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LONDON FASHION WEEK HIGHLIGHTS

From Beckham to Burberry, all the
news from the Spring/Summer collections

This autumn sees the launch of an exciting new range of limited-edition table lamps from Katherine Richards Design.

The new collection is comprised of seven pieces, all of which are startlingly different. Each one is sculpted by Katherine, cast in resin and meticulously gold leafed by hand.



A NEW COLLECTION FROM KATHERINE RICHARDS

Katherine runs a well-established interior design consultancy in Hove, Sussex and with more than 30 years of designing in a variety of disciplines, she has established a reputation for providing a passionate and inspiring approach to interior design.

The rich and eclectic mix of experiences she has gained contributes to her individual artistry and vision which defines her approach now. Katherine's understanding of sculpture defines the form, shape and balance within a room and her theatrical training pushes the aesthetic boundaries creating unique, exciting visions.

What sets this company aside from others is her passion for designing the unusual for her clients.

Because of Katherine's artistic approach to design she says she has often found it challenging

to find unusual lighting pieces for her bespoke schemes so she decided to create her own range.

"For years I have enjoyed creating stunning statement pieces for both the interior and exterior". Commissions have come from both UK and overseas and have included bespoke rug design, metal sculptures, mosaic fountains, sculptural wall designs and structures, murals, furniture design and much more. It was therefore a natural progression to start designing lighting

"I'm fascinated by shadows, contrast and texture. With a theatrical background in stage and costume design, lighting has always been my passion and in my interior design work I spend a large part of my time focusing on lighting, the way in which it affects us and the ambient moods it creates".

Katherine has selected a talented team of experts

to help realise her vision

"It has been an extremely exciting time and I have found some amazingly talented people, all at the top of their respective fields.

Her lampshade makers' work can be seen in The Royal Opera House, Soho House, numerous restaurants throughout London and palaces in the Middle East, whilst the fabrics for them are sourced from her own library. The sculpted lamps are cast in a rural studio in Surrey where both TV and film props are made as well as important large sculptural works.

Last month the lamps were launched at an exclusive event hosted by Boodles in New Bond Street.

"The feedback was amazing - some said they felt the lamps were an inspiring mix of art and practicality. They seemed to evoke stories and emotional reactions which was wonderful to see and hear."

Looking at the lamps close up it is clear to see what Katherine means. The drama of the pieces gives them all an individual presence and any one of them would be perfectly placed as a statement accent in any scheme. There is an uninhabited, playful rawness about them which allows one to feel immediately connected.

Katherine is unpretentious about them and seems to simply enjoy seeing the look on the people's faces when they discover them for the first time.

Katherine is already working on bespoke commissions and orders are being placed. Each lamp is limited to 20 and prices range from £5-£10,000

Her spirited approach has meant she has worked both here and abroad on a diverse range of projects. Friendly and personable but serious and professional in her approach Katherine has the knowledge and skills to collaborate with you to help you explore and discover the personality that lies within your home. ■

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