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**Apex Predator. Empire Shoes. Sculpture. 2012**  
Materials: Jimmi Choo Empire Shoes, Size UK6, 500 teeth dentures.

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**Fantich & Young** specialize in turning fashion on its head and combining ideas that seem contradictory and paradoxical for effect.

Mariana Fantich and Dominic Young are two East London artists who together make up the pair Fantich & Young. Their work combines Charles Darwin's theories of evolution (nature) with supernatural and ceremonial elements (super-nature) thus subverting the ideas of Darwin's theories and playing off of contradictions. Fantich and Young describe this as "Darwinian Voodoo".

Their sculpture Double Games, Red In Tooth and Claw features 300,000 Stanley razor blades embedded in equipment commonly found in school gymnasiums therefore subverting its conventional purpose.



Double Games, Red In Tooth and Claw. Sculpture. 2009 - 2010

The *Apex Predator* series includes a pair of oxford shoes with 1050 teeth taken from dentures on the sole. These are definitely not well suited for long walks. They exemplify the tension that Fantich & Young are known for between the sleek leather of the oxfords and the creepiness of having teeth on the bottom of shoes. The series is named after the concept of apex predators, predators that are at the top of the food chain and have no predators of their own, a category that humans fit into. There is also a female version that features a pair of Jimmi Choo Empire shoes with 500 teeth from dentures on the sole. They can be nicely matched with a suit made from human hair with glass eyes as buttons and teeth from dentures as accents.

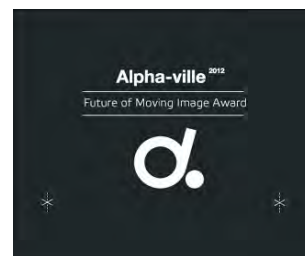


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Apex Predator. Suit. Sculpture. 2011. Materials: Savile Row's Suit, human hair, glass eyes, dentures.



Apex Predator. Oxfords Shoes. Sculpture. 2010. Materials: Barker Oxfords Shoes, Size UK15, 1050 teeth dentures.



Mascot. Sculpture. 2012

Materials: Vaulting Horse, Military Medals Ribbons, Junior Sport Javelins, Crude Oil. (H) 310cm x (W) 380cm x (L) 415cm



Loser. 2010. (H) 100 cm x (L) 70cm



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Self Portrait. 2012

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