



THE DREAM AND MYSTERY OF FITTING FEET

We are living in a mixed world of hope and dreams. Both are part of ancient instincts in the human background and history. Hope is a term we get acquainted with every day, but our dreams are a little bit more at distance. But we need the dreams to realize ourselves and make them come through.

The choice of footwear is governed by heart and brain. The look, quality and price is decisive for the final choice. For most of us, this will be a compromise. Bespoke shoes made by Jan P. Myhre are on the other hand the ultimate dream.

Close your eyes and imagine yourself a pair of shoes that exactly resembles your feet, as if they were molted skins.

That fits the foot, feeling light and unpinched. After months of waiting, would the expectations be too high? Would the pair of handmade shoes that had been the ultimate dream for so long, meet my approval? It was about time to find out – the dream had finally come through.

SHOES – FOR YOUR FEET ONLY!

Good, comfortable shoes are made on lasts that are carved in wood to fit each foot. The lasts for a pair of bespoke shoes are always made by hand. The actual relationship between the lasts, the feet and the shoe is hardly documented, or understood by others than the lastmaker himself. Its basic and eventually final characteristics are a result of several years of experience.

In general, the lasts are foot-shaped, but they are not exactly copies of the feet, even if they are intended to fit them well. This is the main secret behind the noble art of making a last that fits. Shaped by hand and sanded down to its final measurements, the lasts now bear the natural and individual character of the owners feet. For the first time, the feet will have shoes that are adapted to the outline of the foot, and not vice versa.

During the process of taking the measurements, some customers become intensively surprised to find that the right foot is short and fat, while the left foot is slimmer and longer. Followingly, they understand why the right foot has always had that corn on the little toe and an ingrown nail on the left big toe – for example.

YOUR SHOES IN THE MAKING

After the style is chosen and the thickness of the soles are decided, the paper pattern for the leather upper is made. The finest choice of calf leathers and many other sorts of exotic leathers are presented and finally selected according to the customers personal choice and individual requirements. The uppers are then stitched carefully together. Then, the ready-made upper leather will be pulled over the last under considerable strain, so that they conform to the shape of the last. If the lasts are slipped out too soon, there can be considerable “fall-in”, this is why the shoes are left on the lasts for a minimum of five days.

The true bespoke shoemaker is engaged in the making of footwear for an individual pair of feet, which means that any discrepancies will be handled with great care and the lasts adjusted, until the shoes are fitting like they should. Because the foot is a complicated construction based on a solid scaffolding of bones, knuckles and muscles, a deep understanding is required to comprehend the task of making a shoe that takes into account the complexity of the foot meeting varying conditions – like bearing the weight of the owner, to walk and run.

The answer to the question of the relationship between the foot, the last and the shoe, has never been resolved. The mystery of fitting feet is not just a question of measuring the foot more accurately, having more size-able options and fittings available, or producing alternative designs and constructions. Fitting feet is a mystery and will always be related to the skillful craftsman alone – and him only.

THE SHOES OF DREAMS

As you will walk around in your office and later out in the street, braking them in, your feet, bunions and all, will feel comfortable, dry and healthy. You feel like walking for a long time assuming your new self-identity; a “boulevardier”. And when you consider all things, in exchange for an imposingly fashionable new identity, the price of the shoes feels justified and actually quite reasonable.

Realize your dream today, call +47 955 25 095 and make your appointment, or fill in your personal preferences, when visiting: www.bespoke-shoes.com

