



# Olly Fathers

Born in 1987, Burton upon Trent. Lives in Brixton, London, United Kingdom.

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## BIOGRAPHY

Based in Brixton, London, Olly Fathers constructs works with wooden veneers, using this medium to explore the effects of scale, shape and colour on his audience. Aside from his interest in these formal qualities, he will often delve conceptually deeper, addressing and recontextualising historically significant philosophical questions. Despite the ostensibly high brow nature of these interrogations, he always retains a sense of play and simplicity, encouraging the viewer, through the puzzle like aesthetic of his work, to contemplate variations of the composition before them.

Modernist architecture, the flow of public traffic in built-up cities, and early computer technology are notable influences on Fathers' geometric abstractions. In this there is an intriguing contrast between form and content, as these arrangements are presented to the audience in the distinctly preindustrial and pretechnological guise of timber. The result is an aesthetic that is at once old and new, familiar and novel. Above all, Fathers practice is grounded in his obsession with – and indeed mastery of – woodwork, a practice with craft connotations but which, in his hands, becomes the vehicle for profound examinations of the human experience.

Fathers work has been exhibited in significant artistic institutions, including Saatchi Gallery, London, and he has partaken in various commissions of note, most recently for the collections of Soho House in London, Tel Aviv, Amsterdam, and Mumbai.

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## SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2025 *Grow*, JGM Gallery, London, United Kingdom
  - 2024 *Saved For Later*, Blue Shop Galleries, London, United Kingdom
  - 2020 *Form Block Form*, Bearspace Gallery, London, United Kingdom
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## SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2023 *Tangram*, JGM Gallery, London, United Kingdom
- 2023 *Beneath the bark*, Cube Gallery, London, United Kingdom
- 2023 *Artefact Fair*, Chelsea Design Centre, London, United Kingdom
- 2023 *Collect Fair*, Somerset House, London, United Kingdom
- 2023 *Brabourne Room*, Royal Over-Seas Society Members Club, London, United Kingdom
- 2023 *Artists' Artist*, OHSN Projects, New Oxford Street, London, United Kingdom
- 2022 *Studio Response 03*, Saatchi Gallery, London, United Kingdom
- 2022 *Haven*, Aylmer Hall, Steingold Contemporary, London, United Kingdom
- 2022 *Offcuts*, exhibiting with Morgan Furniture, Clerkenwell Design Week, London, United Kingdom
- 2022 Crown Point Roadside Gallery, Leeds, United Kingdom
- 2021 *Concorde Art Prize*, 180 the Strand, London, United Kingdom
- 2021 *Happy Together*, UI Artline Installation, Seoul, South Korea
- 2020 *Objects of Art* (Online Exhibition), The Skateboards, House of Vans, London
- 2020 *Perfectionism IV: A Trick of the Eye* (Online Exhibition) curated by Rebecca Pelly-Fry), Open Art Advisory, New York
- 2019 *Harder Edge*, Hospital Club & Saatchi Gallery, London, United Kingdom
- 2018 *Jealous Needs You*, Jealous Gallery & Saatchi Gallery, London, United Kingdom
- 2018 *Micromegas*, Saatchi Gallery, London, United Kingdom
- 2017 Jealous Gallery Rooftop Mural Project, London, United Kingdom
- 2017 *Ecstatic Rays*, Saatchi Gallery, London, United Kingdom
- 2017 *Concrete Dance*, Bunker Barmbek, Hamburg, Germany

- 2016 *Traces of minimalism*, Helium Cowboy Gallery, Hamburg, Germany  
2015 Pure Evil Gallery, Shoreditch, London, United Kingdom  
2015 *We built this city*, Carnaby Street, London, United Kingdom  
2015 *Trigonometry*, O3 Gallery, Oxford, United Kingdom  
2015 *Capsule*, Embassy Tea Gallery, London, United Kingdom  
2014 *Group Exhibition*, Nitra Gallery, Athens, Greece  
2014 *Made in Arts London*, Letheby Gallery, Kings Cross, London, United Kingdom  
2012 *Angelika Art Prize Exhibition*, Angelika Studios, High Wycombe, United Kingdom  
2012 *\$99 Show*, Irvine Fine arts Center, Irvine, United States  
2012 *Summer Exhibition*, (Invitation by Tess Jaray), Royal Academy, London, United Kingdom
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## AWARDS & PRIZES

- 2021 Finalist, *Concorde Art Prize*, 180 Strand, London, United Kingdom  
2014 Prizewinner, Candid Arts Summer Exhibition Art, London, United Kingdom  
2012 Angelika Art Prize, Angelika Studios, High Wycombe, United Kingdom  
2012 Prizewinner, Candid Berlin Show, Berlin, Germany  
2008 Prizewinner, *State-of-the-Art*, The Prince's Trust Charity Competition, Royal College of Art, London, United Kingdom
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## COLLECTIONS

- 2025 Belmond — The Britannic Explorer Luxury Train  
2025 LinkedIn  
2023-24 Hugo Boss in London, Liverpool & Shanghai  
2022 KOKO Members Club, London, United Kingdom  
2018-20 Soho House in London, Amsterdam, Tel Aviv & Mumbai  
2019 London School of Economics  
2018 Merkle Digital Marketing  
Various private collections in United Kingdom, Europe, United States, Australia, and New Zealand
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## PRESS & PUBLICATIONS

- 2025 *Homes & Gardens Magazine* (work pictured on front cover), United Kingdom  
2024 *Vasarely Legacy*, In Fine (featured in published book which spotlit artists who pay tribute to Victor Vasarely's legacy)  
2023 *Elle Decoration UK* (feature on Birch Hotel interiors and artworks), United Kingdom  
2023 *Elle Decoration USA* (feature on interior of a private collector's home in Santa Barbara), USA  
2021 "Happy Together," *UI Artline*, Seoul, South Korea  
2020 *Dateagle Art Magazine* (interview by Fiona Grady)  
2019 *Artiq Journal* (interview by Melody Patman)  
2016 *Art Dependence Magazine* (interview with Yukako Shibata by Lavinia Rosen)  
2015 *Rekyr Business Magazine*, (featured artist for August edition)  
2007 Royal Academy Summer Exhibition Illustrated Catalogue 2007

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