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BRIGHT TALENT
Marcia Hoff's *From the Inventory: Shade Paintings: Group 6: Scarlet Lake, Schavanengen Orange, Cadmium Yellow, Emerald Green, Ultramarine Blue and Dioxazine Purple*, on view at *Made in L.A.*

ART APPEAL

HAMMERING IT HOME

THE HAMMER MUSEUM'S SECOND BIENNIAL SURVEY OF THE L.A. ART SCENE, *MADE IN L.A.*, HAS A GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE.

Made in L.A., the biennial show at the Hammer Museum running June 15-Sept. 7, is more than just a gauge of Los Angeles' exploding artistic community; it's a global art barometer. "Everyone is interested in what's happening in L.A.," says Connie

Butler, the museum's chief curator, who worked alongside art critic and curator Michael Ned Holte. Together, the two designed an exhibition that will take over the entire museum to showcase 35 artists, some of whom, like Tala Madani, have never shown in L.A. Representing a broad cross-section of recent graduates and longtime residents, it also includes collectives like Public Fiction, KChung Radio and Eagle Rock's the Los Angeles Museum of Art. "They create a point of entry for negotiating this unruly terrain of art activity," Holte explains. Adds Butler, "There are artists coming from all over to be in L.A. now, and we're really trying to represent that."

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CASE ON POINT

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FRENCH CHIC
West Hollywood welcomes Chic Design to Melrose.

DESIGN TALK

La Vie en Melrose "I fell in love with Los Angeles because it reminded me of my hometown in the south of France," says Laurence Dupin, founder of **Chic Design**, the newest resident of Melrose Avenue. The stylish West Hollywood shop offers a jaw-dropping array of indoor and outdoor furnishings from hard-to-find European brands. Among the coveted items are minimalist lighting designs from Paris-based firm Céline Wright (\$600-\$2,000), as well as sofas from the family-run Italian manufacturer Nicoline (\$5,500-\$9,999). From contemporary styles to classic midcentury pieces, it's all here—and on two floors to boot. A rooftop terrace will even accommodate special events. To offer such a unique and global selection, Dupin scours popular European trade shows, such as Maison & Objet in Paris, Salone Internazionale del Mobile in Milan and Ambiente in Frankfurt. It's no wonder a sophisticated and international clientele come calling. 8070 Melrose Ave., 323.300.6303, chicdesign.com —Maile Pingel