

## **Najla El Zein**

Lives and works in Beirut, Lebanon

- 2008-2010 Lived and worked in Rotterdam, The Netherlands
- 2007 Graduated from École Camondo, Paris, France with a BA in Product Design and an MA in Interior Architecture and Spatial Design
- 2001 Graduated from Atelier de Sèvres, Paris, France
- 1985-2008 Lived and studied in Paris, France
- 1983 Born in Beirut, Lebanon

## **Selected Exhibitions**

- 2019 *Najla El Zein: Transition*, Friedman Benda, New York, NY
- 2018-2019 *Women + Design: New Works*, Dallas Museum of Art, Dallas, TX
- 2017 House of Today, Jungle Protocol, Beirut
- 2015 *Maison et Objet, Precious*, Elizabeth Leriche, Paris  
Beirut Exhibition Center, Heartland - Territoire d'affects, Beirut
- 2014 House of Today, Naked, Beirut  
SMO gallery, group exhibition, Around the Table, Beirut
- 2013 London Design Festival, Victoria and Albert Museum, London
- 2012 Boghossian Foundation, Group exhibition, Art is the Answer, Brussels  
Beirut Art Center, BAC design, Beirut
- 2009 Hong Kong Shenzhen bi-city biennale of architecture and urbanism, in collaboration with svesmi, *Footsteps of urbanization*  
International Architecture Biennale Rotterdam, svesmi, in collaboration with svesmi, *Collective city*

## **Selected Press**

### **2018**

Jow, Tiffany. "Design of the Day: A Bench With a Very Surprising Bulge," *Surface*, August 6, 2018.

Musante, Guido. "Through the Looking-Glass," *Interni*, May 2018.

"Spatial Distortions," *Icon Design*, March 2018.

"Welcome to Miami," *Vogue Arabia*, January 28, 2018.

### **2017**

"The Best of New York's Salon Art + Design," *Architectural Digest*, November 10, 2017.

"Inspiring Objects Abound at The Salon Art + Design Fair," *Vogue*, November 9, 2017.

"To watch, Najla El Zein," *Whitewall Magazine*, Summer issue 2017.

"A walk on the wild side," *Selections Magazine*, #40, 2017.

### **2016**

"Najla El Zein, transmettre l'émotion," *L'aventure*, May 2016.

### **2015**

"Come on," *Sense, Frame Magazine*, May/June 2015.

"House of Today," *Icon*, March 2015.

"The many women of Najla El Zein," *Selections* #29, 2015.

Artsy, Artsy Editorial, *8 women who are redefining the Middle East*, March 16, 2015.

### **2014**

Gazsi, Melina. "Sensorial Brushes by Najla El Zein are designed to stimulate the skin," *Dezeen*, December 18, 2014.

"The Breathing Wall," *T-r-e-m-o-r-s*, October 17, 2014

"Le Pavillion Des Arts et du Design, un cabinet de curiosités à Paris," *Le Monde*, April 3, 2014.

"La nouvelle vague Libanaise, Najla El Zein, le design version art," *Elle Decoration France*, April 24, 2014.

"Les incroyables contes de Najla El Zein," *Deco Magazine*, 2014.

### **2013**

"A capital lift for designers," *The Independent*, September 14, 2013.

Viladas, Pilar. "Primer | What Not to Miss at This Year's London Design Festival," *T Magazine*, September 14, 2013.

Ghandour Hert, Maya. "The Wind Portal, de Najla El Zein, au V&A museum," *L'Orient Le Jour*,

September 18, 2013.

Andrews, Kate. "The wind portal tries to grasp and emphasize common emotions and senses," *Dezeen*, September 29, 2013.

Patel, Riya. "LDF top ten installations," *Frame*, September 29, 2013.

**2012**

"A spoonful of Najla El Zein," *Oasis*, Issue 22.

"At a glance," Brownbook, cover page, Special edition for Design Days Dubai.

Choy, Yoko. "Design Days Dubai 12," *Wallpaper\**, March 29, 2012.

"Najla El Zein wows Dubai audience with her spoon installation," *Curve Magazine*, May 2012.

**2011**

"City guides, Tel Aviv et Beyrouth," *IDEAT*, September 2011.