

« SEA TO SILK »  
EXCLUSIVE COLLABORATION  
RICARDO BERNARDINO X MICHEL DEVILLE





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Sea to Silk is above all the story of an encounter between the paintings of an artist, Michel Deville, who has been passionately painting for nearly 70 years, and a clothing designer, Ricardo Bernardino, who values the beauty of these pieces and breathes them a new life by transposing them on the silk of sumptuous shirts.

## RICARDO X MICHEL - THE ENCOUNTER

One day, Ricardo happened to walk by Michel's gallery, where he had set up his atelier like every winter. Captivated by the paintings he saw from the outside, he came in.

“ - Who painted these?

- They're mine.

- With these paintings, I could design amazing silk shirts.”

Michel, equally surprised by what he said and by promptness of this man who hadn't even introduced himself:

“ - Well, I never have thought of that, but if you feel like it...”

And this is how Ricardo's deep fascination for the artist's paintings led to the creation of this fabulous collection. Michel, both a painter and an accomplished diver, draws his inspiration from the rich, colorful sea-bed life, depicting it in the manner of aboriginal painters, a technique to which he is fanatically devoted. Thanks to Ricardo's talent, this enchanting underwater world transitioned from Michel's canvases to his exquisite silk shirts, meticulously crafted by renowned French artisans.

Michel is an artist who paints selfishly and solely for his own pleasure. He refuses to sell his work. It is this alchemy of combined talents that ultimately brought Michel's paintings to their audience.



*“Creating for the sake of creating,  
Michel through painting and  
Ricardo through fashion.”*



## RICARDO - THE DESIGNER

Ricardo is a born optimist seeking beauty in all his surroundings. Passionate about designing colorful shirts from an early age, his textile creations are an extension of his sunny personality.

For him, fashion is an artistic symphony of color, elegance and character, conveying a sense of joy and well-being. He weaves stories between fashion and art, creating high-end collections by selecting luxurious fabrics and working with the most talented craftspeople.

His collections are inspired by the different periods of his life, his travels, his encounters and his moods. He enjoys the freedom to create as he pleases.

**Through his collections, he conveys his joy and creative freedom!**

“I WANT TO  
TRANSMIT  
THE SAME JOY  
AND FREEDOM  
I FEEL WHEN  
CREATING.”

*“Drawing and painting, like any form of expression, involve both the conscious and the unconscious. Where does an idea, a vision, a form, a harmony come from? Once they have decided to exist, they always find a way.”*



#### **MICHEL - THE COLOR ARTIST**

Michel Deville is an inspired and multi-talented color artist. He started with drawing, oil painting, silk painting, tapestry and glassblowing. With an overflowing imagination, he draws inspiration from his surroundings and his travels.

During a trip to Australia, he was struck by Aboriginal painting and learned more about this artistic technique, which is now one of his sources of inspiration, in combination with the beautiful underwater world of oceans. Michel Deville's artwork brings together shapes and colors to create ever-changing fantasies.

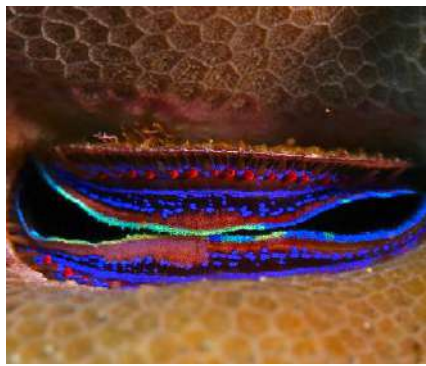


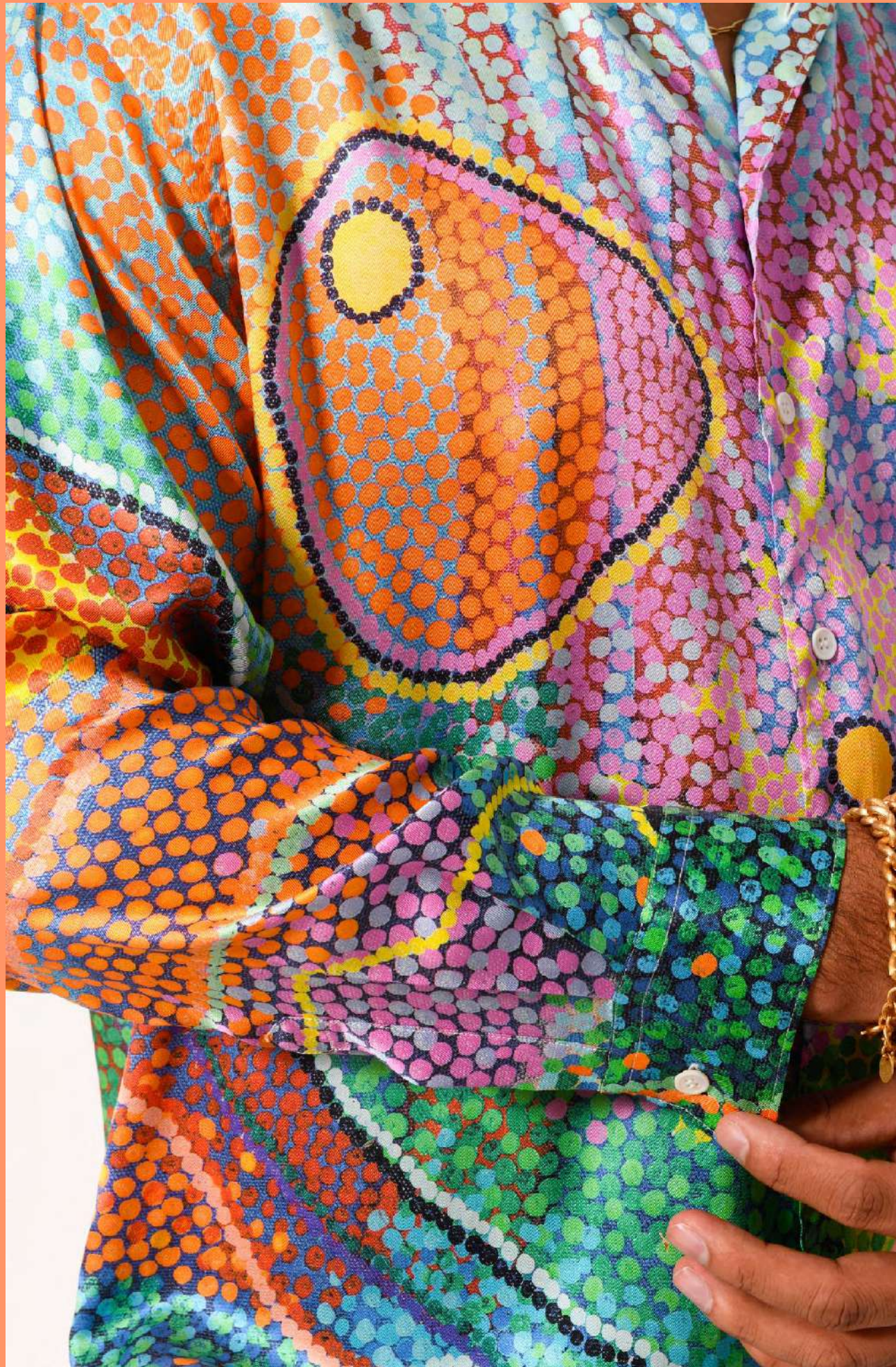
*“It is a sight to behold for hours and no words can describe its beauty”*



Michel is a passionate diver and has been practicing for over 50 years in several countries, especially in Indonesia. He built a boat, the WAOW, a three-masted schooner inspired by his childhood drawings. The WAOW gave him and many others the opportunity to marvel at the wonders of the underwater world.

As the artist says himself, no words can describe the beauty of this world. It is a world of its own; it is an extraordinary dance of nudibranchs of different colors, pygmy seahorses, scorpion fish, ghost fish, sea snakes, manta rays, sharks and many other species, each as fascinating as the other.





With the desire to present an outstanding quality product, Ricardo first decided to work with HERMES BUCOL, the famous French luxury house's workshop, for silk and printing.

Subsequently he partnered with another extraordinary atelier in Como, Italy, enriching his creations with the finesse of Italian silk mastery.

The silk crafted by these artisans is pure; from the first contact, its softness and a feeling of luxury envelop our senses.

## The Atelier

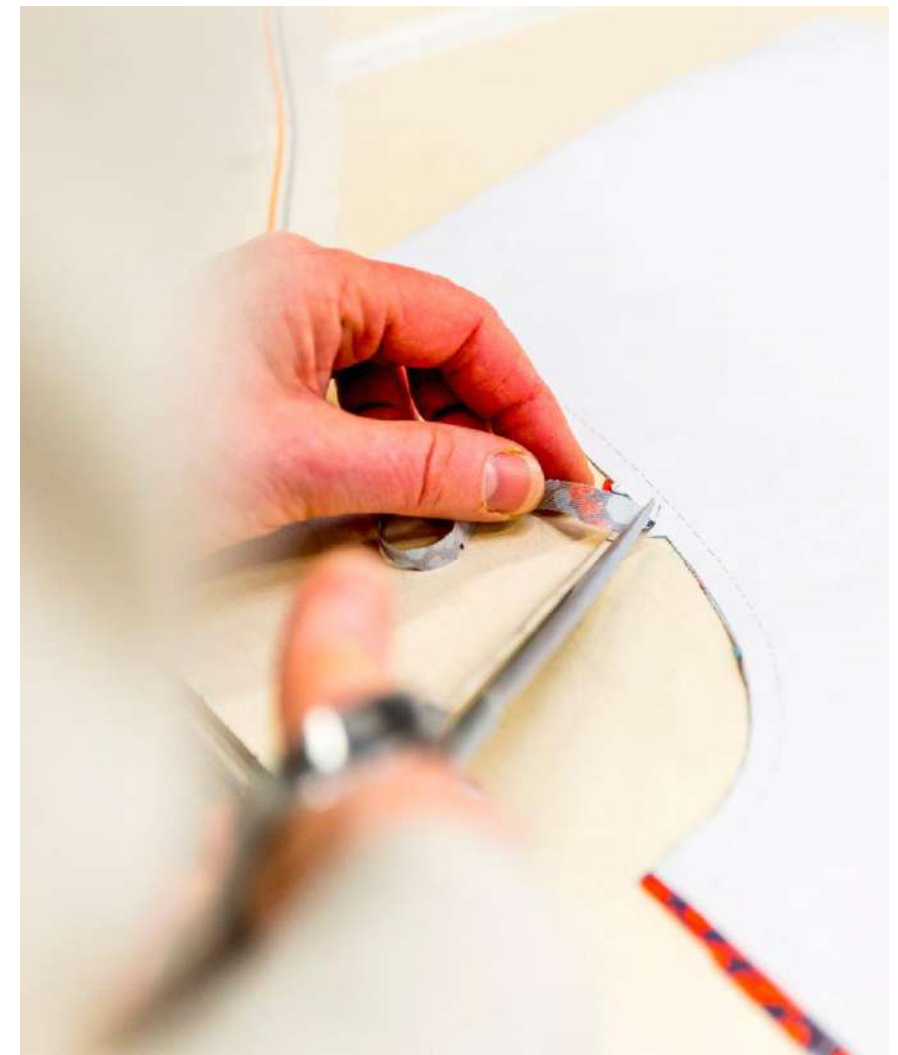
The Atelier, an expert in luxury shirt tailoring for over 60 years, is one of the few to have such know-how in this field.

The fabric is cut manually, piece by piece. In fashion, the keywords are patience and precision: it is all calculated down to the last millimeter.

Special attention is given to the fittings of the designs. This work is carried out with great precision to ensure an impeccable and smooth finish.

**"A poco a poco, le camicie confezionate da questi artigiani diventano vere e proprie opere d'arte."**





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