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Press release

The wonderful world of Gilles Dewavrin

Gilles Dewavrin is a perfumer designer and aesthete with roots firmly embedded in the countryside. He takes inspiration from his phantasmagorical imagination to infuse his other-worldly, highly artistically materialised universe with extraordinary, sensory vision. He creates oversized furniture, lively linens, and sublime scents.

He grew up in Cornwall, England, whose cottages and wild mists nourished his aesthetic soul. This poet, surrealist storyteller, and creator of inhabited objects' has a passion for the bucolic that allows him to create fairy tale-esque designs that are at once floral and melancholic, displaying an interior craftsmanship that pulls on the heart strings of any grown child. His Lewis Carroll-like collections of unique decorative objects are artfully manufactured in factories in Belgium and France, and all sets bear the hallmarks of his obsessively singular signature. This feeling of Carroll's Wonderland is the common thread that links the triptych of his three exhibition houses in Brussels, in the Walloon countryside, and on the Belgian coast (this thread sometimes also weaves together a mystical chimera).

Candles and containers - pieces made of mixed earth

Gilles Dewavrin has been designing scented candles for many years. They are the perfect atmospheric accessory to mark any moment, loved by anyone who is drawn to fragrance. He works with French noses; they turn the Dewavrin aesthetic, steeped itself in history, into stunning scents. Every single one of his candles evokes or creates memories; the olfactive essence of a real or imagined moment in time. They come in mixed earth containers; both artistic and ecological. Their inspiration comes from traditional psychedelic motifs and they are also infinitely refillable. We can't get enough of these decorative objects; set them, place them, and move them again on beautiful trays. Mix and match to your every whim. This spring, a set of fresh and evocative fragrances will join the first and already classic, near-iconic scents: Chinoiseries, Midnight Tales, Greek Summer and Palazzo Citrus, which bring a fifth dimension to our imaginations.

The mixed-earth candles and containers are sold at Thierry Boutemy in Brussels, Chauvin in Paris, Antiqua Menus Plaisirs in Gstaad, and by The Invisible Collection online, as well as in boutiques in Paris, London and New York.

Furniture: rest your head, and fill it with stories

Gilles Dewvarin is a master in the art of creating oversized armchairs. He designs - and manufactures entirely in Belgium - one-off editions of oversized armchairs, blending antique and modern fabrics. A testament to his culture of arts & crafts. These huge pieces are perforated with cleverly placed openings and cut-outs to air them and make them lighter. A console and a table have now been added to the collection, decorated with bronze and mixed clay inlays featuring fantastic animals on their tops.

Embroidered linens

New to Gilles' menagerie are the long linen sheets draped across the floor, decorated with surreal ornate animal embroidery, manufactured by hand in the South of France. Available in deep rich black, pearl grey, and saffron orange-yellow, they are embroidered with unicorn rabbits and deconstructed roses, flora and fauna that are utterly unreal, impossible to behold yet impeccably embroidered, full of contrasting colours and made by leading ateliers in this sector. This man who creates such happiness perfumes all that touches with life-size magic. English magic, of course.