
Mnemos 01

Asymptote

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18th Century snuff boxes revisited

Mnemos, an abbreviation of the name Mnemosyne, the Greek Goddess of Remembrance.

The American architects Asymptote, designed a series of exquisite gold boxes, reintroducing the once highly coveted and collectable precious snuff boxes. In the 18th Century, snuff boxes were the height of sophistication, not only for collectors, but also for Parisian goldsmiths. The artisans of the time constantly aimed to outreach each other with new finishes and new mechanisms.

Mnemos_01 is a solid 18ct gold pillbox, which explores the fluid movement of molten gold. A discrete pressure button releases the twin sinuous covers articulated by hand crafted solid gold hinges. The highly polished exterior then contrasts with the interior's subtle coloured matt finish, adding depth to this personal gift. The pillbox is signed by the prestigious Parisian Atelier de l'Objet.

18 ct gold

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7 x 5 x 3 cm

2.8 x 2.0 x 1.2 in

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“We thought it was a good opportunity to hybridize our digital media with the hardcore older techniques and materials.” *Hani Rashid*



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