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their go-to shops, artisans, style sources, and more...

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Renowned designer Orlando Diaz-Azcuy
arranges a collection of Berlin KPM
porcelain ware on a 1920s Belgian lacquered
table in his new San Francisco penthouse.
The portraits of David Hockney and
Francis Bacon are from a series
by Don Florence. See page 122.

Decorative painters

Faux your amusement

Willem Racké Studio

"Willem and his resident artists are the crème de la crème of faux finishers. If



A powder room, by Willem Racké Studio.

you need someone who can wood grain the powder room, put a mural on your ceiling, or Venetian plaster the living room, this is your guy." **KENNETH WINGARD**

"He's fantastic at painting faux inlay. One of his masterpieces for us was a 5-by-5-foot bathroom done entirely in a faux tortoise-shell—he almost went blind! That bathroom was copied by many people, which, as they say, is the highest form of flattery." **SUZANNE TUCKER**

1811 FOLSOM ST., SF, 415-252-1341, WWW.WILLEMRAKKESTUDIO.COM

Light finishes, glorious touches

Elisa Stancil

"Hands-down, her workshop creates some of the most highly refined light glazes and stria finishes anywhere. Her line of beautiful cabinet pulls, finials, and curtain rods sets her apart from the rest."

SUZANNE TUCKER

365 TEHAMA ST., SF, 415-243-9246, WWW.ELISASTANCI.COM

Glass workers

The master

Nikolas Weinstein Studios

Among glassmakers, Nik Weinstein ranks as a superstar. His lighting installations and sculptural pieces can be found in private residences from San Francisco to Berlin. He also does more traditional restorations.

"I have drawn on his staff's superior glass-blowing techniques when elements of glass are in need of replacement [for example, on an 18th-century rococo-style Spanish mirror that had been damaged]. Nik understands the dynamics of glass and the engineering necessary for its successful interaction with other materials, which makes for creative custom applications. He also has his own creative and ethereal line of vases and other objects [available at Gump's]." **ED HARDY**

1649 VALENCIA ST., SF, 415-643-5418

Old-fashioned workmanship

SF Silver Glass & Mirror

"Owner Rosa Martinez is a gem! I have brought her damaged mirrored furniture and she has worked her magic, bringing the pieces back to life with the workmanship of a true artisan. When you walk in the door, you feel as though you are walking back in time. Customer service like in the good old days."

GABRIELLA SARLO

2401 BUSH ST., SF, 415-931-3188, WWW.SF.SILVERGLASS.COM

That rare find

Paige Glass

"I use Paige Glass for table-tops, antique mirror replacement, and any specialty glass I may require. They have an old-world pride in craftsmanship and attention to service that I just love. Once I brought in a 19th-century Venetian mirror that was accidentally broken in my store. A

couple of the pieces were broken, which dropped the value from \$7,500 to worthless. Since that kind of authentic glass is so hard to find, the owner, Ken Paige, and I thought the mirror was probably a lost cause. But he offered to keep it around just in case. And as luck would have it, he ended up finding the exact pieces in Italy at a flea market!"

SHERI SHERIDAN

1531 MISSION ST., SF, 415-621-5266, WWW.PAIGEGLOSS.COM

Metalsmiths and sculptors

Flourishes from another era

Michael Bondi

"He's a local gem. He does the most superb hand-forged metal work—handrails, doors, gates, and grilles—and absolutely



Forged bronze doors in a bamboo motif, by Michael Bondi.

exquisite bronze work that he designs as well as fabricates [mainly in a highly decorative style, with frequent Art Nouveau flourishes]. He is truly an artisan in every sense of the word."

SUZANNE TUCKER

2601 GIANT RD., STE. 1, RICHMOND, 510-236-2607, WWW.MICHAELBONDI.COM

Leading lights

Reification

"Dave Holsonback and his team of craftspeople produce metalwork of the highest quality and design. They

can make almost anything, from exquisite custom-cast bronze lamps [lighting fixtures are among their specialties] to decorative objects, railings, doors, and gates. They are also expert at producing or re-creating authentic patinas."

ED HARDY

45 GILBERT ST., SF, 415-553-4183, WWW.REIFICATION.COM

Sweating the small stuff

Tony Orantes Adrian Burns

"A lot of metal shops don't want to do smaller projects. Tony and Adrian, who both used to run my metal shop before going out on their own, will take those kinds of jobs—bathroom fixtures, custom sinks, even coat racks and door pulls—and do a nice job. Decorative work, handrails, stainless steel countertops, a piece of furniture, a dining room table, a frame to hold a wood slab—they can do almost anything."

OLLE LUNDBERG

ORANTES ARCHITECTURAL METALS, INC., BUILDING 872, WATERFRONT AVE., MARE ISLAND, 707-562-3150, WWW.TONYORANTES.COM

ADRIAN BURNS FABRICATION

591 CONNECTICUT ST., SF, 415-533-9497

Romancing the stone

Manuel Palos Sculpture

"Manuel Palos is a local sculptor and craftsman whose work in marble, plaster, bronze, and other materials has garnered him international recognition. His company provides a range of services, including design, engineering, installation, and repair. He took part in the restoration work at the Palace of the Legion of Honor, and he created the urn finials on the piers and along the roofline of my showroom in San Francisco."

ED HARDY

1330 DONNER AVE., SF, 415-822-8034, WWW.MANUELPALOS.COM

Pared-down style

Object Assembly

"Partners Chris Whitney and Tommy Hicks do any kind of architectural decorative metals: stair railings, fireplace surrounds, metal casework, entry gates, skylights, interior and exterior grilles. We go to them with any technical challenge and know we're going to get a gorgeous piece—beautifully crafted and built to last. Like us, they favor contemporary projects. Chris is a good partner in design, working to keep the spirit of the piece intact if you have to make changes due to budget. He's made a lot of our metal dreams come true."

STEVE CONST

1777 YOSEMITE AVE., SF, 415-822-8565

Framers

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Cadre

"This is without question the best custom framing shop in San Francisco, run by the very passionate and informed Heidi Knodle. She has framed museum-quality Old Master drawings for me, important paintings, as well as my teenage daughter's artwork." **JEAN LARETTE**

"They are great for antique frames and detailed custom work, such as the welded steel frames I prefer for photographs." **STEVEN VOLPE**
840 SANSOME ST., SF, 415-296-0400, WWW.CADRE-SF.COM

For your Arbus

Spot Design

Tamara Freedman specializes in photography, carefully toning her hand-finished wood frames to bring out the best in each image. "They have framed a lot of the work in our offices, including photos of our own projects done in sepia." [The collector and gallery owner Jeffrey Fraenkel is another frequent customer.]

SUZANNA ALLEN

2131 THIRD ST., SF, 415-621-4661