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Fred Baier: the right angle

In 2011 Fred Baier was commissioned to create furniture for the library at and was invited to show retrospective furniture designs at a one-man show at the. Will had been a student on the WMPG course and was an invaluable sidekick. These days they are all-pervasive and I find them rather annoying — invasive even — but indispensable.

Fred Baier

Several of my closest friends, including my wife, Lucy Strachan, my next door neighbour, Miles Davis, and my graphic designer, Moira Bogue, are from the time I taught there 1977 to 1980. I like the whole issue of transference of imagery and ideas from other worlds and disciplines into mine - for example, engineering, motor racing and architecture. I would like someone to be able to look at an object I made in, say, the 1990s and be able to tell immediately that it is a 90s piece - in the same way that the mini skirt is very 1960s.

Fred Baier

During those three years I made the boardroom table for Templeton College Oxford 50 panels veneered on the old college vacuum press , most of the furniture for one of the Roxy Music band members and won the Sunday Telegraph Craftsman of the Year award. My studio was in Tichbourne Street but I was asked to cover for a colleague.

Fred Baier: the right angle

His furniture is made from wood, and uses geometric shapes for inspiration.

Fred Baier

Baier uses the computer to turn up three-dimensional forms from the seashore of mathematics. Where do you get the ideas for your furniture from? I started a design partnership with my Royal College of Art RCA pal Chris Rose, who was eventually to lead three-dimensional design and materials practice at Brighton. In a couple of weeks my daughter Billie sets off to start on the BA 3D Materials Practice: Wood, Metal, Ceramics and Plastics course to study jewellery.

Fred Baier: the right angle

Some of his original work drew its influence from concepts such as hydraulic pistons, bridges and electrical booster systems, using of brightly coloured stained woods. We made a 13 ton sculpture together. And I steal imagery from the science photo library.

Fred Baier

Since the Seventies he has used convergent technologies including computers, mathematics, and theories of in his furniture designs.

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