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Where do you find inspiration for your designs? I am inspired by my professors and mentors; I was fortunate to study architecture at Harvard while Frank Gehry, Rem Koolhaas, Zaha Hadid and Wolf Prix were all there. They were tremendous proponents of creativity and emphasized being true to yourself. These pioneers of design constantly encouraged me to try new things. I am also influenced by two maverick designers, David Easton and Juan Pablo Molyneux, and have worked closely with both. Finally, masters ranging from Michelangelo to Le Corbusier and Mingarino to Pierre Chareau are great precedents for the use of light and materials. Living and traveling throughout Europe and Asia and seeing these timeless masterpieces has left an indelible impression that carries into my work.

Does your work carry a signature that is unique to your designs? My signature style is about a holistic and balanced approach. Above all, I value a room that reflects the proper proportions. Good design stems from good architecture; if your lines are clean and well composed, the composition will flow.

Have you noticed any trends in your field? What are people asking for? I have noticed many clients are gravitating to a more simplified palette and natural materials. There is a renaissance in getting back to basics with earth tones and natural materials such as stone, wood, leather, cottons, wools and silks. That said, it's quite chic to introduce color by using accents such as paintings, sculpture, Venetian plaster accent walls, window treatments, pillows and accessories. The final touch comes with custom lighting, often made of bronze and hand blown glass.

What's the most exciting part of your job? What keeps you going each day? Every project is different. I like to keep it exciting by mixing in Parisian flea market finds with contemporary art. I absolutely love a challenge. When designing someone's home, it's never boring.

Do you have any exciting projects on the horizon? I am participating in a designer showhouse, Holiday House NYC, to sponsor the Susan G. Komen for the Cure. The showhouse will take place in a fabulous 60-foot-wide Beaux Arts townhouse at 3 E. 62nd between Madison and Fifth Avenue. Mixing Jeff Koons' art with Modern and Neoclassical Interiors, it will be open to the public November 16 through December 10.

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