

Art on 56th

Carla Barchini

Carla Barchini was born in Beirut in 1971 and grew up between Lebanon, France and Switzerland. She moved to Florence, Italy, in 2007 where she trained as a restorer of antique furniture.

Guided by masters of the Renaissance crafts in gilding, marquetry, sculpture, painting and leather work, she used these techniques regularly for five years in typical Florentine workshops.

Since then, she has constantly enriched her transformation work on wood, leather and iron where she creates her own works by mixing classical traditions with modern innovations and trials.

Artist's Statement

The resistance of the materials that I use, whatever they are, valuable or not, new or reclaimed, gives me the opportunity to soak, engrave, add, remove and pour.

My tools allow me to know and create an intimacy with these objects. This is a physical, sensual job, where I try to find something at the heart of the matter while meeting my own possibilities; the material is, for me, an energy mirror.

Everything that surrounds me and all living things inspire me and touch me, especially during my long solitary walks. I re-establish a personal and inner vision of the world, of the order of what is felt, detached from reality. In one part of my creations, I set down this ensemble using materials that combine or contrast to create a chemistry, a duality, a variety of combination that materialize my thoughts at a certain point.

In another part, I consciously use traditional and innovative techniques at the same time, but my subconscious is the undisputed project manager.

The concrete repetitive nature of certain gesture frees my imagination and provides many opportunities for happy accidents.

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Exhibitions

- 2010 Solo Exhibition at Crédit Agricole Bank, Geneve Switzerland
- 2011 Collective Exhibition "Oniricum, Natura tra sogno e realta" at Specola Museum, Florence, Italy
- 2012 Collective Exhibition "Nature" at l'Atelier Nawbar Jewelry, Hamra Beirut
- 2012 Beirut Art Fair, ME.NA.SA.ART, Lebanon
- 2013 Solo Exhibition, Art on 56th Gallery, Lebanon
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- 2013 Summer Collective exhibition, Art on 56th Gallery, Beirut Lebanon