

RUDY RICCIOTTI

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The **Galerie 75 Faubourg** and the **Galerie Philippe Gravier** are pleased to present "Architectural Elements" of **Rudy Ricciotti**.

In 2013, the architect's actuality has never been so accurate, after the opening in September 2012 of the new wing of the Islam arts department of the Louvre, he currently has a retrospective at the Cité de l'Architecture et du Patrimoine in Paris until September 2013. While the MuCEM (Musée des Civilisations d'Europe et de Méditerranée) in Marseille will open in June 2013, the Parisian Jean Bouin stadium for which Rudy Ricciotti has conceived a concrete roof with glass inclusions - a world prowess - will be inaugurated next September.

"Rudy Ricciotti's rehabilitation of Jean-Paul Riopelle's former studio at Saint-Cyr-en-Arthies has brought home to me the fact that, above and beyond the project itself, we are dealing with an exceptional generation of 'artist architects'.

In the light of this, I was prompted to ask Rudy Ricciotti to think not about design, but about architectural elements that could be produced in a very limited edition: the idea of making 'five examples of five architectural elements' was born." **Philippe Gravier**

From conversations to dialogues, from dialogues to drawings, the "elements" appeared. A table and its stool, a console table, a low table, a bookshelf, a deck chair, a fire place, and lately, a throne. Artisans who are the "French best craftsmen" realized all the furniture, made of solid rosewood of India, in the strict line of their savoir-faire.

"It only remains to emphasize the beauty of each of the elements that make up this ensemble. A primitive, archaic beauty. That of origins. It will have scant effect on those who, coinciding too well with the times, do not allow their gaze, or their sensations or emotions, to wander."

Gilles de Bure

A catalogue will be published in French and English "**Rudy Ricciotti Architectural Elements**" for this occasion.

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