

Melting Clowns

"Melting Clowns" is Elodie's series of cord characters, the results of an expression of her frustration over the 2020 campaign.

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BELLY LAUGH MELTING CLOWN, 2021

Elodie Blanchard

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BOLD MELTING CLOWN, 2020

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SHY CLOWN, 2020

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FAKER CLOWN, 2021

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HONEST CLOWN, 2021

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PUPPET CLOWN, 2021

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SUNNY EYES CLOWN, 2021

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Elodie Blanchard

Elodie Blanchard is an artist and designer. Through material exploration, repurposing, and a near meditative process of repetition, she transforms the discarded and the commonplace into fantastical objects and playful environments that give us permission to explore our ambiguous relationship to nature, to others, and to ourselves. Her universe is joyful and humorous.

In addition to her artist practice, she partners with companies to develop textiles collections and architects to create large scale installations.

Born in Grenoble, France in 1976, Blanchard studied sculpture at l'Ecole Supérieure des Beaux Arts de Paris, fashion at l'Ecole des Arts Appliqués Duperré, where she explored the material intelligence of textiles, and performance at CalArts, where she collaborated with musicians and dancers. She established her design studio in 2005, and over the course of her career, collaborated with numerous architects, designers, and brands, developing textile collections and working on large scale works for public spaces, institutions, residences, offices, and hotels, in New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, Boston, Houston and abroad. She was most recently "interiors + sources" designer of the year and Artist in Residence at the Museum of Arts and Design in New York



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