

MELBOURNE ON COLLINS

Duncan Young - Cascade

Duncan Young is a Melbourne born furniture maker who, having begun his earlier career exploring timber as a climbing arborist, is now making fine furniture with a local Australian style. Young graduated from RMIT in 2019 with an Associate Degree in Design (Furniture) and has now set up his own studio. A furniture maker with a social and environmental conscience, Young immerses himself in the full journey a tree takes to transition to a piece of furniture. He is conscious of the waste involved in the production of timber products and is interested in exploring means of creating timber products in a more thoughtful and ecologically appropriate manner.

Young was selected to exhibit at Craft Victoria's *Fresh!* 2020 of emerging craft and design practitioners where he won the Sofitel Melbourne On Collins Award and it is this award that has brought him to the lobby of the hotel. Duncan explores a minimalist Australian aesthetic style within his designs to find ways that traditional woodworking methods can be paired with modern technologies.

Cascade explores the way that the simple interaction between a sharp chisel and a piece of timber can reveal the truth of timbers materiality. It has a history as a life giving tree, and an organic and reactive nature. Like the trail of an animal moving through tall grass, the direction of the chisels path pushes down the woods fibres in its wake.

Observing changes in the way that light reflects off the carved surfaces as you move around each piece will give an insight into this biological nature of timber, and through those changes see each piece as a monument honouring the tree that once stood in its place somewhere in the forests or backyards of Australia.

Duncan Young, 2021

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The exhibition program at Sofitel Melbourne On Collins is curated by Global Art Projects.

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LIST OF WORKS



Cascade Bar Stool (A.melanoxylon) L330mm x W330mm x H600mm \$1400



Cascade Bar Stool (E.marginata) L330mm x W330mm x H600mm \$1400



Cascade Bar Stool (E. regnans) L330mm x W330mm x H600mm \$1400



Cascade Bench (A. melanoxylon) L1000mm x W290mm x H450mm Spoked Configuration \$2550



Cascade Bench (A. marginata) L1000mm x W290mm x H450mm Spoked Configuration \$2550



Cascade Bench (E. regnans) L1000mm x W290mm x H450mm Single Rail Configuration \$2450



Cascade Milkers Stool (A. melanoxylon) L330mm x W330mm x H450mm \$1150



Cascade Milkers Stool (E.marginata) L330mm x W330mm x H450mm \$1150



Cascade Milkers Stool (E. regnans) L330mm x W330mm x H450mm \$1150



Sunrise Stool (A. melanoxylon) L600mm x W290mm x H450mm \$1950



Sunrise Stool (E. marginate) L600mm x W290mm x H450mm \$1950



Sunrise Stool (E. regnans) L600mm x W290mm x H450mm \$1950



Sunrise Stool (E. blakelyi) L600mm x W290mm x H450mm \$1950