



## The Artful Life: 7 Things Galerie Editors Love This Week



From the opening of Ralph Pucci's Miami gallery space to the new Guild Bar in Manhattan designed by Roman & Williams

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Hervé van der Straeten's vibrant collection Fun Ride will debut at the new gallery. Photo: Juan Pablo Castro

### 1. Ralph Pucci Opens Gallery Space in Miami

A sprawling 1960s warehouse in Miami has been gloriously reborn courtesy of Ralph Pucci, the renowned design dealer who oversees a namesake furniture and lighting house with outposts in New York, Los Angeles, and London. The latest location is sheathed in an exuberant mural by French designer Elizabeth Garouste, who also created an array of pieces dubbed Beans, now on view at the gallery. The opening also

marks the U.S. debut of Hervé van der Straeten's "Fun Ride" collection of ultra-chic furnishings and accents. "Miami is an exciting, vibrant city where many cultures and creatives come together," says Pucci. "The local community and visitors appreciate quality design and we have enjoyed a decade of success there already in our previous gallery. We look forward to having more space to show the diverse works of our collaborate artists and designers." —Geoffrey Montes



Cover of "New Surrealism: The Uncanny in Contemporary Painting", published by Phaidon. Photo: Courtesy of Phaidon



*Ascension* by Arghavan Khosravi as seen in "New Surrealism: The Uncanny in Contemporary Painting". Photo: Courtesy of Rachel Uffner Gallery

## **2. Artist Robert Zeller Dives Into the Legacy of Surrealism in New Book**

Artist Robert Zeller offers readers a sweeping survey of Surrealism, one of the world's most memorable art movements, in a new book that examines its history and current role in modern-day painting. In *New Surrealism: The Uncanny in Contemporary Painting* (Phaidon), Zeller retraces the movement's origins as well as key figures in its uprising, including Max Ernst, Marcel Duchamp, Leonora Carrington, as well as the impact of Andre Breton's death. From there, the artist examines the influence this art movement still has on contemporary painting today, spotlighting nearly 40 artists whose work holds key themes found in Surrealist works. Among the artists featured are Anna Weyant, Arghavan Khosravi, Glenn Brown, Ginny Casey, Inka Essenhigh, Rosa Loy, and Ewa Juszkiewicz. A book signing and talk will take place on December 12 at Gagolian Beverly Hills as part of Juszkiewicz's solo show with the gallery. —Shelby Black



Hunter Douglas Aura Illuminated Shade installed at Wildflower Farms, an Auberge Resort. Photo: Jacob Snavely

### 3. Hunter Douglas Introduces New Illuminated Shades in Upstate New York

A leader in bespoke window coverings, Hunter Douglas has just released an innovative shade that adds state-of-the-art versatility to its packed portfolio of covetable products. The Aura Illuminated Shade, as it's called, is actually a three-in-one design that offers a traditional-looking front, a room-darkening liner, as well as ambient illumination via programmable LED strip lights. The ingenious shade recently made its debut at the Hudson Valley's Wildflower Farms resort, where Aura's ability to completely block light during the day and add it back at night was on full display. Best of all, the ultra-quiet product is controlled using a digital app, which gives homeowners the ability to personalize scenes and schedule automations to create any mood whenever they choose. —G.M.



Interior view of the new Atelier Tapis Rouge showroom in Milan. Photo: Courtesy of Atelier Tapis Rouge

### 4. Rug Designers Atelier Tapis Rouge Open Immersive New Showroom in Milan

Italian rug atelier Atelier Tapis Rouge creates vast rugs with optical illusion like patterns,

their colors and textures making the decadent floor coverings appear more like artworks than decoration. Now, to present such a creative collection, the company has opened a striking showroom in Milan's design-centric Brera neighborhood where their most recent introductions are on view in a gallery-like setting. Here, visitors can see works conceived by Natalia Enze, Atelier Tapis Rouge Head of Design, including the modern art like Tratto array, and others culled from the imagination of artist Margo Trushin, such as the Planet Earth collection, that transforms topographical natural landscapes into ethereal designs. —Jill Sieracki



Interior view of Hedda Kleinfeld's Peter Marino-designed Fifth Avenue apartment. Photo: Courtesy of Doyle



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#### 5. Doyle Announces Auction of Pieces from Kleinfeld Bridal Founder's Peter Marino-Designed New York Apartment

Both Kleinfeld Bridal and Peter Marino attract fervor in their respected industries. Now, an intersection of the two titans is coming to auction this week at Doyle. Headlining the house's two-day Doyle+Design sale on December 6 and 7 are pieces from the estate of Hedda Kleinfeld Schachter, who founded the legendary New York bridal salon in 1967.

Included in the sale of the doyenne's Fifth Avenue apartment, designed by Peter Marino, are exceptional examples of collectible design, including an Art Deco mahogany console by Émile-Jacques Ruhlmann, a set of Jean-Michel Frank chairs, Hans Cooper ceramics, and a selection of furnishings created by Marino. —J.S.



Guild Bar. Photo: Gentl&Hyers



The Fool You Need cocktail, served at Guild Bar. Photo: Gentl&Hyers  
6. Roman & Williams Unveils Guild Bar in New York City

Design all-stars Roman & Williams has opened Guild Bar, a five-seat bar completely aligned with their unique perspective on design. The intimate space, tucked between their Soho New York restaurant and shop, La Mercerie and RW Guild, allows the handful of guests to sip custom cocktails specially created for the extraordinary glasses they're served in—all of which are curated for the artisanal glassware and available at RW Guild. Some of the options are so dazzling, such as the elaborate emerald-stemmed coupe used for a libation called Phosphorence, that a diehard tequila drinker might start to consider ordering a sherry-and-vermouth concoction just for the experience of drinking out of such an extraordinary vessel. The attention to detail extends to the entire environment, which is anchored by a hand-painted mural by Brooklyn-based artist Daniel Barger and custom light fixtures that emit the perfect golden glow for savoring every last sip. —Jacqueline Terrebonne



A vignette from Alcova's first Miami edition. Photo: Paul Barbera  
7. Alcova Launches First Miami Edition

Beloved Milan design exhibition Alcova, founded by Valentina Ciuffi of Studio Vedèt and Joseph Grima of Space Caviar, has just launched its premiere Miami edition as the art and design world is descending on South Florida. Taking over the retro Gold Dust Hotel with contemporary design, Alcova is a must-see for those in town for Art Week. Presenting over 35 projects displayed in a series of abandoned motel rooms, including 3D-printed sculptures and charcoal drawings transformed into furniture, this platform perfectly showcases forward-thinking techniques and craftsmanship. —Stefanie Li

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