Biography & Works

Konstantin Grcic
born 1965, Munich

Education

1985 – 1987 Apprenticeship as cabinet maker at John Makepeace School for Craftsmen in Wood (Parnham College), UK
1988 - 1990 Master of Arts in Design, Royal College of Art, London
since 1991 Konstantin Grcic Industrial Design (KGID), Munich

Work (Selection)

1991 Tom Tom & Tam Tam, side tables, SCP
1992 Coathangerbrush, coat hanger, Cappellini, Progetto Ogetto
1994 Square, waste paper basket, Authentics
1995 Refolo, trolley, Driade
1996 2 Hands, plastic container, Authentics
1998 HutAb, coat stand, Moormann
1999 Es, shelf, Moormann
1999 Relations, glassware, Iittala
1999 Mayday, lamp, Flos
2001 Chaos, upholstered seating, ClassiCon
2002 Diana, side table, ClassiCon
2002 Glove, vessels, Cor Unum
2002 Pallas, table, ClassiCon
2003 Coup, tableware, Thomas/Rosenthal
2003 Tip, waste bin, Authentics
2004 Chair_One, chair, Magis
2005 Miura, bar stool, Plank
2005 a number of kitchen appliances for Krups
2008 Myto, chair, Plank
2008 Karbon, chaise longue, Galerie Kreo
2009 360° Stool, chair, Magis
2009 Monza, arm chair, Plank
2010 Galata, side table, Marsotto
2011 Tom & Jerry – The Wild Bunch, stools, Magis
2011 Waver, arm chair, Vitra
2011 Champions, limited edition of six tables, Galerie Kreo, Paris
2012 Pra, school chair, Fläktotto
2012 Medici, low chair, Mattiazzi
2013 OK, lamp, Flos
2013 Bench B, bench, BD Barcelona
2013 Parrish Side Chair, Emeco
Monographic exhibitions & curatorial projects

1995 »Konstantin Grcic Twinset«, Binnen Gallery, Amsterdam
2000 »Goethe/Grcic«, Casa di Goethe, Rom
2006 »Kimura Ihei in Paris«, 8F Forum, Maison Hermes, Paris
2006 »Orient Express«, installation, Stylepark in Residence, Köln
2006 »ON/OFF«, Haus der Kunst München
2006 »Design Parade«, Museum Bojmans van Beuningen, Rotterdam
2007 »This Side Up«, Museum für Gestaltung Zürich
2008 »Small Talk«, Musée des Arts Décoratifs, Paris
2009 »Design Real«, Serpentine Gallery, London
2009 »Konstantin Grcic: Decisive Design«, The Art Institute of Chicago
2010 »Designer of the Year« exhibition, Design Miami
2010 »Black2«, Istituto Svizzero, Rome
2010 »Comfort«, Biennale Internationale Design Saint-Etienne, France

Awards (selection)

1987 Smallpeice Trust Award for Innovation, Parnham, UK
1988 Bavarian State Prize for Young Designers, Bavarian State Ministry of Economic Affairs, Infrastructure, Transport and Technology, Germany
1988 - 1990 Cassina Scholarship for studying at the Royal College of Art, London, UK
1990 British Steel Melchett Award, UK
1995 Kulturförderpreis der Stadt München (Munich Culture Award), Germany
1997 Young Designer of the Year Award, nominated by Achille Castiglioni, Architektur & Wohnen, Germany
1999 Modernism Award for Young Designers, Brooklyn Museum of Art, New York, USA
2000 Guest of Honour, Biennale Interieur in Kortrijk, Belgium
2004 Nombre d’Or, Salon du meuble, France
2007 Guest of Honour, Stockholm Furniture Fair, Sweden
2007 Designer de l’Année, Maison et Objet, France
2007 Designer of the Year, Architektur & Wohnen, Germany
2009 Honorary Royal Designer for Industry, Royal Society for the Arts, UK
2010 Premio AD 2010: Special International Award, AD Magazine, Spain
2010 Furniture Designer of the Year, Wallpaper* Design Award, UK
2010 Royal Designer for Industry, Royal Society for the Arts, UK
2010 Fellow/Scholarship at Villa Massimo, Deutsche Akademie, Rome, Italy
2010 Designer of the Year Award, Design Miami, USA

Awards – Products (selection)

1997 If Design Award, Best of Category, International Forum Design Hanover, Germany, for 2 Hands (Authentics)
1998 If Design Award, Best of Category, International Forum Design Hanover, Germany, for H2O (Authentics)
2001 XIX Premio Compasso d’Oro, ADI, Italy, for Mayday (Flos)
2004    If Design Award, Silver, International Forum Design Hanover, Germany, for Coup (Thomas/Rosenthal)
2006    If Design Award, Gold, International Forum Design Hanover, Germany, for Miura (Plank)
2006    German Design Award, Silver, German Design Council, for Chair_One (Magis)
2006    Red Dot Award, Best of the Best, Design Zentrum Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany, for Miura (Plank)
2007    German Design Award, Silver, German Design Council, for Miura (Plank)
2011    Red Dot Award, Best of the Best, Design Zentrum Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany, for Table B (BD Barcelona)
2011    XXII Premio Compasso d’Oro Award, ADI, Italy, for Myto (Plank)
2011    Honorable Mention, XXII Compasso d’Oro, ADI, Italy, for Monza (Plank)
2012    Best of Best, Interior Innovation Award, German Design Council and imm Cologne, Germany, for Pro (Flötotto)
2013    German Design Award, Home Interior Category, German Design Council, for Tom & Jerry – The Wild Bunch (Magis)
2013    Delta Award, Silver, FAD. Foment de les Arts i del Disseny, Spain, for Bench B (BD Barcelona)
2013    Icon Award – Best Furniture Design, Icon, UK, for Medici (Mattiazzi)
2014    Icon Award – Best Furniture Design, Icon, UK, for Bench B (BD Barcelona)
2014    German Design Award, Gold, German Design Council, for Pro (Flötotto)

Publications

2000    Goethe/Grcic Alltagsobjekte/Quotidian Objects, Charta, Milan
2003    Konstantin Grcic for ClassiCon, Salone del Mobile, Milan
2005    KGID Book, Phaidon Press, London
2007    MIURA stool NYC 2006, Plank
2008    The making of MYTO, a cantilever chair, Meire&Meire
2010    Konstantin Grcic / Design etc., Interview mit Pierre Doze, Archibooks, Marion Vignal
2011    Konstantin Grcic, Champions / Couleurs Contemporaines, Les Cahiers, Bernard Chauveau Éditeur Paris
2011    Konstantin Grcic / I Maestri Del Design, Il Sole 24 Ore
2012    Konstantin Grcic / I Protagonisti del Design, Hachette

Museum Collections (selection)

Brooklyn Museum, New York
Centre Georges Pompidou, Paris
Denver Art Museum, Denver, USA
Deutsches Museum, Munich
Design Museum, London
Die Neue Sammlung, Munich
Indianapolis Museum of Art, Indianapolis
JIDA Japan Industrial Designers’ Association, Nagano
La Triennale di Milano, Mailand
Musée Les Arts Décoratifs, Paris
Museu del Disseny de Barcelona, Barcelona
Museum Boijmans Van Beuningen, Rotterdam
Museum für Gestaltung, Zürich
Museum of Modern Art (MoMA), New York
Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam
Tel Aviv Museum of Art, Tel Aviv
The Art Institute of Chicago
The Israel Museum, Jerusalem
Victoria & Albert Museum, London
Vitra Design Museum, Weil am Rhein