

Cabana Home

Elements of Style

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COMBINING THE ELEGANCE OF OLD WORLD CHARM WITH A MODERN SENSIBILITY, Cabana Home aims to capture the essence of the Santa Barbara lifestyle through its furniture and design aesthetic. Owner/Designers Caroline and Steve Thompson have recently become the exclusive alterier for Ebanista and Alfonso Marina, an antique inspired collection of hand crafted furnishings, lighting, textiles, and objects d'art. To celebrate, Cabana Home was host to an exclusive evening where designers and design enthusiasts alike met to admire the new collection.

"There is no better made furniture in the world," said Steve Thompson on describing the collection. "They use the best materials and have the best craftsmanship. Every piece is bench made, veneers are hand cut, and all of the hardware is made by hand."

To add the final touch and accent the furnishings, Cabana Home collaborated with Edward Cella, director of Edward Cella Art+Architecture, to showcase the artwork of contemporary artist Cathy Daley.

The exhibition, entitled *Dance*,



Reagan Hayes, Furniture Designer, and **Luke Hayes**



Grace Yoon, Interior Designer, and **Dr. Richard Yoon**



Untitled #5 from Dance Series (2009), pastel on vellum, 36 x 36" by **Cathy Daley**

displays the alluring black and white drawings Daley is known for. Using ballerina tutus, fairy-tale princesses, and Barbie doll couture as inspiration, Daley delves into contemporary representations of glamour and fashion in popular culture using oil pastel on translucent vellum.

"My work investigates childhood memories of what it means to be female in Western culture and explores cultural representation of the feminine and the body," wrote Daley in her artist statement.

The Toronto-based artist has been featured at several institutions including The Museum of Contemporary Canadian Art and University of Toronto Art Center. Her work will be included in the 10th Anniversary exhibition *Party* at the New Art Gallery, Walsall, United Kingdom. The exhibit at Cabana Home will be on display through February 26th.

Cabana Home is located at 111 Santa Barbara St. Hours are 10am to 6pm, Mon through Sat. For more information, call 962-0200 or visit www.cabanahome.com.



Melinda and Fari Pakzad, Interior Designers and Ebanista founders, with **Caroline and Steve Thompson**, Cabana Home owners and designers



Carol Sysel, Dr. Doug Sysel, Tina Coffin, and Dwight Coffin