

Kobi Levi



Satirical Shoes Blur the Line Between Fashion and Art

Israeli shoe designer Kobi Levi brilliantly blurs the line between art and fashion with his creative, boundary-pushing shoes that transform daily objects into unique artistic forms. Fascinated with footwear, Levi created his first shoe designs during his high school days, and later graduated from Bezalel Academy of Arts & Design. A true artist, his avant-garde creations perplex his clients, entertaining them while challenging the conventional art of shoe making.

Using shoes as his medium, Levi metamorphoses his footwear into "wearable sculptures" that resemble pop art. His use of innovative shapes, forms and configurations create awe-inspiring, satirical silhouettes. He cleverly mixes humor, wit, sarcasm and provocativeness to create his fearless footwear. His abstract works of art transcended fashion standards, and inspire concepts and styles outside of the conventional shoe realm.

Inspired by everyday simplicities such as chewing gum, chopsticks and coffee, Levi puts a unique twist on commonplace objects. No object or inspiration is off limits. He explores food, animals, pop stars, and even sexual innuendos in the form of shoes. Make a sexy splash with his bold Shark, Orea and Mallard Duck shoes, be brave and channel Madonna with a pair of his Blond Ambition heels or push societal bounds with a pair of his Androgyny heels. These mini works of art are much more than shoes; they are statement pieces that think "outside the shoe-box."

Levi's dexterous designs have been displayed in various museums and exhibitions around the world. From Tel-Aviv, to Tokyo to Berlin his art forms are acclaimed worldwide. His designs are currently being featured in "Stepping into the Limelight," an experimental shoe design exhibition in Leipzig, Germany. They are also popping up in select high-end stores globally. The chic UK department store Selfridges debut the surreal footwear collection in their famous Shoe Galleries shoe department. Limited editions are also available to order online at www.kobilevdesign.com or from his Tel Aviv studio.

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Blonde Ambition