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Designer Thomas Schoos Opens Retail Store in West Hollywood

New showroom offers original designs, plus treasures from his collections

Thomas Schoos, the noted interior designer behind such iconic venues as *Tao* at the Venetian Hotel in Las Vegas and numerous restaurants for celebrity chefs like *The Taste's* Brian Malarkey and *Iron Chef's* Masaharu Morimoto, has opened a new retail store in West Hollywood, California. The shop, called *Schoos Night*, sells original furniture and accessories designed by Schoos as well as rare treasures from around the world discovered by Schoos, an avid collector of cultural art and artifacts.



Schoos, whose clients include celebrities like Will Smith, Jessica Simpson and Courtney Cox, says that *Schoos Night* will be different from many design boutiques that deal in mass-produced items. “My goal is to offer the rare and unusual, including many one-of-a-kind designs or works of art, in a beautiful space that is always changing,” says Schoos. “Having our design studio right next door makes it possible to draw on our latest work and keep things fresh.” The store also has access to a 6,500 square foot botanical garden behind the Schoos Design studios that features a Koi pond, palapas and parrots. Many items in the garden, such as bonsai trees and Buddha statues, are also for sale.

One of the impulses to open the store came from guests at Schoos-designed venues who would often ask how they could acquire furniture or fixtures they had seen in one of the hotels or restaurants. Previously, this was impossible because Schoos interiors are almost entirely custom-designed. Schoos finally decided to make his original designs available to the public, as they are now in *Schoos Night*, or online through the *Schoos Online Shop* at www.schoosonlineshop.com. However, nothing beats the opportunity to see the objects in person, and presented in an artistic way, as they are in the West Hollywood location. “These are my babies,” explains Schoos, who personally oversees the design and direction of the store. “Everything in here is either my creation or my discovery. I really hate to see them go – that’s how vested I am in this store!”



Besides the original designs by Schoos, *Schoos Night* features creations by other select artists, as well as a large number of exotic objects that Schoos has collected on his many travels. As an indication of the extent of his travels, Schoos currently has interior design projects in India, China, Thailand, England, France and several U.S. states, spending many weeks per year in distant and culturally diverse locales. And whenever he travels, he is always shopping.

“I love diversity, and I try to bring different parts of the world together in most of my projects,” explains Schoos. This culturally diverse aesthetic is a driving force in the work of Schoos Design, as embodied in the motto, “World In Mind”. At the moment, *Schoos Night* features antiques and artifacts from many parts of southeast Asia like Myanmar, Thailand and China, as well as a large number of tribal objects from Africa. “I really think people will enjoy getting lost in here, exploring all the variety, from old to new, from the traditional to the eclectic,” says Schoos. “Where else can you find a modernist planter or cubist table lamp sitting next to a golden chicken from an eighteenth century Burmese temple?”

Schoos Night, located at 8275 Santa Monica Blvd. West Hollywood, California 90046 is open to the public Monday through Friday from noon until 6 pm or by appointment. Please visit the *Schoos Night* website at www.schoosnight.com to see additional photos or for more information.

Thomas Schoos is known as designer of some of the most successful hospitality venues in the U.S., ranging from *Tao Restaurant and Nightclub* at the Venetian Hotel in Las Vegas, which has been the top-grossing restaurant in the U.S. every year since it opened in 2005, to *Searsucker* in San Diego, voted by Open Table as the second most popular restaurant in the country in 2011. Schoos has partnered with celebrity chefs like *Iron Chef* Morimoto and *The Taste's* Brian Malarkey to design numerous restaurants in many cities, with dozens more planned. Meanwhile, Schoos continues his career as an artist and painter, contributing original works to many of his projects and even incorporating art into their structures and designs. Last year, his design for *Morimoto Mexico City* was named one of two finalists in the Hospitality Design Awards for Fine Dining.

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For more information on Schoos products and designs, to acquire high resolution photos, or to interview Thomas Schoos, please contact the Schoos PR department by email at pr@schoos.com, or call Matthew Hutchison at 323-822-2800. Information is also available on the Schoos Design website at www.schoos.com.