



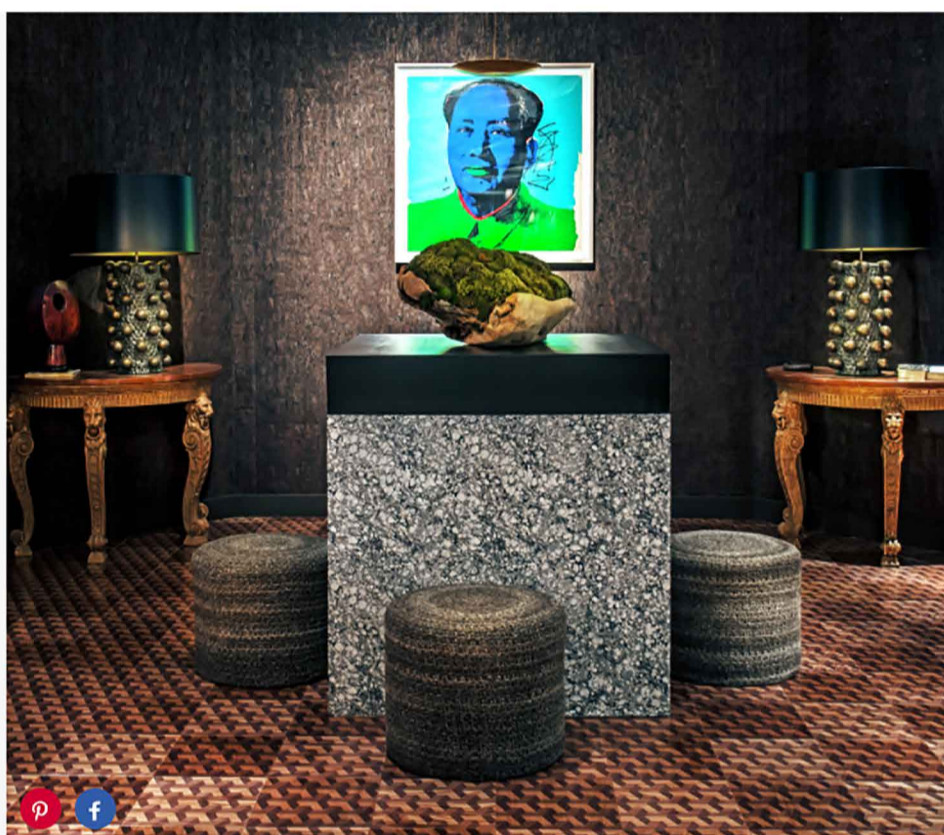
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Tour 12 Dazzling Rooms in the Sotheby's Designer Showhouse and Auction

Take a virtual walk through the auction house-turned-home, opening April 9

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Just imagine being able to decorate your home with any of the celebrated fine art and furnishings from Sotheby's wide-ranging collection—from bold African and Oceanic relics to 18th-century French antiques, to contemporary painting by today's blue-chip names like Gerhard Richter and Matthew Barney? This week, the 12 interior designers selected to participate in the third annual [Sotheby's Designer Showhouse and Auction](#) had the opportunity to do just that—granted free rein of the Manhattan auction house's collection, they created an expertly appointed home from the foyer to the master bedroom. The house is open to the public from April 9 through 16 and culminates in an auction on the 17th.



Andy Warhol's Mao brings a jolt of color to [Richard Rabel's](#) moody foyer and gallery, which features a pair of George II style giltwood demilune tables; artworks by Chuck Close, Robert Rauschenberg, and Anthony Pearson; and floors printed to resemble a tumbling blocks pattern.

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Preview Rooms from the Sotheby's Designer Showhouse and Auction

A first look at the renderings, sketches, and watercolors that designers have created for every room in the house

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The exquisite furnishings and fine art in Sotheby's vast collections come to life this spring for the third annual [Designer Showhouse and Auction](#). For the dazzling display, which runs April 9 through 16 and culminates in an auction on the 17th, the New York-based auction house has tapped 12 noteworthy interior designers and firms to create one room in a "home" in its midtown Manhattan headquarters. Designed by household names like [AD100 designer Bunny Williams](#) as well as newcomers such as Patrick Mele, the rooms are sure to run the gamut in style. For a preview of what's to come, we've rounded up sketches from nine of the designers and asked them about the room that's in the works.

"A foyer is your first point of contact when entering a house and should feel airy," says Richard Rabel. "What's important are chic finishes on the walls, ceilings, and floors, stylish lighting, a place to sit briefly, and a place to keep your keys."



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