

DESIGNER PROFILE

KASPER EISTRUP



Kasper Eistrup f. 1973



From the age of 9 the art of drawing played an essential role in Kasper Eistrup's life. Since then he has established himself as a visual artist with works that include drawing, painting and mixed media. Eistrup's art is rooted in the drawing. Over time, strong graphic elements and linguistic fragments have come together with a fascination of strong colours, challenged and developed the expression.

In recent years, Kasper Eistrup has been awarded a number of prestigious works of art and made several exhibitions. Recently with the exhibition at the national portrait gallery at Frederiksborg Castle with his solo show 'Fragmentarium' where his portrait of the Crown Prince of Denmark is also exhibited.

Driven by a burning passion infused with a sense of design and artisanal detail Helge Sibast's expressive design inspired Danish artist Kasper Eistrup. He contacted Ditlev and Anna Sibast after the relaunch of Sibast No 8 to present his idea of creating a limited edition of the chair. Based on a palette of radiant sunrise colours, Kasper Eistrup enlivened the design with colour. This resulted in the Sibast No 8 Sunrise, a work of functional art in a numbered edition limited to 88 pieces.

"Initially I never intended to alter the chair as its expression seemed next to perfect, but Ditlev Sibast's great enthusiasm led me to suggest a new perspective. Sunrise and sunsets have been reoccurring subjects in my work, representing an eternal spiral of passing and coming. One mans death is another mans birth. In this context it felt natural that the chair would embody a sunrise, the seat resembling the sun and the backrest its rays. Painting the prototype by hand, the colours were tweaked endlessly until we found a palette that looked like the sunrise I so dearly love.

It is a great testament to the virtuosity of its design, that Sibast No 8 can carry an artistic reimagination like this, while still maintaining the original idea of its creator in clean, crisp and poetic lines."

Kasper Eistrup's artistic approach to design and his sense of detail are also evident in his most recent collaboration with Sibast Furniture, the XLIBRIS shelf and wall desk. Initially as a personal project, Eistrup teamed up with Sibast Furniture to develop the high quality shelving system.

"I have a predilection for utility and for accomplished craftsmanship, and Xlibris is notably the embodiment of simplicity that meets a genuine need"

Besides his acknowledged artist accomplishments Kasper Eistrup has an impressive musical career being the lead singer in the Danish rock band Kashmir. As one of the most respected songwriters in Denmark, Kasper Eistrup and the band has been awarded with several music awards.

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