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**Excuse me, is it Emma Stone the one who poses with your teapot?**

Indeed. There has been a series of shootings in Paris with objects I have designed shot with famous actors like Emma Stone, Andrew Garfield and Berenice Marlohe promoting their work and mine as well. Several other actors will be shot soon! The dinnerware that I have designed was also part of an annual auction held in Monaco by Princess Stephanie and Fight Aids Monaco. It was a beautiful chance for my work to be shown in an exclusive and demanding crowd.

**Have you always been designing furniture and home design?**

Design was a reason for me to redesign my whole life. Having worked in the music industry for years, parallel to furniture design studies, I chose to do probably the most spontaneous thing which is no other than follow my memories through shapes and their overturn.

**Is there a common ground or aesthetics in your designs?**

I think an object has a personality. It should share the same space we do. We need to discuss with it and respect it. For me, the objects I create choose their form by themselves and in some cases they are being released from schemes that had been accustomed to our eyes and transform without losing their practicality. My objects come out of the frame of the "furniture-servant".

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**There are rumours that some of your objects will be showcased in a new Hollywood production.**

We discuss some proposals from France to contribute by placing some of my design objects in forthcoming films. That's all I can say for now. (smiling)

**How is it possible to go so remarkably well abroad and not be famous in Greece yet?**

This whole thing began a bit upside down. Although I am based in Greece, the first proposal came from France where some famous gallerists found my work original and asked me to present some of my items in Paris. When I began with this whole thing I was completely ignorant and I had excessive spontaneity! (And luck)

**Future plans?**

Surely the promotion of my designs in art projects and auctions around the world. I am very moved by the merge of different arts. Hence, I am planning to present new stuff alongside items of designers of different sectors around the world and in Athens as well!

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