



SAN DIEGO

## CONTEMPORARY APPEAL

Calling all collectors! La Jolla's Madison Gallery is a leading resource.

By AnnaMaria Stephens

When it comes to contemporary art, La Jolla's Madison Gallery makes the world-class cut. And with spacious new digs—formerly a Saks store—it is on the road to becoming an unstoppable force. "Our 9,000-square-foot space resembles a London-based gallery, with room to showcase all our artists," says owner and director Lorna York. "What we're exhibiting is getting a lot of interest from our peers in bigger cities." Madison's roster includes highly collectible neo-expressionist artist Hunt Slonem, who is exhibiting in May on the heels of a new book, When Art Meets Design (\$55, Assouline Publishing). "We're about to visit his 30,000-square-foot studio in Brooklyn," she says. Among the works on display are Slonem's famous bunnies, which happen to grace a line of wallpaper from Lee Jofa. In June, Madison will feature "Hieroglyphics" by street artist Retna, whose installation artwork has appeared in Chanel and Louis Vuitton stores and has been collected by Damien Hirst, among many other power players. "His hieroglyphic language is very powerful," says York. "And, yes, he still tags buildings." Madison also just signed emerging artist Beau Dunn, a 28-year-old model and actress whose father, venture capitalist David Dunn, is a major collector. "We see very big things for her," she says. 1055 Wall St., Ste. 100, La Jolla, 858.459.0836, madisongalleries.com



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## Number Crunch

127,000

The square footage of Walker Zanger's new global headquarters in the L.A. suburb of North Hills. Designed in collaboration with local firm SRK Architects, the state-of-the-art facility comprises 20 offices, an indoor warehouse, a showroom and a photo studio. Keeping with the brand's expertise, the space features an array of stone design elements like the oversize 20-foot medallion from a singular piece of limestone in the entranceway; and the stunning custom conference table made of Walker Zanger quartzite, porcelain and limestone. With 25,000 square feet of total slab storage on-site, the space houses a 4,500-square-foot gallery to showcase the brand's 5,000-plus varieties of stone and tile, including the new Kaza collection (from \$75) per square foot), a line of geometric concrete tiles perfect for bold accent walls. 16719 Schoenborn St., North Hills, 818.280.8300. walkerzanger.com -JC

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## Precious Petal

Considered a delicate symbol of purity and innocence, the anemone served as inspiration for some of master crystal designer René Lalique's earliest decorative objects, dating back to 1912. Today, history repeats itself as French crystal manufacturer **Lalique** introduces Anemone, a new collection of bowls, decanters, perfume bottles, votives and vases in several sizes, all displaying a lovely anemone motif. Form and function meet in these objets d'art, which come in a garden of translucent colors including gold, black, blue lavender, red and clear, among others. The centerpiece of the collection is the Anemone grand vase, a midnight-blue and white enamel beauty that's 19.29 inches tall, 12.6 inches in diameter, weighs more than 35 pounds and carries a \$26,000 price tag. Available in a limited edition of 188, each handcrafted, numbered piece is delivered with a certificate of authenticity. 238 N. Rodeo Drive, Beverly Hills, 310.271.7892, lalique.com —laura Eckstein Jones



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