
May // ICFE fair with "101 % Design Collective" of Designed in Brussels and Brussels Export  
April // Nilufar Gallery.  
April // Salone del Mobile with Casamania and "101 % Design Collective" of Designed in Brussels and Brussels Export

2008

// Art Object Rotterdam '08, curated by Li Edelkoort and the Design Huis  
// Interieur Kortrijk with Casamania  
// Graduation Galleries. Design Academy Eindhoven  
// Salone del Mobile with Casamania.

2007

September // Belgian Young Designers Award, Designed In Brussels, Belgium.

2006

December // Made In B , exposition and auction for young Brussels-based designers.  
May // Exhibition + Auction "Second Hand-Second Life", Petits Riens Brussels (B).  
February // Exhibition Gallery Emmy Miltenburg, Rotterdam (NL).  
// Interieur'06 Kortrijk , Design For Europe Exhibition  
// Exhibition Dynamo Design'06 , Artespace gallery brussels

2005

November- February '06 // "Toegepast10" exhibition, Z33 museum Hasselt (B).  
October // "Preview" young designers exhibition – dutch design week Eindhoven (NL).

2004

June // One of the 3 selected for Graduation Exhibition St Lukas Brussels (B).

### **Awards and Nominations**

January '12 // Henry Van De Velde Award for Young Talent.  
September '09 // 1 of 5 nominees of Blueprints 'Best New Product' award, 101% Design fair London.  
'09 // ID-magazine New and Notable '09  
September '07 // Belgian Young Designer of the Year Award.  
November'05 // Toegepast 10, Z33 museum Hasselt, Belgium.