#### **FANTICH & YOUNG**

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#### About

Mariana Fantich (Ukraine) and Dominic Young (UK) are East London based artists that started collaborating in 2008 and have since then been known as Fantich & Young.

Fantich & Young's body of work entails a conceptual and aesthetical approach to the sculptural juxtaposition of symbolic ready-made materials. Their work addresses parallels between social evolution and evolution in the natural world: Nature as model or nature as threat

Through our art we investigate and question themes that relate to the concepts put forward by the 19th century political philosopher Herbert Spencer that became wildly known as Social Darwinism. Social Darwinism is a complex subject but in short it is the application of Charles Darwin's evolutionary concept of natural selection to human society. Our work covers concepts that relate to competition, social hierarchy, winners and losers, persecutors and persecuted, invaders and the invaded and the grey areas in-between.

### Education

#### Mariana Fantich

Postgraduate Certificate in Learning and Teaching in Higher Education Art, Design and Communication, University of the Arts London

Master of Fine Arts in Media, Slade School of Art, University College London

Bachelor of Arts in Fine Art, Middlesex University

Bachelor of Arts in Fine Art, Lviv National Academy of Arts, Ukraine

### **Dominic Young**

Master of Arts in Printmaking, Camberwell College of Arts Bachelor of Arts in Fine Art, Guildhall University

# **Solo Exhibitions**

- 2019 Radford University Art Museum, Covington Center, Radford, Virginia, USA
- 2017 Darwinian Voodoo, Wynwood Arts District, Miami, Florida, USA
- 2015 Apex Predator | Darwinian Voodoo, Projects+Gallery, St. Louis, USA
- 2012 Artist Open Studio, Fantich & Young Studio, London, UK
- 2011 Double Games, Red In Tooth And Claw, See Studio, London, UK
- 2010 Artist Open Studio, Fantich & Young Studio, London, UK

# **Group Exhibitions**

- 2024 Death and the Devil: The Fascination with Horror, Museum Georg Schafer, Schweinfurt
- 2024 Death and the Devil: The Fascination with Horror, Hessisches Landesmuseum, Darmstadt
- 2023-24 Death and the Devil: The Fascination with Horror, Kunstpalast in Düsseldorf
- 2023 Pécsi Galériák | Pécsi Galéria Cipőfantáziák / Shoe Fantasies
- 2022 8/01/2023 A Queen Within. Fresno Art Museum | 2233 North First Street, Fresno, CA 93703
- 2021 On Everyone's Lips. From Pieter Bruegel to Cindy Sherman at The Kunstmuseum Wolfsburg, Germany
- 2020 Taschen Ikonen & Wertanlagen, Spielzeug Welten Museum Basel
- 2019 See Yourself E(x)ist, Pratt Manhattan Gallery, New York 10011, USA
- 2018 A Queen Within: Adorned Archetypes, New Orleans Museum of Art, USA
- 2018 RESPECT: Hip-Hop Style & Wisdom, The Oakland Museum of California (OMCA), USA
- 2018 Heaven or Hell, Cube Design Museum, Netherlands
- 2018 "XOXO," Des Lee Gallery, St Louis, USA
- 2017-18 See Yourself E(x)ist, Pratt Manhattan Gallery, NY, USA
- 2017 Shoetopia, The Valade Family Gallery, Detroit, USA
- 2017 High Heels, Die hohe Kunst der Schuhe, Internationale Künstler und Designer, OT Lichtenwalde, Germany
- 2017 The Object as Mirror, Projects+Gallery, St Louis, USA
- 2016 A Queen Within: Adorned Archetypes, Art Seen Cultural Centre, Miami, USA
- 2016 Darwinian Voodoo, BBT Luxury Lifestyle Expo, ADNEC, Abu Dhabi
- 2016 People & Other Creatures, Projects+Gallery, St Louis, USA
- 2016 Haute Hip Hop, Projects+Gallery, St Louis, USA
- 2016 WILD, Inspirations space, Hall 7, Maison & Objet, Paris
- 2015 Utopian Bodies, Liljevalchs Konsthall, Stockholm, Sweden
- 2014 White Perspectives, Somerset House, London, UK

- 2014 History Under Your Feet, Spielzeug Welten Museum, Basel, Switzerland
- 2014 Shoe Show, 360 Mall, Main Atrium, Al Zahra, Kuwait
- 2014 The Threadneedle Prize 2014: Figurative Art Today, Mall Galleries, London, UK
- 2014 Shoeting Stars, Museum Hundertwasser, Vienna, Austria
- 2014 Friday Late, Victoria and Albert Museum, London, UK
- 2013 Auf Schritt und Tritt, Villa Rot Museum, Burgrieden, Germany
- 2013 Creekside Open 2013 Selected by Ceri Hand, A.P.T. Gallery, London, UK
- 2013 Starker Auftritt!, Grassi Museum of Applied Arts, Leipzig, Germany
- 2013 Skin No. 1, Oukan, Concept Store for Japanese and International Avant-Garde, Berlin, Germany
- 2012 Juxtaposition, See Studio, London, UK
- 2012 On Fire, Old Fire Station, London, UK
- 2012 Is This A Warning?, New Inn Yard, London, UK
- 2009 Art of the Stitch, Museum of Applied Arts, Budapest, Hungary
- 2009 Art of the Stitch, Fundación Valentín de Madariaga MP, Seville, Spain
- 2008 Art of the Stitch, Deutsches Textilmuseum, Krefeld, Germany
- 2008 Art of the Stitch, Waterhall Gallery, Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery, Birmingham, UK