**Martin Margiela**

(1957, Belgium)

Martin Margiela studied at the Academy of Fine Arts in Antwerp and, after the high school leaving qualifications he worked as a freelance designer. Between 1985 and 1987 he collaborated with Jean Paul Gautier and, in 1989, he showed his first prêt-à-porter collection *Woman for Spring and Summer*, marked by the total white label and called Line 1. Ten years later, in 1999, he presented his first man collection, marked by the number 10. In 1994 Martin Margiela produced the first AIDS T-shirt. Since then, every year, it has been produced in a different colour. The incomes earned with the sale of the t-shirts are donated to the fight against the HIV disease. From 1997 to 2003 Martin Margiela was creative director of the woman’s line of Hermes. In 2002 Diesel bought his fashion house.