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INTRODUCTION

Internet offers a constant stream of novelty, but occasionally, something truly extraordinary happens. On November 1st, 2010, FOUNDBYJAMES.COM was launched: a weblog and webshop combined, aimed at aficionados of art, design and innovation. The online gallery distinguishes itself by a refreshing concept-without-a-concept, an infallible instinct for quality of art and design and an optimal integration of social media.

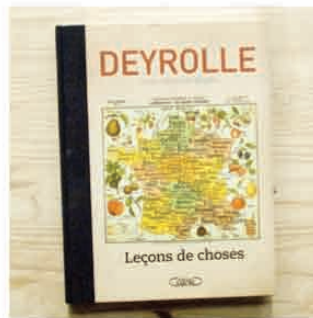
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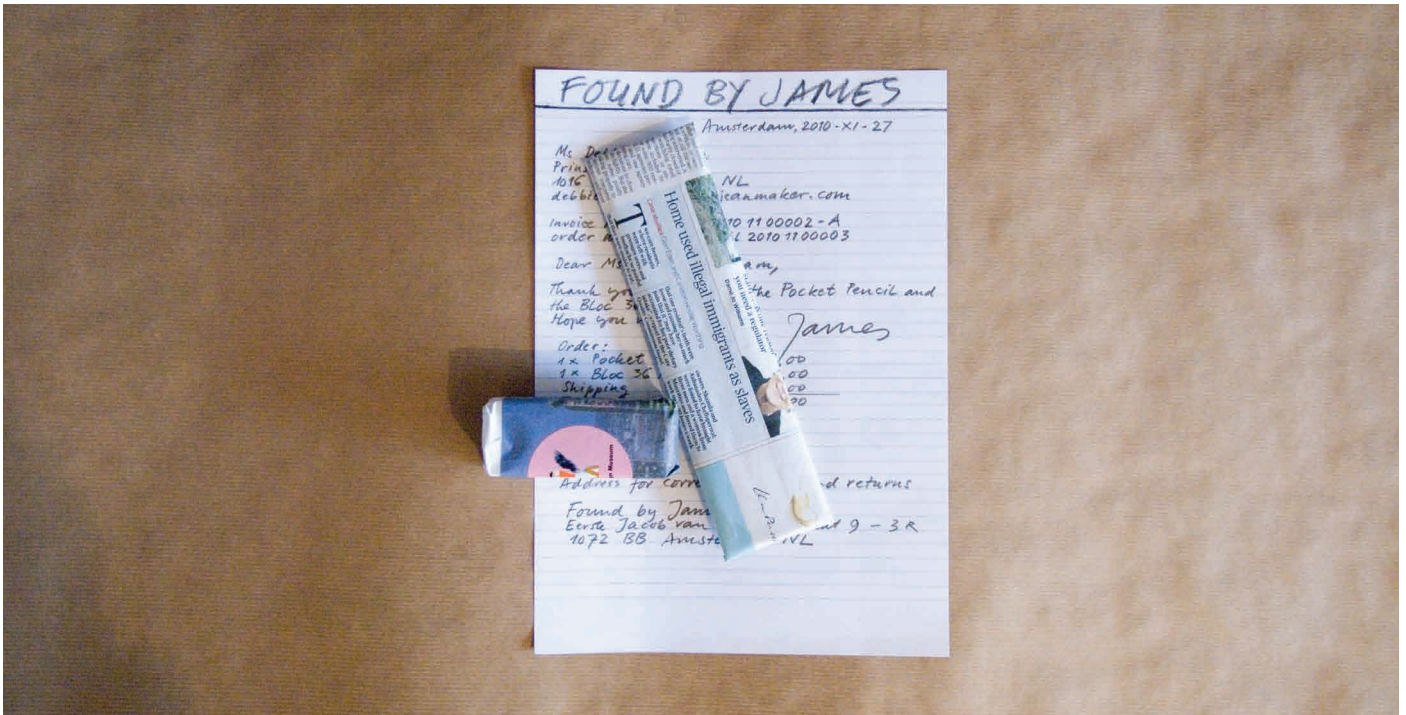


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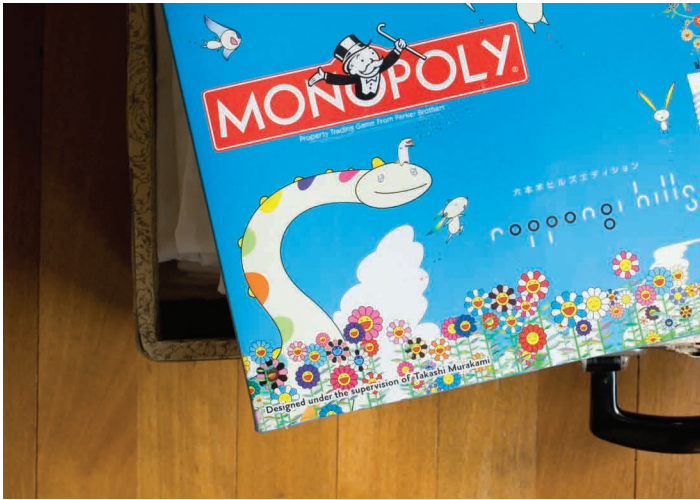
PRODUCTS

FOUNDBYJAMES.COM was launched on November 1st, 2010. Woes and Shiran take care of the design, distribution and PR. For James very little has changed. He just continues travelling, looking and sharing, bringing as many souvenirs as his luggage allows.

And so, somewhere in Amsterdam, a small collection of special finds awaits their final destination with those whose love for art and design matches that of James. A unique game of Monopoly, an extraordinary pencil (that makes you wonder why pencils weren't always designed this way), a poster that marks a tragic history. Whatever it is, it is always in limited stock – James likes to travel light – and unmistakably has his fingerprint on it. A combination of humour and intelligence, surprise and beauty, but most importantly: a story. Every objects radiates a bit of a city, an historic event or personal memory, a philosophy. And with these objects, these lieu de memoires, James writes a personal note for its buyer.

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MONOPOLY X TAKASHI MURAKAMI

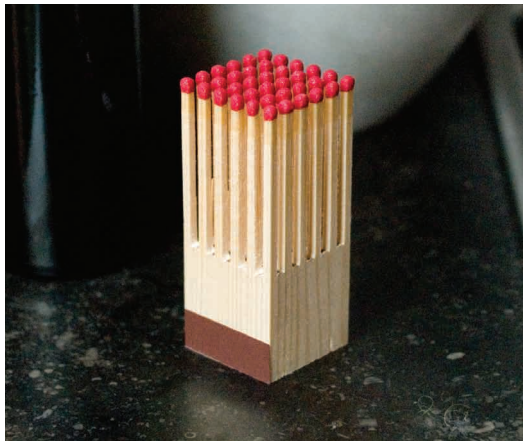
3 PIECES FOUND BY JAMES IN TOKYO

€ 90,00 PER PIECE

POCKET PENCIL

25 PIECES FOUND BY JAMES IN LONDON

€ 6,00 PER PIECE



BLOC 36 MATCHES

3 PIECES FOUND BY JAMES IN WEIL AM RHEIN

€ 16,00 PER PIECE

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BAUHAUS BAUSPIEL

2 PIECES FOUND BY JAMES IN BASEL

€ 115,00 PER PIECE



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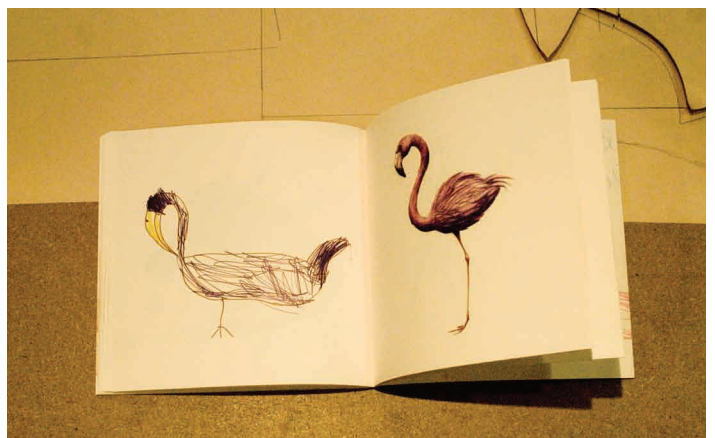
8 PIECES FOUND BY JAMES IN AMSTERDAM

€ 15,00 PER PIECE

ERICAILCANE - POTENTE DI FUOCO

2 PIECES FOUND BY JAMES IN PARIS

€ 35,00 PER PIECE



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Concerto Pro Lana Poster € 30,00

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MILANO, April 2010

Although I find shopping in Milano highly overrated, I always find good excuses to travel to the capital of Lombardia. For this visit I had three reasons: the refreshing Italian spring climate, my dear friends Paulo and Christopher and the Salone del Mobile.

Staying at Paolo and Christopher, I am always overtaken by the warmth of their home. Their residence in the heart of Milano is well designed and full of sophisticated surprises, yet comfortable and charming. After a long day of browsing booths of the established brands on the fair and stalls of the up-and-coming artists in the crowded streets, there's no better way to relax than with a meal of Christopher's heavenly risotto, drinking wine and having conversations into the late night.

During dinner, some classic posters from the Teatro della Scala – that elegantly covered sections of the wall – caught my eye. I noticed the date: 1943. Paolo told me that his grandfather had worked in the Teatro, as did he once. He explained the significance of the posters: 'During World War II, lira were scarce. Admirers of classical music therefore had to pay for their tickets in wool: the higher the rank, the more wool had to be handed over.' The heritage of Milano, one of today's fashion capitals, could not be more distinctly brought to me.



Details

4 pieces found by James
Size: 100 x 70 cm
Price: € 30,00 per piece

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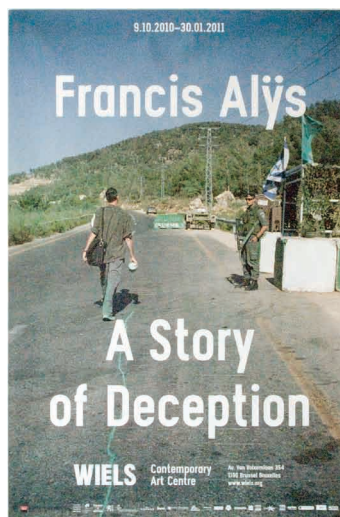
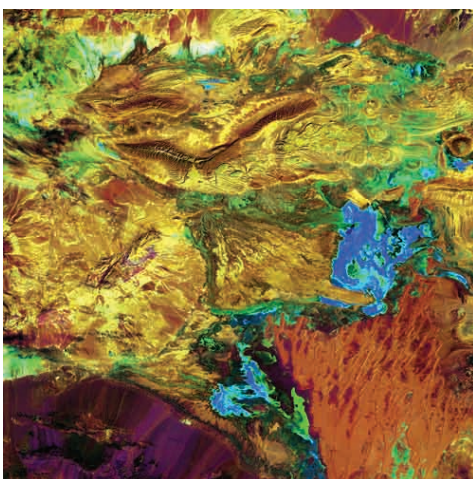


BLOG (NOTES) & SOCIAL MEDIA

The synthesis of weblog and webshop in combination with an optimal integration of social media, makes FOUNDBYJAMES.COM pre-eminently up to date. Whenever James discovers something new – a remarkable exhibition, a good restaurant, a hidden gem – he posts this in his NOTES. Also, photos of his travels can be found here. Through Facebook and Twitter everybody can keep up with James' NOTES, just like Woes and Shiran have been doing for years.

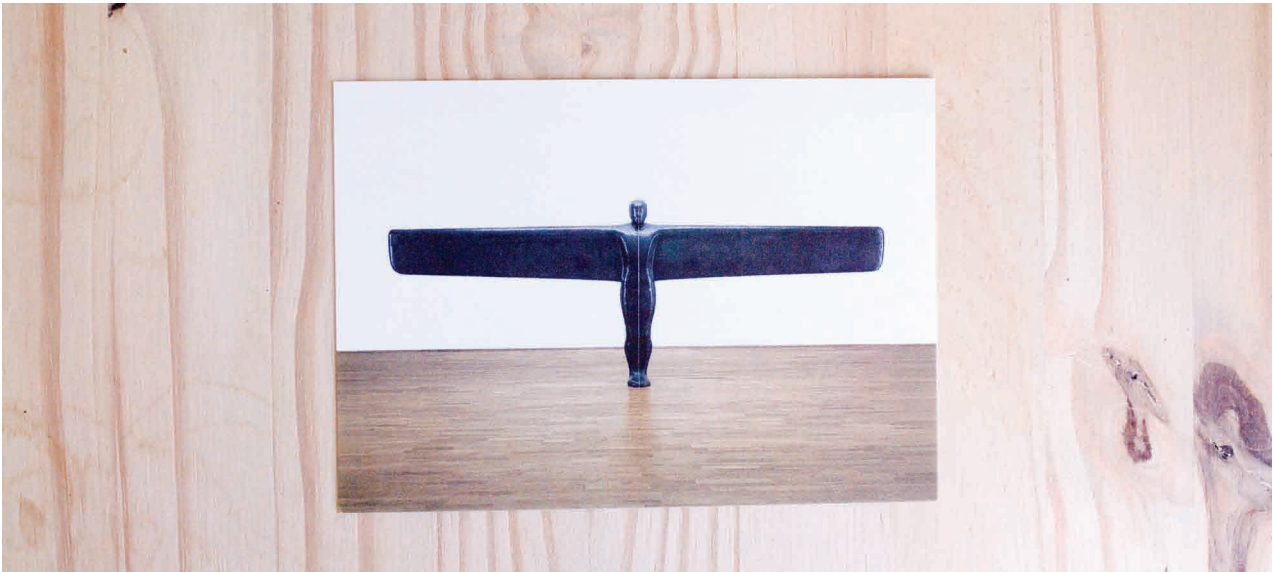
However, James does not conform to the conventions of Internet. Art, design and innovation do not keep to a schedule. James only posts NOTES when he finds something worthwhile, and he only chooses objects he genuinely likes and wants to have. In a time where we expect everything to be captured in a concept, this unpredictability makes FOUNDBYJAMES.COM refreshingly without concept.

His contacts, years of travelling and his adaptability make James a cosmopolitan who is able to highlight the positive effects of globalization. FOUNDBYJAMES.COM shows that even the smallest artefacts can be particularly effective in demonstrating the ingenious ways in which art and design are represented in all corners of the world. Visitors of FOUNDBYJAMES.COM and followers on Facebook and Twitter are always up to date with global developments in art, design and innovation.



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INITIATORS

FOUNDBYJAMES.COM is an initiative by James, Woes and Shiran.

WOES (1979) is trained in design and works as a designer on several platforms, from concept development and graphic design to (directing) photography, film and events. SHIRAN (1981) currently works in fashion, where he has occupied several sales positions and continues to build on his commercial background as he is involved with design-, buying- and marketing processes on an international level.

Woes and Shiran live and work in Amsterdam. Together they are incl. (www.i-n-c-l.nl)

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