**Paco Rabanne** (Francisco Rabaneda y Cuervo)

(1934, Spain)

After the capture and the killing of his father at the hands of Franco’s troops, in 1939 his family found a refuge in France. He studied architecture at the Ecole Superièure des Beaux Arts in Paris from 1951 to 1963. To support himself while studying, he started to draw fashion accessories. He could well know the fashion world because of his mother, Balenciaga’s assistant. In 1965 he signed made by Rhodoid: earrings, helmet and glasses. In 1966 he found his own fashion house and he debuted with a collection-manifest at the George V Hotel in Paris. He drew shoes, signed perfumes and he launched his male collection in 1976. In 1969 he edited his book *Nues* with Jean Clemmer’s photos, edited by Belford editions. In 1999, after more than thirty years carrier, he entrusted the artistic direction of his fashion house to Rosemary Rodriguez. In 2005 he showed in Moscow his drawings for the first time.