

Rong Design Library

Rong, is a circle, one that starts from handcraft to material, and last to contemporary design.

Rong Design Library is the first traditional material library in China. Its core mission is to deconstruct the traditional Chinese handcrafts into materials and processes, provide the result of material research to the world's designers and artists, and encourage them to apply the thinking of deconstruction to be in cooperation with traditional handcraft workshops, in order to ultimately promote traditional culture heritage as well as contemporary design advance.

In 2009, starting from the Yuhang oil paper umbrella, PINWU Studio was firstly inspired by the idea of deconstruction and created the "Piao" paper chair with the paste umbrella process.

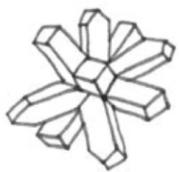
In 2012-2016, Rong Design Exhibition was held, similarly guided by the idea of deconstruction, it chose the following five traditional materials as the main theme, namely "bamboo, silk, mud, copper, paper". 72 independent designers were invited successively to rethinking and exploring contemporary design with traditional materials.

In 2015, Rong Design Exhibition was evolved into Rong Design Library, the traditional Chinese handcraft materials database was then established.

Based on which, Rong Design Library Residency Program was launched. It opens for designers and artists all around the world to participate in the one-month residency. Till now, we have successfully involved 28 designers (artists), from 15 different countries in this program.



Traditional Chinese Crafts Database



bamboo&wood



paper



textile



ceramic



natural



Residents from Switzerland



Jean-Philippe Bonzon

Product Design
Resident of 2015.
Based between Lausanne and SH, China.
Founder of JPBDesign Studio

- Inspired by oil paper umbrella -

www.jpbd.ch.



Josefina Muñoz

Designer, specialized in ceramic
Resident of 2017.
Based in Geneva, born in Buenos Aires.
Independent designer in Europe

- Inspired by Yingjing sand vessel -

www.josefinamunoz.ch



Laura Couto Rosado

Product & Media Design
Resident of 2018.
Based in Geneva
Co-founder of Digital Alchemy design studio

- Inspired by embroidery & lacquer -

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