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A vanguard of four influential L.A. galleries head to Manhattan for an exhibition at Robert Kuo Gallery



Two Cut Bronze Sculpture, Larry Frazier (Courtesy of Dana John).

collections that will create a discourse on contemporary design taking place in Los Angeles.

Titled "Robert Kuo Selects: Studio and Found Collections and Represented Artists," the exhibition features latest collections by JF Chen, Blackman Cruz, Dana John and Kuo himself, all of whom are presenting at Kuo's New York gallery, located at 303 Spring Street.

Explaining the impetus for the exhibition, Robert Kuo says: "The city of Los Angeles is teeming with creativity and is one of the undisputed forerunners in the world of design. The goal of the event is to showcase exceptional collections by a selected group of galleries-- studio production pieces, art, and some found items to lend balance to the overall presentation."

Prominent Los Angeles based interior designer Judith Lance says that co-curating the event with Robert Kuo came about effortlessly and is based on their mutual respect for each other's body of work and their shared regard for the decorative arts. "We both recognized the curatorial and design skills of each selected L.A. gallery and decided to create a collaborative presentation for a New York event," she says. "We were pleased that each gallery we approached shared the enthusiasm for the project."

Mr. Kuo and Ms. Lance made their selections from three of L.A.'s foremost galleries for design: JF Chen, Blackman Cruz and Dana John, who show along with Robert Kuo. The galleries continue to be an inspirational source for celebrities like David Geffen, Angelina Jolie, Mary-Kate and Ashley Olson, Brad Pitt, and Will Smith, as well as an international set of designers and collectors, including Atelier AM, Bradley Bayou, Joan Behnke, Jamie Drake, Thierry Despont, Cliff Fong, Tom Ford, Stephen Gambrel, Jacques Grange, Jane Hallworth, Kelly Hoppen, Eric Hughes, Kara Mann, Peter Marino, Alberto Pinto, Yabu Pushelberg, Joel Silver, Michael Smith, Madeline Stuart, William Sofield and Beth Rudin DeWoody,

Says Robert Kuo: "Our goal is to shine a spotlight on the creativity and workmanship that emanate from these Los Angeles galleries. L.A. is expressing an unique creative energy that is very specific and evidences an important design perspective. Judith and I have a deep appreciation for quality and we possess a clear sense for spotting noteworthy pieces. We understand our clients desire for remarkable works."

Says Joel Chen, "JF Chen is excited to be a part of Robert Kuo Selects. We look forward to introducing the work of our represented artists to a New York audience."

Says Dana Lance, " Being part of the Robert Kuo Selects production is a welcome opportunity to connect with the New York audience in person and to join Robert in addressing an exhibition that represents our Los Angeles point of view."

