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Ireland has produced some of the world's best designers from fashion to interior designers. We take a look at some of the work done by some of Ireland's best furniture designers

By Angharad Williams



SADHBH FITZGIBBON



Having begun her career in furniture and fabric retail, Sadhbh Fitzgibbon went on to achieve the prestigious Rhodex International Diploma in Interior Design in 2001. She has designed the interior space for hotels, restaurants, offices, showhouses and bespoke private homes. Sadhbh uses her passion for creativity in her design concepts when she's working for clients. The Elegance console table is inspired by Sadhbh's love for jewellery and the beauty of turned wood. The design creates a clean elegant profile to the table along with a decorative turned piece of wood or 'pendant' which Sadhbh has made a feature of her design. For more information, tel: 087 760 3694 or visit www.kooyongdesign.ie or www.skyinteriors.ie

THOMAS DIEM

Studying under leading Irish potters, Thomas Diem began to develop his own individual style. He honed his skills with the Craft Council of Ireland, and then decided to set up on his own in 1997. His line of pottery catering for the new, discerning conscious Irish market. Since then, Diem Ceramics has become a household name. Diem's work is available in a range of interior design and giftware boutiques, and his work is available in design centres nationwide, including the Wickliffe Shop, Nassau Street, Dublin. For more information tel: 01 835 9083 or visit www.diempottery.com



DAVIN LARKIN

Qualified furniture designer and industrial designer, Davin Larkin, has worked for a number of companies across Ireland and has had his work featured in international magazines. Having studied in Ireland and Denmark he is now based in Dublin and is the head designer at Kooyong Design. The Stubborn dining table is a simple table with a clean design to allow for a relaxed eating experience. Manufactured in solid Oak, it makes a bold statement in any room. This design is limited to 30 pieces only and will offer clients something unique that they know will last a lifetime. For more information, tel: 01 443 3133 or visit www.davinlarkin.com



BEN GABRIEL

Ben Gabriel trained in Carpentry and Joinery, in Utrecht, and specialised in cabinet making. He and his family settled in south Galway, where he now runs his own workshop. He specialises in small batch production and one-off designs on a commission basis in materials from hardwoods, native and imported, to steel, glass and stone. Their popular Twisty Boxes, made from solid french oak, are now available at a more competitive price. For more information, tel: 091 632 997 or visit www.bengabriel.com



SHANE HOLLAND

The Shane Holland Design Workshop is an award winning company based in Duleek, producing sculptural and functional elements in mixed materials. The skilled team of designers and crafts persons design and build unique pieces including a lighting and furniture collection. Shane Holland's striking Borscht chandelier is made from recycled jars and PET bottles to provide a dynamic, lighting centrepiece. For more information, tel: 041 988 2220 or visit www.shanehollanddesign.com



KATE CRONIN

Kate is an Irish product designer with a passion for environmental and sustainable design. In 2006 Kate graduated from the National College of Art and Design, Dublin with a BDes Honours in Industrial Design. She then spent two years working as a packaging designer in a London-based design firm. Kate is now based in Dublin and is busy completing a MSc in Environmental and Energy Studies. The Omad is a flat-pack table top lamp that simply clips together to create an ambient light source made from recyclable materials and comes in an array of colours. For more information, tel: 01 44 33 133 or visit www.kooyongdesign.ie



JOHN LEE

Having graduated from GMIT Letterfrack, The Furniture College in 1993, John Lee went on to spend a number of years working with one of the UK's most renowned Furniture Designer Makers. Now based in Maynooth, County Kildare, he uses a wide range of traditional and self developed cabinet making techniques to create pieces which last generations. This piece, titled Alice, is a console table designed by John, made in White Oak and Burr Oak with a leather lined drawer made from French Lime featuring hand cut dovetails. The piece also in a variety of sizes and timbers to order. For more information, tel: 01 505 4660 or visit www.johnleefurniture.com



NOEL WHELAN

Noel is one of Ireland's top furniture designers making domestic and corporate furniture such as boardroom tables, executive office furniture and reception desks for businesses all over the country. Inspired by the sweeping coastline of Waterford, each piece by Noel Whelan has timeless appeal. He uses classic proportions, an innovative use of natural materials, and a harmonious blending of complementary hardwoods which are the signature of his work. Each design is carefully conceived to balance aesthetics with functionality. The Volume Bookcase is handmade in walnut with the inside painted black, the volume bookcase combines shelving with storage boxes. For more information, tel: 051 396 600 or visit www.noelwhelandesign.com

