

## Maison Rapin - Stand 15: The "Feather" Cabinet by Serkan Cura

On the occasion of the 70th edition of BRAFA, Maison Rapin will present the "Feather" Cabinet created by the artist Serkan Cura in 2020.

Nearly 9,300 hours of work and a few twists and turns were required for Serkan Cura's feathered cabinet to take flight.

Born from the imagination of the feather artist and his collaboration with Maison Rapin, this piece of furniture, entirely covered in rooster feathers (naturally shed during moulting), is a unique gem worthy of the most extravagant curiosity cabinets.

The rooster feathers are washed, dried, and sorted by color before being assembled into the 7,500 fans that cover the cabinet.

A true change of direction after working on haute couture dresses for Jean-Paul Gaultier and Victoria's Secret fashion shows, this cabinet is a true challenge, one that Serkan loves to take on! Born in Antwerp, he grew up in Brussels, where he discovered a bird of paradise at the local flea market in the Place du Jeu de Balle near his home. It was a moment of wonder and the birth of a passion.

He learned to sew, created hats, corsets, and became interested in fur before joining the prestigious Royal Academy of Antwerp, followed by Olivier Strelli's workshops. He joined the Jean Paul Gaultier house in September 2007. "I learned a lot from Mr. Gaultier, for more than four years I put my hands to work on his creations."

In 2011, he bought out the stock of the Maison Février and started his own business, independently. The dresses designed for his illustrious celebrity clients will remain a secret...

It is in the heart of a charming courtyard in the Marais that he created his nest—an atelier like no other, where he stages his inspirations and stacks boxes of all kinds containing feathers from the finest specimens! These treasures will soon adorn exceptional creations.



Serkan Cura for Maison Rapin, France, 2020 H  $170 \times W$   $59 \times D$  26 cm H  $66.93 \times W$   $23.23 \times D$  10.24 inches Wooden cabinet covered with rooster feather fans, inside gilded with gold leaves, patinated brass legs and finish Unique piece



Detail: rooster feathers collected during the bird's moult and assembled into fans by hand.



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