

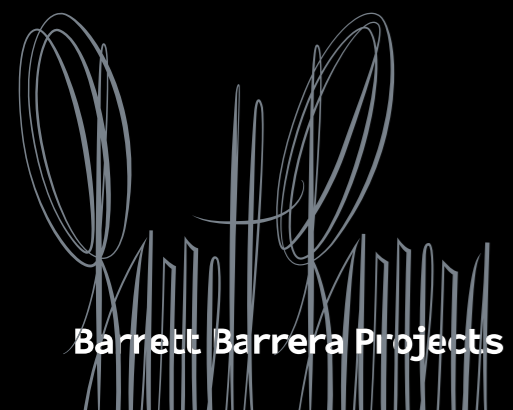


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# About



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Charlie le Mindu is a Paris-based visual artist who has pioneered the use of human hair, among other nontraditional materials, to amalgamate the worlds of fashion, performance art, and installation. Honing his skills from a young age in salons and nightclubs, le Mindu learned to fashion wigs into works of art, developing the unique brand of “haute coiffure” that has since made him famous.

Charlie le Mindu’s artistic practice is influenced by the subcultures of European nightlife and drag performance, vaudeville and performance art. He uses iconography and spirit of these innovative artistic experiences that are in dialogue with the contemporary social and cultural milieu, and also the larger historical continuum of fashion and art. Le Mindu is known for his wearable works sculpted with real and synthetic hair as seen on pop icon Lady Gaga, electro-punk musician Peaches, and actress Rossy de Palma among others. However, by metamorphosing the wearer, le Mindu establishes his own aesthetic that references ancient mythology, fantastical bestiaries and most importantly, his very own transgressive imagination.

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Le Mindu's sculptures and performance compositions have been exhibited in numerous institutions including the Foundation Cartier pour l'Art Contemporain, Palais de Tokyo and the Victoria and Albert Museum. Additional projects including art direction of the storefront windows at Galeries Lafayette Paris and Bordeaux, reflect the regard of the fashion and art world for his dramatic, offbeat design aesthetic.

Le Mindu's current movement towards performance transforms the contemporary art institution, presenting performances that exist in a space between the worlds of fashion and art. The artist, a polymath in the truest sense, combines his talents in music, video, dance and design to compose a beautiful, visceral otherworld that draws upon the clever reverie and penetrating psychology of Surrealism. References to primitive art, anatomical metonymy and ethereal physical expressions in his performance work recall the art of seminal Surrealists including Salvador Dali and René Magritte, while the throbbing dance music, strobe lights and glitter thrust the viewer into the fresh-faced, campy European club scene.





# Career



# Curriculum Vitae

Born in Bergerac, France and raised in the French wine country of Castelnau-de-Médoc, Charlie le Mindu has lived and worked throughout Europe and is currently based in LA.

## Solo Exhibitions

**2018**

*Noir, Please Do Not Enter's /THE LAB/,*  
Los Angeles, California

2016

*Sculptures Capillaires, Base Sous Marine,*  
Bordeaux, France

*Charliewood, Palais de Tokyo, Paris,*  
France

**2013**

*Africa Remix, Galeries Lafayette, Paris,*  
France

2012

*Charl' de Jouy (film), London Fashion*  
Week, London, UK

**2011**

*Croquis de Mode, French Institute of*  
Athens, Athens, Greece

## Group Exhibitions

**2018**

*A Queen Within: Adorned Archetypes,*  
New Orleans Museum of Art, New  
Orleans, Louisiana

*RESPECT: Hip-Hop Style and Wisdom,*  
Oakland Museum of California, Oakland,  
California

**2016**

*Haar!, Centraal Museum, Utrecht,*  
Netherlands

**2015**

*Hair Now, Erarta Contemporary Art*  
Museum, St. Petersburg, Russia

*Le Bord des Mondes, Palais de Tokyo,*  
Paris, France

*Utopian Bodies: Fashion Looks Forward,*  
Liljevalchs Konsthall, Stockholm, Sweden

**2013**

*Winterhur Nirvana: Strange Forms of*  
*Pleasure, Gewerbemuseum, Winterthur,*  
Switzerland

*A Queen Within: Adorned Archetypes,*  
*Fashion, and Chess, World Chess Hall of*  
Fame, St. Louis, USA

**2011**

*Power of Making!, Victoria and Albert*  
Museum, London, UK

*Modesty and Women's Wrath, Villa*  
Emapain, Brussels, Belgium

*ARRRGH! Monsters In Fashion, Benaki*  
Museum, Athens Greece

*Möebius Transe-forme, Fondation Cartier*  
pour l'art contemporain, Paris, France

## Fashion Presentations

*A Male Gaze*, Autumn/  
Winter 2015-16, Paris  
Fashion Week

*Paris Hait Gris*, Autumn/  
Winter 2-14-15, Paris  
Fashion Week

*Stronger*, Spring/Summer  
2014-15, Paris Fashion  
Week

*Gold Sabah*, Autumn/  
Winter 2013-14, Paris  
Fashion Week

*Metal Queen*, Spring/  
Summer 2013, Paris Fashion  
Week

*Kosher Dreams*, Spring/  
Summer 2013, London  
Fashion week

*Burka Curfew*, Spring/Summer  
2012, Paris Fashion Week

*Berlin Syndrome*, Autumn/  
Winter 2011-12, London  
Fashion Week

*Detox Retox Botox*, Spring/  
Summer 2011, London  
Fashion Week

*Religion Sex Bullshit Lucifer*,  
Autumn/Winter 2010-11,  
London Fashion Week

*Girls of Paradise*, Spring/  
Summer 2010, London  
Fashion Week

*Untitled*, Autumn/Winter  
2009, London Fashion Week





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## 2018

"Meet the Family of Monsters Squatting Inside the NoMAD," *LA Weekly*

"'Vagina Mohawks' Made An Appearance At New York Fashion Week," *Huffington Post*

## 2017

"Charlie Le Mindu's First Foray Into Ballet Costume Design Breaks All Convention," *Broadway World*

"HAUTE: Charlie Le Mindu Creates Fantasies Using Human Hair," *Paper Mag*

"Charlie Le Mindu's 'Charliewood' Takes New York," *WWD*

"Lady Gaga's Hair Stylist, Charlie Le Mindu, Brings His Charliewood Spectacle Stateside," *Forbes*

## 2016

"Charlie le Mindu Sets 'Charliewood' Revue," *Women's Wear Daily*

"Haute Coiffure Designer Creates Hair Amusement Park in Paris," *Modern Salon Magazine*

## 2015

"Charlie le Mindu Fall-Winter 2015-16," *Crash Magazine*

"Charlie le Mindu Showcases Amazing Hair Art with Hairdreams," *Estetica Magazine*

## 2014

"Interview: Charlie le Mindu," *Schön Magazine*

"The Seapunks of Charlie le Mindu Shakes the Fashion Week with his Haute Coiffure Collection Stronger," *Live Coiffure Magazine*

## 2013

"Elsewhere in Paris...Lady Gaga's Favourite Freaky Milliner Charlie le Mindu Shows Yet Another Bizarre Catwalk Collection," *Daily Mail*

## 2012

"Valerie van der Graaf as Dolly Parton in Heart Breaker," *Lovecat Magazine*

"Step by Step with Charlie le Mindu," *Vice Magazine*

## 2011

"Charlie le Mindu for ARRRGH! Exhibition," *Yatzer*

"Celebrity Hair Stylist Interview: Charlie le Mindu," *FSHN Magazine*

"London Fashion Week: Charlie le Mindu," *Clash Magazine*

## 2010

"Charlie le Mindu," *British Vogue*

## 2008

"Who's Cool Now," *The Guardian*





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