

YAKUSHA VICTORIA



Victoria Yakusha is a Ukrainian designer, artist, and architect based in Belgium, and whose philosophy of 'live design' centers around her connection to earth and cultural roots. Since starting her collectible design studio, FAINA, in 2014, Victoria Yakusha has created a distinctive aesthetic that brought her to the forefront of contemporary Ukrainian design.

Her designs have been exhibited at Design Miami/Basel, the Collectible Fair in Brussels, and Milan Design Week. She has received numerous international awards, including the Elle Decor International Design Award in 2019 for the best-emerging design studio and best design of the year ("Ztista" Collection), the Arte Laguna Prize in 2021 and the Public's Choice at the Dezeen Awards in the same year.

Victoria Yakusha emphasizes the use of living materials from Ukraine. She is also developing a material called Ztista made from recycled paper, clay, linen, and various natural elements, all biodegradable and worked by hand.

AWARDS

2022 | *Best Curio Show of the year* | Design Miami / Basel | Miami, US

2021 | *Public Award* / Category "Emerging studio design of the year" | Dezeen Award

2019

Design of the year | Collection "Ztista" / Elle Décoration International Design Award

Designer of the year | Elle Décoration International Design Award

Finalist "Art Design" / "Soniah" lamp | Arte Laguna Prize | Italy

2018 | *Special Award* / "Ztista" chair | Interior of the year award

2017 | *Award "Between tradition and innovation"* | Dutch Design Week

2015 | *Best design product* | International Industrial Design Awards

EXHIBITIONS

2023

Curio "The Land of Light" | Design Miami | Miami, US

Materia matters | Milan Design Week | Milan, Italy

ICFF & Wanted Design Manhattan | New York, US

2022

Stepping on Ukrainian soil | Design Miami / Basel | Miami, US

2020

Stockholm Design Week | FAINA at Fenix Palace | Stockholm, Sweden

Milan Design Week | Installation by Studiopepe | Milan, Italy

Interior Design Show | Toronto, Canada

Collectible Design Fair | Brussels, Belgium

2019

Helsinki Design Week | Asun Magazine | Helsinki, Finland

Dutch Design Week | Kazerne Creative Hub | Kazerne, Netherlands

2020

London Design Fair | London, UK

Milan Design Week | Milan, Italy

Dutch Design Week | Eindhoven, Netherlands

Paris Design Week | Paris, France

2017

Stockholm Furniture Fair | Stockholm, Sweden

2019

Bologna Design Week | Bologna, Italy

PRESS

2023

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[ELLE DECOR UK](#) | Ukrainian architects and designers share their hopes for the future

[STIR PAD](#) | Victoria Yakusha presents an eclectic ensemble of CONTINUUM in Milan

2022

[ELLE DECORATION](#) | Viktoria Yakusha : la voix engagée du design ukrainien

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2021

[IDEAT](#) | Les luminaires Soniah se tournent vers le soleil pour illuminer l'hiver

[ABITARE](#) | FAINA, Ethnic Minimalism

[DEZEEN](#) | Yakusha Design balances rough and smooth surfaces in Kyiv eatery Istetyka

[T AUSTRALIA](#) | The Ukrainian Brand Coinciding Their Collections with the Solstice

2020

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[HARPER'S BAZAAR ARABIA](#) | Installation By FAINA Design Brings Abandoned Home In Ukraine To Life

[AZURE](#) | The Trend Report: Four Inspiring Directions for 2021

[GOODMOODS](#) | Faina, tradition contemporaine ukrainienne

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[DEZEEN](#) | Sexy eco, monochrome and plus-size furniture: interior design trends for 2020

2019

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