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Born and raised in Hoboken, New Jersey, Stephen Wilson is a conceptual artist whose unique medium carries his message. A background in fashion and home design built Wilson's embroidery-digitizing mastery and creative expertise. In his fine arts practice, Stephen is deeply interested in the intersection of traditional craft and contemporary culture. Wilson is represented by major galleries across the US, including Art Angels, Roman Fine Art, DTR Modern Galleries (NY, Boston, DC, Palm Beach) and New Gallery of Modern Art. His work is frequently exhibited along with his neo-pop / urban art contemporaries i.e. Robert Mars, Mr. Brainwash, Punk Me Tender; and major contemporary / modern / pop artists such as Warhol, Hirst, and Kapoor. Stephen's work was acquired internationally by the National Gallery of Art (Sofia, Bulgaria), Minart (Museo International de Arte) Museum (Guadalajara, Mexico) and the Brunello Cucinelli headquarters (Solomeo, Italy), in addition to private and public collections throughout the United States. His work has been publicly exhibited in diverse locales from the Lincoln Center in New York to Catch Restaurant in Los Angeles.

ABOUT THE WORK

Blending predominantly traditional embroidery techniques with 3D printing, laser engraving, painting and found objects, Wilson's manipulation of multiple materials produces wholly unique works of art. His work reflects high fashion influences, traditional craft and quilting techniques, and a pop-culture aesthetic. His pieces often contain millions of embroidery stitches and take hundreds of hours to create.

When you examine one of his pieces closely, you will notice that each line is created with thread. Fashion influence is prevalent in his work, expressed through the use of luxury packaging and designer fabrics such as Hermès silk, Chanel wool, Ralph Lauren denim, among others. Through this reinterpretation of textiles and found-object assemblage, Stephen's work evokes questions regarding luxury consumerism and high - low art distinctions. He is influenced by contemporary art, pop art, street art, graffiti and iconography, as well as traditional quilting and handicrafts. Each piece is unique and expertly crafted in his Charlotte, North Carolina studio, using both traditional and modern tools.

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SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2018 Museum Gallery of Modern Art, "Stephen Wilson" Sofia, Bulgaria
- 2018 Roman Fine Art, "Stephen Wilson: Luxury Graffiti" East Hampton, NY
- 2018 Art Angels, "Shine A Light When It's Gray Out" Beverly Hills, CA
- 2018 New Gallery of Modern Art, "Shine A Light When It's Gray Out" Charlotte, NC
- 2017 The Foundry, "Americana" Charlotte, NC
- 2016 New Gallery of Modern Art, "Beauty, Death & What's Underneath" Charlotte, NC

DUO + GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2019 (Upcoming) Rochester Institute of Technology, "Crafting Democracy: Fiber Arts and Activism" Rochester, NY
- 2018 Art Angels, Miami, "Grand Opening" Miami, FL
- 2018 Delano Hotel, "AVP Art Agency Pop Up Gallery" Miami, FL
- 2018 New Gallery of Modern Art, "Street Spaces" Charlotte, NC
- 2018 New Gallery of Modern Art, "7 Year Anniversary Show" Charlotte, NC
- 2018 HG Contemporary, "Surface(s)" New York, NY
- 2018 Arts Center of Greenwood, "BEEsmART" Greenwood, SC
- 2018 Roman Fine Art, "Art Market Summer Group" East Hampton, NY
- 2018 Miller Gallery, "Punk Me Tender X Stephen Wilson" Cincinnati, OH
- 2018 Cornell Art Museum, "FLORA" Delray Beach, FL
- 2017 Coral Springs Museum of Art "New Acquisitions 2017" Coral Springs, FL
- 2017 Cornell Art Museum, "Fabricated: Contemporary Fiber Works" Delray Beach, FL
- 2017 Exhibit by Aberson, "Robert Mars X Stephen Wilson" Tulsa, OK
- 2016 Mint Museum, "80 x 80: An Art Show" Charlotte, NC
- 2016 The Grace, "Spaces" Charlotte, NC
- 2016 New Gallery of Modern Art, "Art Salon" Charlotte, NC

ART FAIRS

- 2018 Aqua Art Miami, solo artist invitational
- 2018 Scope, Miami represented by Roman Fine Art
- 2018 Market Art + Design, Bridgehampton, New York, represented by Roman Fine Art
- 2017 Art Pampelonne, Saint Tropez, represented by New Gallery of Modern Art
- 2017 Scope, New York, represented by New Gallery of Modern Art
- 2016 Scope, Miami represented by New Gallery of Modern Art

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PERMANENT COLLECTIONS

Tajima International, Nagoya, Japan

AC Hotel, Charlotte, NC

Hemby Children's Home, Presbyterian Hospital, Charlotte, NC

Coral Springs Museum of Art, Coral Springs, FL

Opera Carolina, Charlotte, NC

Brunello Cucinelli Corporate Headquarters, Umbria, Italy

MINART Museo Internacional de Arte, Guadalajara, Mexico - Opening 2019

National Gallery of Art, Sofia, Bulgaria - Opening 2019

SELECTED COMMISSIONS AND INSTALLATIONS

2019 ArtPop Street Gallery, "Say You'll Love Me Every Waking Moment" Public Billboard Installation, Charlotte, NC

2018 Eden Roc Hotel + Nobu Hotel, "Stream of Consciousness VI", Miami, FL

2018 The Drifter Hotel, "Stream of Consciousness V", New Orleans, LA

2018 Traditional Home Magazine "Hampton Designer Showhouse" per Lisa Mende Design, Bridgehampton, NY

2018 Catch Restaurant LA, courtesy of Art Angels, Hollywood, CA

2018 Atlanta Homes & Lifestyles Magazine "Southeastern Showhouse" per Cathy Austin Interiors, Atlanta, GA

2017 "Americana", Jazz at Lincoln Center, New York, NY

2017 "Americana", Opera Carolina, Charlotte, NC

2017 Traditional Home Magazine "Dallas Designer Showhouse" per Traci Zeller Interiors, Dallas, TX

CRITICAL ESSAYS

2017 - Jennifer Sudul Edwards, "The 'American' in Stephen Wilson's Americana"

2017 - Marisa Pascucci, "Opulence Reclaimed"

2017 - Bruce Helander, "A Stitch In Time"

2017 - Eleanor Heartney, "Stephen Wilson: Breaking Free"

2017 - Donald Kuspit, "Fabric Fantasies: Stephen Wilson's Art"

TEACHING

2018 Guest Lecturer, National Academy of Art, Sofia, Bulgaria "Technology and Technique"

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GALLERIES

New Gallery of Modern Art, Charlotte, NC

Art Angels, Los Angeles, CA

Roman Fine Art, East Hampton, NY

DTR Modern Galleries: Washington DC, Palm Beach, Boston, New York City

VW Contemporary, Greenwich, CT

Miller Gallery, Cincinnati, OH

Exhibit by Aberson, Tulsa, OK

AWARDS

2017 Finalist, Sunny Art Prize, Sunny Art Centre, London

CHARITABLE INCLUSIONS

2018 Let the Good Times Roll, benefitting Boards for Bros NC, Charlotte, NC

2018 Pink Bow Gala, benefitting Madelyn's Fund, Charlotte, NC

2018 Buzz Art Auction, benefitting New World Symphony, Miami, FL

2018 Levine Children's Gala, benefitting Levine Children's Hospital, Charlotte, NC

2018 Country Day Auction, benefitting Charlotte Country Day School, Charlotte NC

2017 ArtRageous Gala, benefitting HourChildren, New York, NY

2017 Soco Gallery X Cottie & Cake Fund, benefitting Levine Children's Hospital, Charlotte, NC

2017 Pink Bow Gala, benefitting Madelyn's Fund, Charlotte, NC

ART MEETS FASHION

2018 - Summer, Formation - Vail, CO

2018 - Holiday, Nordstrom - Charlotte, NC

2018 - Winter, Formation - Vail, CO

2017 - Holiday, Hampden - Charleston, SC

2017 - Spring, Our Place Boutique - Charlotte, NC

2017 - Summer, Hampden - Charleston, SC

2017 - Summer, Capitol - Charlotte, NC

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PUBLICATIONS

2018 Stephen Wilson: Luscious Threads. 1 ed. London: Scala Arts and Heritage Publishers in association with DTR Modern Galleries

SELECTED PRESS

MAGAZINES / NEWSPAPERS

- 2018 - New York Post, Alexa Miami Edition - Basel Dazzle - December 5, 2018
- 2018 - QC Exclusive - Introducing ArtPop's Class of 2019 Artists - December 2018
- 2018 - Aesthetica Magazine - Artists' Directory - Issue #86, December / January 2019
- 2018 - Charlotte Magazine - Our 2018 Holiday Gift Guide - December 2018
- 2018 - Hamptons Cottages & Gardens - Interview with Luxury Graffiti Artist Stephen Wilson - October 2018
- 2018 - CREATIV Magazine - Featured Stories | A Seamless Transition: Mixed-Media Artist, Stephen Wilson, takes Luxury to a New Level - September / October 2018
- 2018 - The Scout Guide, Charlotte, Volume 7.
- 2018 - Traditional Home Magazine - Eye Catchers: Stephen Wilson - May / June 2018
- 2018 - Charlotte Magazine - Flights of Fancy - May 2018
- 2018 - Beverly Hills Courier - Outlook: Beverly Hills - April 20, 2018
- 2018 - Boca Magazine - The Cornell's "Flora" is a Garden of Sensorial Delights - March 30, 2018
- 2018 - South Park Magazine - Modern Statement- March 2018
- 2018 - HOME Magazine - Home is Where the Art Is - Charlotte Feb. / March Edition 2018
- 2018 - QC Exclusive - Stephen Wilson and Miles Alredridge Open at the New Gallery of Modern Art - 2018
- 2018 - Charlotte Observer - What's Up This Week in Charlotte's Visual Arts? - February 20, 2018
- 2018 - Simply The Best Magazine - Fruits of the Loom: Artist Stephen Wilson Reinvents Embroidery Into Fine Art - Bruce Helander, January / February 2018
- 2018 - Designs in Machine Embroidery - On Top of the Box - Volume 108, January / February 2018
- 2017 - QC Exclusive - Stephen Wilson Brings Art to Levine Children's Hospital - 2017
- 2017 - Bellus Magazine - Maximizing the Medium: Stephen Wilson - November 2017
- 2017 - Art of the Times Magazine - Meet The Artist Turning Your Favorite Luxury Brands Into Incredible Fine Art - Winter 2017
- 2017 - Greenwich Time - VW Contemporary opens on Greenwich Avenue - October 31, 2017
- 2017 - Town & Country Magazine - The Weekly Covet: What We're Lusting After Now - October 27, 2017
- 2017 - Huffington Post - Fine Artist Stephen Wilson Transforms High-Fashion Boxes Into Luxurious Works of Art - Samantha Matcovsky, September 2017
- 2017 - Enigma Magazine - Stephen Wilson: A Conceptual Artist with a Unique Medium- August 2017
- 2017 - JustLuxe Magazine - Artist Stephen Wilson Merges Fashion and Art with a Luxurious Twist - August 2017

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2017 - Art Hive Magazine - Through the Eye of the Needle - Bruce Helander, Summer 2017
2017 - Myers Park Magazine - Madelyn's Fund Feature - April 2017
2017 - QC Exclusive - Stephen Wilson's Art is Stitching Together the Queen City - The Luxury Issue, 2017
2017 - The Scout Guide, Charlotte, Volume 6.

SELECTED PRESS

DIGITAL MEDIA

2018 - Artsy - STEPHEN WILSON at Aqua Art Miami 2018 - November 13, 2018
2018 - The Independent - Taking It To The Streets - October 9, 2018
2018 - Dan's Papers - Stephen Wilson: Luxury Graffiti - October 1, 2018
2018 - Hamptons.com - Artist Stephen Wilson's New Work Brings Light to the Art of Graffiti at Roman Fine Art - September 24, 2018
2018 - City Limits - Art at the Limits: The Makers Behind the Messages in Political Art - August 28, 2018
2018 - artnet - Surface(s) - August 7, 2018
2018 - Artsy - HG Contemporary: Surface(s) - August 7, 2018
2018 - Hamptons.com - INTERVIEW: Emerging Artist Stephen Wilson on Gaining Traction After Market Art + Design - July 19, 2018
2018 - Artsy - Roman Fine Art: Art Market Summer Group Show - July 12, 2018
2018 - artnet - Roman Fine Art: Art Market Summer Group Show - July 12, 2018
2018 - Trend Hunter - Multi-Material Fashion Art: Stephen Wilson - July 4, 2018
2018 - Artsy - Roman Fine Art: Market Art + Design - June 27, 2018
2018 - Formation Boutique, Vail - Summer Art Pop Up: Luxury by Stephen Wilson Returning to Formation - June 10, 2018
2018 - Supersonic Art - Stephen Wilson, Sculptures - May 22, 2018
2018 - The English Room - One Room Challenge Spring 2018 - May 9, 2018
2018 - Artsy - Art Angels: Shine A Light When It's Gray Out - April 19, 2018
2018 - artnet - Art Angels: Shine A Light When It's Gray Out - April 19, 2018
2018 - Charlotte Agenda - Agenda Weekender - March 1, 2018
2018 - Scoop Charlotte - What to Do This Weekend - February 28, 2018
2018 - Happenings CLT - This Week: February 26 - March 3 - February 26, 2018
2018 - Charlotte Center City Partners Newsletter - What's Happening - February 26, 2018
2018 - Formation Boutique, Vail - Art Pop Up: Luxury by Stephen Wilson Coming to Formation - February 6, 2018
2017 - What Would Kiki Wear Blog - Behind the Scenes with Stephen Wilson - October 11, 2017
2017 - Noteworthy Blog - Stephen Wilson - July 26, 2017
2017 - Bespoke Banter Blog - The New Gallery of Modern Art Presents Luxury By Stephen Wilson- May 14, 2017
2017 - The English Room Blog - Passion for Fashion With Stephen Wilson - April 20, 2017

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TELEVISION

2018 - "Nature's Thread: Shine A Light When It's Gray Out at Art Angels Gallery", KTLA Los Angeles Morning News at 5, 7, and 9 with Erin Myers - April 24, 2018

MENTIONS

2018 - sbe Art Basel Brochure - DTR Presents Stephen Wilson - December 2018

2018 - Modern Luxury: Miami - Creative Pursuits (Artwork featured as main image) - December 2018

2018 - The Washington Post - How a Boutique Owner Managed to Take Control of Her Bursting Closet (Artwork featured in image gallery) - October 16, 2018

2018 - The Independent - Gallery Events (Featured as listing with image) - October 2, 2018

2018 - Guest of a Guest - Stephen Wilson: Luxury Graffiti at Roman Fine Art (Listed in calendar) - September 24, 2018

2018 - Art Zealous - Stephen Wilson: Luxury Graffiti (Listed in calendar) - September 24, 2018

2018 - Hamptons.com - Stephen Wilson: Luxury Graffiti at Roman Fine Art (Listed in calendar) - September 24, 2018

2018 - Atlanta Homes & Lifestyles - Global Glamour: Cathy Austin (Mention in sources and image gallery) - August 27, 2018

2018 - ArtRabbit - Surface(s): Exhibition at HG Contemporary in New York (Listed in calendar) - August 1, 2018

2018 - Art Zealous - Surface(s) Group Exhibition at HG Contemporary (Listed in calendar) - August 1, 2018

2018 - The 2018 Hampton Designer Showhouse - Lisa Mende Design for Wesley Hall (Mention in sources) - July 22, 2018

2018 - The Independent - Gallery Happenings on the East End (Mention in Roman Fine Art listing) - July 17, 2018

2018 - Dan's Papers - Art Market Summer Group Show (Listed in calendar) - July 2, 2018

2018 - The Coveteur - Where to Stay, Eat, & Shop in Charleston (Mention in blurb about Hampden Clothing) - June 19, 2018

2018 - Traditional Home Online - Dallas Designer Showhouse - (Featured in image gallery) - May / June 2018

2018 - CityBeat Cincinnati - New Works by Stephen Wilson at Miller Gallery (Listed in calendar) - May 16, 2018

2018 - Cincinnati Enquirer - Stephen Wilson: Millions of Stitches (Listed in calendar)- May 15, 2018

2018 - Cincy Magazine - Stephen Wilson at Miller Gallery (Listed in calendar) - May 15, 2018

2018 - Cincinnati USA - New Works by Stephen Wilson at Miller Gallery -(Listed in calendar) - May 15, 2018

2018 - Traci Zeller Interiors - Traditional Home Showhouse (Featured in image gallery) - May 1, 2018

2018 - Art Zealous - Shine A Light When It's Gray Out - April 17, 2018

2017 - The ArtGorgeous - Neon Badassery of Wit and Will (Mention in interview with Suzy Kellems Dominik) - September 2017