

Victoria Yakusha is a Ukrainian-born designer and architect whose practice is immersed in her philosophy of 'live design', centered around a deep connection to earth and ethnic roots.

In 2014, Victoria Yakusha established FAINA — a design brand of furniture, decor, and lighting rooted in Ukrainian cultural heritage.

Aligning with cycles of nature, FAINA presents bi-annual Winter and Summer Solstice reveals of new designs and collections on days of natural renewal.

Primitiveness, archetypal forms and traditional Ukrainian crafts passed down through generations — FAINA presents a sensual and spirited take on minimalism which has brought the brand to the forefront of modern Ukrainian design.

Over the years, Yakusha's designs have received numerous awards and taken part in renowned exhibitions (Venice Biennale, Paris Design Week, Stockholm Design Week, Milan Design Week, Collectible Fair, Design Miami/Basel, etc).

In 2021, Victoria Yakusha opened FAINA Gallery of Live Ukrainian design in Antwerp, Belgium.



Upholstered furniture

Capsule clay collection

ZTISTA organic line

Decor

Lighting

Home fragrance





"Like our ancestors, I believe in the spiritual essence of things, the soul of an object. It's one of the elements of what we call live design — creating something that is alive. Something with a spirit", Victoria Yakusha

FAINA Gallery, Antwerp



One of the main symbols of FAINA's homeland, the sunflower, takes shape in sculptural Soniah lighting.

"There's something primal and natural in following the Sun. Our ancestors built their lives around solar cycles and lived in harmony with nature. By following the Sun we follow the essence, our true selves", comments Victoria Yakusha.





Living, sustainable materials — at the core of FAINA's philosophy of live design



In the hands of local artisans, each object finds a living soul

Design expedition to Ukraine "Land Inspires" — a unique project by Victoria Yakusha, aimed to draw attention to the rich cultural heritage and endangered ancestral crafts of her homeland. <u>Discover more</u>



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