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**adidas Consortium x Saint Alfred**

**Together, they give the Temper Run shoe a new, contemporary lease of life through exclusive new materials and colors**

Founded by KICKS/HI in 2005, Saint Alfred has been the beating heart of Chicago’s evolving street-style scene for over a decade, its Wicker Park home becoming the go-to destination for sneakers and streetwear in the Windy City. In 2016, Saint Alfred collaborated on a refined iteration of the adidas Gazelle. Its clean, monochrome appearance belied a host of functional considerations, from water-resistant suede uppers to a GORE-TEX lining and reinforced gusset on the tongue.

Two years later, Saint Alfred bring this same attention to detail – and affection for aesthetically-pleasing functionality – to a very different adidas model. The Temper Run first appeared in 2014. Four years on, the shoe comes to the Consortium range for the first time. The layered construction and use of Adiprene cushioning nod to the running inspiration behind the original model. Saint Alfred take this further by channeling numerous reference points from the fall season color palette, to the active-wear reflective panels, gum outsole, ballistic mesh and suede overlay uppers. As much as the Saint Alfred Temper Run feels particularly suited to today’s sneaker trends, the considered approach to materials, colours and functionality simultaneously affirm the Temper Run’s timeless qualities.

Saint Alfred used the Chicago wilderness to pull color pantones and used the adidas archive 1990’s era outdoors-wear for material inspiration. To reflect this in campaign visuals, Saint Alfred worked with artist Stephen Eichhorn, who creates intricately detailed collages of new micro-ecosystems. Using collected historical botany textbooks and publications, Eichhorn painstakingly cuts out and layers plant parts and minerals to wood panel, brass, and other materials, often to profound and mesmerizing effect.

adidas Consortium x Saint Alfred will be available for purchase on 27th October 2018

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**About Stephen Eichorn**

Artist Stephen Eichorn lives and works in Chicago. He has had solo exhibitions at the Franklin Park Conservatory in Columbus Ohio (2017), Elmhurst Art Museum, Chicago (2012), CES Gallery, Los Angeles (2014), Johalla Projects, Chicago (2014, 2016) and Ebersmoore, Chicago (2012, 2011). With an upcoming solo show with Carrie Secrist Gallery in November 2018. His work has also been included in group exhibitions at the Museum of Arts and Design, New York (2011), Josée Bienvenu Gallery, New York (2008) and Heaven Gallery, Chicago (2009, 2008). Eichhorn received his BFA from School of the Art Institute of Chicago in 2006.

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