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Rick Owens' Stone Boudoir

Fashion's Dark Knight Exhibits His Furniture at Salon 94

"I was thinking Sleeping Beauty's coffin and Christ's empty tomb," says fashion designer **Rick Owens** of the inspiration behind Pavane for a Dead Princess, a site-specific installation of his latest furniture creations currently showing at New York's Salon 94. (His popular 2009 show, *Evolution*, at **Sebastian + Barquet** in London, was a similar art-design hybrid). Pavane is named after a Ravel piano piece that Owens's parents used to play when he was a child, and the composer's mysterious, fictional Spanish heroine provides the starting point for the designer's "romantic and dramatic" imaginings. In the gallery space, behind a floor-to-ceiling shaved mink curtain (sold made-to-measure, price upon request), Owens has created a boudoir for his own conjured princess. Loosely modelled on his personal sleeping quarters in his home off the Place du Palais Bourbon, it was executed by a team of artisans from Paris to Poland, overseen by his wife, Michele Lamy. Here, the elemental Bauhaus bunker style of the *Evolution* collection has developed into works that wouldn't be out of place in a pharaoh's temple or Papal chamber. The truly monolithic king-size bed (\$220,000), decadently outfitted in translucent Spanish alabaster, is formed from a towering, two-meter-tall headboard atop a 3-meter-square platform, while the luxurious daybed wrapped in a curved alabaster vice (\$98,000) sits atop a Luigi Moretti-inspired jagged reef of bronze. The world Owens has manifest—equal parts medieval, Art Deco and sci-fi—extends to smaller-scale items, including bronze side tables and stone lamps, adding to the feeling that the designer occupies and creates in his own, fully realized world.

Read our [interview with Rick Owens](#) about the exhibition, which runs through June 25.

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