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DR. SAMUEL ROSS MBE

Present Lives and works in London, UK

2021 Honorary Ph.D., University of Westminster

2015 Launched A-COLD-WALL*

2012 B.A., Graphic Design & Illustration, De Montfort University

1991 Born in Brixton, London, UK

Museum Collections

Dallas Museum of Art, Dallas, TX ('TRAUMA CHAIR')

Denver Art Museum, Denver, CO ('Jut, impale, emerge')

Design Museum, London, UK (Sneakers Unboxed garments and footwear designs)

The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY ('ANAESTHESIA I')

Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, TX ('TRAUMA CHAIR')

National Museum of Scotland, Edinburgh, UK (A-COLD-WALL* collection 'Birth, Organ, Synth')

RISD Museum, Providence, RI ('BIRTH AT DAWN')

SCAD Museum of Art, Savannah, GA ('BIRTH AT DAWN')

Victoria & Albert Museum, London, UK (A-COLD-WALL* 'Coverge Gilet')

Public Projects

CAUCUS, installed at Mitre Square, London, as part of Sculpture in the City, 2023-25.

EXPRESSION.SERVICE.ESSENCE, a series of 12 benches place around the Design District, Miami, Florida, 2023.

Select Exhibitions

2026 *The Nue Black Aesthetic*, The Design Museum, London, UK

2025 *Samuel Ross: HEAVE* (solo), SCAD Museum of Art, Savannah, GA

2023 *Multihyphenation*, Harvard University Graduate School of Design, Cambridge, MA
Samuel Ross: COARSE (solo), Friedman Benda, New York, NY
Inside the White Cube, White Cube Bermondsey, London, UK
Mirror Mirror: Reflections on Design at Chatsworth, Chatsworth House, Derbyshire, UK

2022 *Fashion design: Samuel Ross / A-COLD-WALL**, Victoria & Albert Museum, London, UK

2021 Samuel Ross solo booth, Design Miami/, Miami, FL
Sneaker Unboxed: Studio to Street, Design Museum, London, UK

Honors & Awards

2025 EDIDA 2025 Award – Bathroom category
2024 Design Miami.Basel – Best Contemporary Design Object
2023 Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE) for services to fashion
2022 London Chamber Black Excellence Award – Outstanding Contribution to Fashion
Soho House Award – Established Change-maker Award
2021 British Fashion Award – Leader of Change Award
Honorary PhD appointed by the University of Westminster – ‘Doctor of Arts’
2020 British Fashion Award – People of the Year (Philanthropy)
GQ USA Fashion Award
International Woolmark Prize 2020
2019 BFC Newgen 2019/2020 recipient
BFC GQ Fashion Fund Award
Forbes 30 Under 30 Europe
Hublot LVMH Design Prize
2018 BFC Newgen 2018/2019 recipient
Andam Grand Prize – Nominee
LVMH Prize – Finalist
British Fashion Award – Emerging Talent Menswear – Winner
2017 BFC Newgen 2017/2018 recipient

Select Press

2025

Banks, Nargess. “Samuel Ross Reimagines Whisky Craft with Balvenie At Milan Design Week,” *Forbes*, April 29, 2025.

Graver, David. “In a Historic foundry, Samuel Ross Conjured a Squall for Milan Design Week,” *Surface Magazine*, April 14, 2025.

Guilbault, Laure. “ ‘A precise perspective’: Samuel Ross introduces his Zara collaboration,” *VOGUE*, January 27, 2025.

2024

Roderick, Kyle. “Hublot x Samuel Ross Launch Third ‘Big Bang’ Collaboration In Miami,” *Forbes*, December 19, 2024.

Sacal, Andrea. “Samuel Ross Brings His Signature Utility to ZARA With SR_A Line,” *Hypebeast*, October 8, 2024.

Zhang, Tianwei. “A-Cold-Wall Founder Returns to Fashion With SR_A, Samuel Ross_Atelier,” *WWD*, September 5, 2024.

2023

Prempeh, Charlene. "Samuel Ross – master of the multidisciplinary space," *Financial Times*, March 23, 2023.

Tesler, Francesca. "Chatsworth House exhibition is a collision of past and present," *Dezeen*, March 30, 2023.

Madlener, Adrian. "How can you make an English manor filled with old masters feel contemporary? At Chatsworth House, the answer is cutting-edge design," *artnet*, March 17, 2023.

Bertoli, Rosa. "Chatsworth House design exhibition explores contemporary design themes in an eclectic setting," *Wallpaper**, March 16, 2023.

Patel, Sanj. "Samuel Ross, British fashion hero, talks Virgil's impact, Dr. Martens & finding inspiration in Brutalism," *Complex UK*, January 17, 2023.

"Dr. Samuel Ross: Material Study for Social Architecture," *DSCENE*, Issue 18, January 2023.

2022

Leitch, Luke. "Samuel Ross on artistic expression, his work as a sculptor and Virgil Abloh's final Louis Vuitton collection," *British GQ*, May 3, 2022.

Taylor, Elise. "The Black Furniture Designers and Ceramicists You Should Know Now," *Vogue*, February 10, 2022.

2021

Ross, Samuel. "Op-ed: Virgil Abloh dissolved 'barriers of entry' with joy and optimism," *CNN*, December 6, 2021.

Baumgardner, Julie. "Designer Samuel Ross takes His Friends with Him," *Cultured* magazine, November 26, 2021.

Su, Sammy. "Samuel Ross Furniture Collection at Design Miami," *Hypebeast*, November 16, 2021.

2020

Azzarello, Nina. "Samuel Ross on Society, Socialist Value Systems, and Self for Friedman Benda's 'Design in Dialogue'," *designboom*, October 13, 2020.

Macalister-Smith, Tilly. "Dual Purpose: David Adjaye and Samuel Ross talk anti-racism and creative futures," *Wallpaper**, September 2020.

2019

Maoui, Zak. "Samuel Ross: I'm really just trying to echo our generation's voice," *GQ Britain*, April 10, 2019.

2018

Singer, Olivia. "Samuel Ross, designer of A-Cold-Wall*, talks streetwear and breaking down social barriers," *Vogue UK*, December 10, 2018.