



"My life thrives on diversity," says Denver artist Sabin Aell, pictured in front of a set she designed for a collaborative performance project called *Ubuntu. unspoken trust*. Opposite: Aell's *Apropos* installation combines antique wooden foundry patterns with 1960s aerial photographs on glass plates.

PORTRAIT: MCCORY JAMES. OPPOSITE: SABIN AELL. TOP RIGHT: COURTESY ROBARTE.

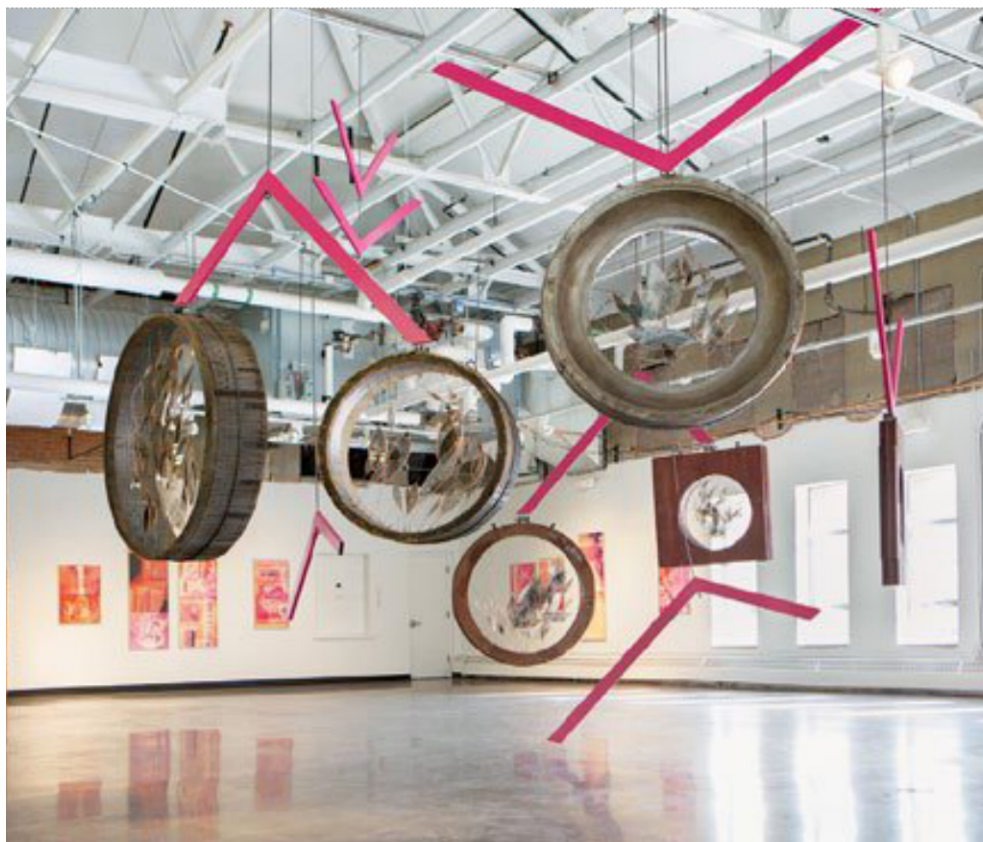
"I've always been interested in things that have a sense of magic and that transport you to a place of wonder," Sabin Aell says. "For me, the easiest way to express that feeling is through art and design." A former graphic and multi-media designer, the Austria-born Aell, who came to Denver to collaborate on an art project when she met her future husband, uses vestiges of her past careers as stepping-stones for her artwork. Describing her approach as "playfully conceptual," the artist says it's her alternating focus and artistic range that proves most integral to her theory. "My art has always been multilayered, leaving room for interpretation," she says. Working in an array of mediums—from painting, sculpture, mixed-media and installation to costume, set, lighting and jewelry design—Aell is inspired by color, texture, imperfection and the hidden meaning behind things. "The more diversity in my work, the bigger the network of possibilities in my mind," explains the artist, who is represented by Walker Fine Art. "For me, this is both challenging and exciting." *sabinaell.com; 720.309.1764*

When it comes to fashion, Aell is partial to the fantastical creations of the avant-garde label Rodarte.



SHIFTING FOCUS

SABIN AELL



WHAT'S INSPIRING YOU NOW?

Mixing media and shifting focus is my inspiration. I like to challenge myself with the use of different media and materials.

CURRENT PROJECTS:

I'm about to start work on a solo show for Walker Fine Art in November. It will focus on resin mixed-media pieces and a sculptural video installation. My brain is working intensely on it already.

DREAM DINNER PARTY GUESTS:

Jack White, Nick Cave (the musician), Nick Cave (the artist), Leonardo Drew, Vivienne Westwood and Jim Jarmusch.

FAVORITES:

Hotel: Hotel Fox in Copenhagen, which was designed by 21 international artists for the launch of the Volkswagen Fox. As a guest, you can carry the art even further with your own creative interpretation of it. Clothing: Rodarte's fashion reminds me of walking through a Botticelli painting transfigured into the 21st century.

GO-TO HOST GIFT:

My favorite dessert, mousse au chocolat.