

ADRIAN SASSOON

Sophie Coryndon

Curriculum Vitae



Born 1975, Taunton, England

1993-1994	Swindon College of Art, Foundation Art and Design
1994-1997	Cardiff Art College, BA Fine Art
1997-1998	Apprenticeship in Decorative Finishes; Gilding, Coryndon Fine Furniture Ltd.
2005-2012	Developed and taught the Painted Furniture course at Charleston Farmhouse

Working in East Sussex

"I feel we live in an age in which we are crying out for a sense of wonder... In my Sussex studio, I reimagine historical decorative techniques which combine ancient and modern materials, illuminating the intricate enchantments of the natural world around me."

As the daughter of a cabinetmaker, Sophie Coryndon grew up surrounded by exotic materials and exceptional craftsmanship. These formative experiences played an important role in her development as she established herself as an artist whose work is characterised by an innate fascination for an array of techniques, which she now combines to create intricate reliefs and installations. Her work happily defies categorisation, spanning the worlds of fine and decorative art, whilst employing multiple design and craft-based skills. Coryndon believes it is through the active blending of practices, that alchemic magic occurs.

Her aesthetic derives from a rich tapestry of inspiration; illuminated manuscripts, Renaissance altarpieces, techniques from haute couture, fairytales, and magical realism. Then, 'stitched' slowly into each piece, is an exploration of time and beauty, a quest for wonder and a calling to reenchant the viewer whilst shining a light on (illuminating in gold) what we have, and what we might lose.

Solo Exhibitions

2002 *Botanica Jubilee - Botanical works*, Bridge Studios, London

Selected Group Exhibitions

2025 *Adrian Sassoon*, Pavilion of Art & Design London, London
 Adrian Sassoon, TEFAF New York, New York, USA
2024 *Adrian Sassoon*, TEFAF Maastricht, The Netherlands
 Homo Faber, The Journey of Life, Fondazione Giorgio Cini, Venice, Italy
2023 *Adrian Sassoon*, TEFAF Maastricht, The Netherlands
2021 *Todd Merrill Studio*, Design Miami/Basel, Miami, USA
 Todd Merrill Studio, Salon of Art & Design, New York, USA
2020 *Todd Merrill Studio*, Design Miami/Basel, Miami, USA
 Todd Merrill Studio, Salon of Art & Design, New York, USA
 Striking Gold, Fuller Craft Museum, Massachusetts, USA
2019 *Todd Merrill Studio*, Design Miami/Basel, Miami, USA
 Todd Merrill Studio, Salon of Art & Design, New York, USA
 Todd Merrill Studio, Pavilion of Art & Design London, London
 Todd Merrill Studio, Collectable, Brussels, Belgium
 Todd Merrill Studio, COLLECT, Somerset House, London
 Todd Merrill Studio, Pavilion of Art & Design Geneva, Switzerland
2018 *Todd Merrill Studio*, Design Miami/Basel, Miami, USA
 Todd Merrill Studio, Salon of Art & Design, New York, USA
 Todd Merrill Studio, Art Toronto, Canada
2017 *Todd Merrill Studio*, Design Miami/Basel, Miami, USA
 Todd Merrill Studio, Design Days, Dubai, UAE
 Todd Merrill Studio, Winter Art and Antiques, New York, USA
2016 *Todd Merrill Studio*, Design Miami/Basel, Miami, USA
2014 *Crafted; Makers of the Exceptional alumni*, Royal Academy, London
2013 *Crafted; Makers of the Exceptional*, Somerset House, London
2009 *RA Summer Exhibition*, Royal Academy, London
2007 *Discerning eye*, Invited by Nina Campbell, Mall Galleries, London
1999 Group Show, Elaine Somers Gallery, Holywood, Northern Ireland

Major Public Commissions

2022 *Gilded Honeycomb Wallpiece*, Dorchester Hotel, London
2021 *Gilded Wildflower Wall Hangings*, Installation for Peter Marino, Dior
 flagship store, Paris, France

Awards

2014 Nominated for the Perrier- Jouet Arts Salon Prize by Peter Ting

Public Collections

Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art, Hartford, Connecticut, USA

Bibliography: Articles & Essays

- 2022 *Artist Profile*, Harper's Bazaar, The Art Issue, November
 A makers story. Spiritualism and sympathetic magic abound in Sophie Coryndon's mixed-media art, Inigo House, November
- 2021 Farrell, A., *Future perfect: the father-daughter design duo making the medieval modern*, How to Spend It, Financial Times, August
 Woolf, D., *All that Glisters: Sophie Coryndon's gilded artworks defy categorisation with their fascinating blend of techniques, materials and influences*, Gardens Illustrated, June
- 2018 Owens, M., *How Craftsmanship informs Sophie Coryndon's Work*, Architectural Digest, September
- 2014 *Out & About Country artist profile*, Town & Country Magazine, winter
- 2010 *Specialist profile*, House and Garden Magazine, July