FELIX BAUMGARTNER

Master Watchmaker — Co-Founder of URWERK

Felix Baumgartner is a third-generation Swiss watchmaker. Born in Schaffhausen (Switzerland) in 1975, he grew up in his father's restoration workshop, surrounded by chiming clocks, perpetual calendars and tourbillons. This environment shaped his technical culture and his respect for traditional watchmaking.

He trained at the watchmaking school in Solothurn in 1992, before moving to Geneva to work as an independent watchmaker in the atelier of Sven Andersen (1995). There, he worked on high complications — minute repeaters, perpetual calendars and restoration projects for leading brands. A hands-on education at the bench, rooted in precision and patience.

In 1997, he co-founded **URWERK** with his brother and designer **Martin Frei**. Their shared ambition: create contemporary watches without compromising the values of fine watchmaking. One year later, Felix was admitted to the AHCI (*Académie Horlogère des Créateurs Indépendants*).

In 2020, Felix Baumgartner and Martin Frei received the Gaïa Prize – Entrepreneurship category, honoring URWERK's pioneering role in shaping 21st-century independent watchmaking.

Felix Baumgartner says it simply: *"I was born a watchmaker. Today, I am one by passion."*

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