

## **Charles Anastase Biography**

Destined to pursue a creative métier, cult Fashion Designer and Illustrator Charles Anastase was born in 1979 to an academic French Mother and Armenian Architect Father.

Charles studied Political Sciences at the Lycee Charlemagne in Paris and embarked upon his career as an artist in 2002. His captivating and poignant pencil drawings travelled the world in a series of successful exhibitions in Paris, Vienna, Tokyo and Mexico. Charles' work has been published in some of the most celebrated avant-garde magazines including Purple and Dazed and Confused. The ultimate testimonial to his talent was the commission by Calvin Klein to illustrate an advertising campaign in 2004.

Charles' ethereal and often nostalgic collections are born of the desire to capture the beauty of the 19<sup>th</sup> century Victorian images, which have captivated him since childhood. Reminiscent of the demi-couture, which was the zeitgeist of this period for young ladies, Charles' signature silhouettes evoke a naivety but yet are executed with the precision of the tailors of Savile Row.

Chic and conservative yet playful, Charles Anastase's bijoux collections are coveted by Keira Knightley, Chloe Sevigny, Emma Watson, Beth Ditto and Yoko Ono amongst others.

In August 2008 Charles Anastase announced a five-year production and licensing agreement with luxury Italian agency Pier spa, whose prestigious designer's include Balenciaga, Azzedine Alaia and Sophia Kokosalaki. The agreement will launch with Charles' debut pre-collection for Spring/ Summer 2009.

Charles Anastase is now based in London and his collection is available from the world's most prestigious stores including Dover Street Market, 10 Corso Como, Browns and L'Eclaireur.

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