



## A COLORFUL COMMUNITY OF DREAMERS

### Overview

Meet THE OTHERS, an anthropomorphic lantern collection that ventures into decorative art. Playful, colorful, sculptural and sophisticated, THE OTHERS consists of a variety of hand-woven lanterns that, presented individually or arranged in totem-like stacks, take on the appearance of illuminated characters. Pairs of hand-made acrylic eyes, available as accessories, gaze back at the viewer with humor, curiosity and even a little mischief.

### Designer

The concept of influential American designer Stephen Burks, whose work frequently touches on the meaning of handicraft and the humanity of those who create it, the collection began as an exploration into abstract figurative design. Invited to exhibit a special project in South Africa, Burks developed THE OTHERS as a response to the misinterpretation of “*places less known and their peoples.*”



**Key facts**

- \_Sculptural form for outdoor space
- \_Smooth lighting — warm, ambient light that's ideal for creating atmosphere in the garden
- \_Dimmable in 8 steps via a handy remote control
- \_Perfect combinable with all DEDON collections

**Designer** Stephen Burks

**Models**

- Lantern S
- Lantern M
- Lantern L
- Lantern hanging S
- Lantern hanging M
- Lantern hanging L
- Statue TEBU
- Statue LIKA
- Statue JAMA
- Statue KAFA
- Statue BUKA
- Statue TOBO

According to the designer, a frequent DEDON collaborator and the winner of his own country's prestigious National Design Award, *"I imagined a colorful community of dreamers, full of personality, gazing back at the rest of the world with ambition, sophistication and pride. They appeared to me almost like ambassadors or guides into our imagination."*

DEDON, which has partnered with Burks on such original, award-winning collections as DALA and AHNDA, was so inspired by the one-off project that it proposed to put THE OTHERS into production, using the company's international platform to introduce it to a global audience. *"My relationship with DEDON allows me the freedom to explore ideas outside of traditional briefs,"* Burks explain, *"and this is what I think makes the company so iconic."*

The collection's rich material mix reflects Burks's — and DEDON's — ongoing interest in the relationship of handicraft to design. The mosaic-style acrylic eyes are handmade in Germany, the optional marble bases are milled in Italy, and the bodies of THE OTHERS are woven by DEDON's master weavers in the Philippines. *"We wanted to make them a kind of family,"* says Burks, *"so they're similarly woven, but each unique."*

### Characteristics

A collection at once functional and fun, THE OTHERS bring color, diversity, illumination and companionship to any outdoor setting. Whether as single lanterns, totems or totem families, they work especially well in combination with DEDON collections such as AHNDA, TIBBO, DEAN, SEAX and WA. But behind their spirit of mischief and mirth, THE OTHERS bear a message more relevant now than ever.

*"We all have to remember that we all came from some place else once,"* Burks reflects. *"There was a time when we were the 'other'. Hopefully, regardless of our cultural differences, we can finally learn to accept each other and live together with empathy, intelligence and even humor!"*



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