

## 06D ATELIER BIO

06D Atelier is an Italian artist duo based in London founded by Mauro Fragiotta and Francesca Adami. They explore and modify the relationships between objects, environment and humans, experimenting with materials, shapes and functionality. The different training of the two allows the studio to operate in a wide range of projects, bringing together different influences to create revolutionary projects interweaving design with art. Thanks to its multifaceted personality, the atelier is specialized in custom-made and limited edition furnishing elements, of which it personally follows the project and realization, thanks to a close collaboration with fine artisans.

"Our design is not only a mix of technical and aesthetic characteristics but also the result of the encounter of experiences, research and our cultural heritage. Each project is a unique and unrepeatable process that leads to a radically new result."

They started their practice in 2017 with self-produced furniture pieces with a very distinctive geometrical and minimalistic shapes, The Thinness Collection, continuing with an investigation into influence of mathematics in nature's aesthetics and the phenomenology of perception. This research brought them to their latest significant works:

- The Orbit, inspired by the concentric pattern common in many structure in nature.
- Entropia, depicting the interlacement of ruled and chaotic arrangements in the universe.
- The award-winning sculpture Trans-forma, a snapshot of a change of state, completed during early coronavirus pandemic, presented with the virtual exhibition Rules and Chaos.

## EXHIBITIONS

Aug 2020 – London, UK - Design Museum - Fountain of Hygiene Exhibition  
May 2020 – World Wide Web - On-line Exhibition Rules and Chaos  
Sept 2019 – London, UK - 100% Design London, Design London  
Aug 2019 – Paris, France - Galerie SORS – Summer Group Show  
Apr 2019 – Milan, Italy - Exhibition at 5Vie Art+Design during the Milan Design Week  
Apr 2013 – Milan, Italy - Exhibition at Brera Design District during the Milan Design Week  
Apr 2012 – Milan, Italy - Exhibition at Nhow Hotel, Zona Tortona during the Milan Design Week

## AWARDS

Aug 2020 – London, UK - Fountain of Hygiene - Industrial design category shortlisted.  
Mar 2020 – Venice, Italy - Arte Laguna Prize 2020 - Special Prize ARS, (ART, REUSE, SUSTAINABILITY) OF ALUMINIUM  
Oct 2018 – Osaka, Japan - Christmas Design Award 2018 - Jury Prize (Birgit Lohmann)

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# Ex Astris // short motion picture by 06D Atelier // September 2020

## About the video

Ex Astris is an imaginary visual journey by 06D Atelier portraying the pieces from their Thinness Collection in sci-fi environments. It is a tribute to Stanley Kubrick's masterpiece movie 2001: A space Odyssey. "Ex Astris" means "from the stars", it's where their inspiration came from when they conceived the Thinness Collection elements, each named after constellations. The video is a light-years long voyage from the deep space, thorough Mars to the Earth, with this digital work the duo aim to recreate the same suspended-in-space-and-time feeling of the Kubrick's film.

## About the Thinness Collection

The Thinness Collection is lightness challenging gravity, with furnishing elements made entirely of very thin steel plates - 2 or 3 mm thick - folded, welded, ground and finished by hand. A collection of sculptural furniture designed and self-produced by the London-based duo 06D Atelier, made entirely in Brianza (Italy), with careful workmanship that is a tribute to the Italian craft tradition. The collection includes the a lounge sculptural chair: Centaurus, two small tables: Perseus and Pegasus, and pendant lamp: Orion, available in two versions. The Matt Edition, with sprayed finish in customizable colours and the Gold Edition, in a limited edition of 33 with 24 kt gold surface treatment.

*"These objects reflect the pioneering spirit of their native country where beauty and innovation are inherited elements sculpted in the DNA" 06D Atelier.*

Celestial triangulations between points of the firmament delineate mythological figures. This is the thought of our ancestors, who thus traced maps of known figures to reassure themselves against the dismay of the unknown. And those bright spots - the stars - were connected by imaginary straight lines giving birth to constellations, with their familiar names. Animals, heroes, objects of daily use - projecting their everyday life into the immensity of the sky. Straight, stretched lines, like those of the Thinness Collection - intersections of celestial planes in space, softened by the skilful hand of the craftsman to give them a warm, unique, finely and perfectly imperfect touch, which makes the alien look-alike shapes recognizable as an earthly object.

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