

Dinner, Darling!

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Nadja Zerunian

project

Dinner is served! But beware, the ten carefully composed place settings by Nadja Zerunian entitled Dinner, Darling! are seductively beautiful, but they examine and contain poisonous substances and life-threatening toxins. This collection challenges the idea that beauty is always and inevitably good and reveals the contradictions that lie beneath a seemingly perfect surface.

Mold, lily of the valley and hemlock are some of the ingredients that find their place in Dinner, Darling! - assembled in delicate sets made of glass, wood and metal creating small worlds of wonder with matching ironic titles. The photographer Mark Glassner captures this series in his vibrant images. Dinner, darling! was last shown at the design fair "Operae" in Turin.

Nadja Zerunian's objects highlight the precision of excellence and depths of craftsmanship. As unique pieces or limited editions, they poetically celebrate the substance and humour of design.

maculata

hemlock / conium maculatum /
innocently fragile

edin

apple / malum / conveniently available

seven

uranium / vaseline glass / luminously radiant

imperfecti

mold / mould / commonly forgotten

kacha

angels trumpet / brugmansia /
viciously vindictive

core

blue vitriol / copper sulfate / intensely
coarse

satis

elderberry / sambucus / dangerously
familiar

lily

lily of the valley / convallaria majalis /
purely naive

dolly

white baneberry / acatea pachypoda /
banal & fatal

boleti

bitter oyster / panellus stipticus /
obsessively luminous

about

After a successful career as senior designer for Calvin Klein in New York, and creative director at Georg Jensen and The Swatch Group, Nadja Zerunian has shifted her focus: she now relishes the immediate interaction with crafters and makers. She collaborates with artisans in Romania, Algeria, Lebanon, Iran, Austria and Italy to develop small limited-edition series, highlighting the immense potential, relevance and knowledge of local craft. She advises the Erste Foundation Roma Partnership program, is a creative consultant for UNIDO / United Nations Industrial Development Organization and founding partner of zerunianandweisz and co/rizom.