

CREATIVITY IN RESIDENCE: NEW DESIGN STUDIOS NOW OPEN + SET TO FLOURISH AT ADAC

Second Floor Expansion Brings Together Top Design Talent in a Dynamic, Creative Space

ATLANTA: Atlanta Decorative Arts Center (ADAC) is proud to announce that the recently developed **242 Design Studios** are now open and nearly 90% leased. With more than a dozen leading design firms settling into bespoke new offices that reflect their creativity and vision, one more office will be announced shortly, leaving two left to lease. The milestone marks another evolution for ADAC's role as the Southeast's premier design campus—uniting top talent in an environment designed for inspiration, collaboration, and connection.

Announced in 2024, followed by the initial roster of designers unveiled in early 2025, the 12,500-square-foot wing on ADAC's second floor was purpose-built to meet the needs of architects and interior designers. Boasting abundant natural light, shared conference rooms, flexible gathering areas, and an elevated aesthetic, the 242 Design Studios offer a polished home base in the heart of Buckhead's design community.

"Seeing these studios come to life is incredibly rewarding," said Katie Miner, General Manager of ADAC. "Each designer has approached their office as a true reflection of their brand—deeply personalized, welcoming, functional, and inspiring. Together, they create a community of design excellence that strengthens ADAC's position as the region's creative hub."

An official ribbon-cutting event was held on September 10, and photos as well as interviews are available. Now, it's time to explore ADAC's 242 Design Studios community:

Brittany Cason Interior Design | Suite 242F: With more than twenty years of experience designing bespoke residences, Brittany Cason Interior Design is known for layering historically referenced architecture and antiques with modern elements and color. Established in Augusta, where Cason opened her first office, the firm has expanded with a second location at ADAC—connecting Cason more closely to the design hub of the Southeast. The second office at ADAC balances comfort and sophistication, with styled shelves, layered textures, and thoughtful seating arrangements that welcome clients into an elevated, approachable environment. From historic homes in Augusta to new coastal retreats, Cason's interiors feel both fitting and fresh. "We're thrilled to have access to the best resources of the design industry and to be part of the Atlanta design community," says Cason. brittanycasonintdesign.com

Claudia Stimmel Interiors | Suite 242K: Claudia Stimmel Interiors brings a philosophy of "*Simplicity. A Southern Lifestyle*" to both residential and commercial projects, crafting bold interiors that make a statement. At ADAC, Stimmel describes her studio as a creative playground where inspiration and convenience converge. "It's exciting to be surrounded by so many creative designers, and it's also extremely convenient to have all of these wonderful resources down the hall," says Stimmel. simplicityasouthernlifestyle.com

Forbes & Masters | Suite 242I: Acclaimed Atlanta-based design firm Forbes & Masters, led by Tavia Forbes and Monet Masters-Coats, is known for bold, story-rich interiors and product collaborations that honor the past, embrace the future, and defy the expected. Featured in Architectural Digest, House Beautiful, and Essence, the firm's new 450-square-foot ADAC studio reflects its ethos of modern elegance and individuality. With layered textures, a curated materials library, and custom wallcoverings, the space is designed to inspire collaboration. "Joining the ADAC community felt like a natural progression for us," say Forbes and Masters-Coats. forbesmasters.com

Honey Collins Interiors | Suite 242M: Rooted in a Southern upbringing and shaped by years in New England, Honey Collins Interiors creates homes that feel personal and lived-in by mixing timeless antiques with modern details. The nearly 1,000-square-foot ADAC studio is designed like a home itself, filled with collected treasures, curated fabrics, and pieces from their O. Henry House collaboration. "Opening our studio here feels incredibly full circle," says Collins. "After years of designing across New England, I'm thrilled to plant roots back in Atlanta and offer our services throughout the South." honeycollinsinteriors.com

Joy Street Design | Suite 242C: With offices in Atlanta and Oakland, Joy Street Design is nationally recognized for its bold use of color and purpose-driven design. Founded by Kelly Finley, the firm transforms spaces while reinvesting in communities through its nonprofit arm, Joy Street Initiative. At ADAC, Suite 242C captures the brand's joyful spirit with purple ceilings, yellow cabinets, and abstract wallpaper. "ADAC is the best design center in the country, and the opportunity to have an office so close to all these amazing resources has been a dream," says Finley. joystreetdesign.com

Liza Bryan Interiors | Suite 242N: With more than four decades of experience, Liza Bryan Interiors specializes in timeless, classic interiors. Bryan's new light-filled studio at ADAC offers a streamlined and invigorating environment under 700 square feet. "Being at

ADAC means we are just steps away from our favorite showrooms and vendors,” says Bryan. “The sense of community, support, and creativity is unmatched, and we’re so happy to call ADAC our new home.” lizabryan.com

Liz Williams Interiors | Suite 242O: Known for creating layered, livable spaces that blend tradition with modernity, Liz Williams Interiors has opened a 1,000-square-foot studio at ADAC. Designed to reflect the firm’s classic-meets-modern style, the space features soft textures, antiques, and curated details in a relaxed but refined atmosphere. “It’s wonderful to be surrounded by so much talent and creativity every day,” says Williams. “Being part of ADAC feels like a natural fit.” lizwilliamsinteriors.com

Mandy Culpepper Interior Design | Suite 242D, E: Founded in 1991, Mandy Culpepper Interior Design has been shaping interiors across the Southeast for nearly 40 years. Culpepper’s new ADAC studio combines two adjoining spaces selected for their abundant natural light. “I’ve witnessed the changes of ADAC over the years, and Katie and her team are doing a fabulous job to support the design community,” says Culpepper, noting that the firm benefits greatly from the convenience of having so many vendors close at hand. mandyculpepperinteriordesign.com

McKenzie Design | Suite 242Q: Led by Steve McKenzie, McKenzie Design specializes in weaving together aesthetics and functionality to create custom spaces that suit each client’s lifestyle. Their 165-square-foot ADAC studio, anchored by an antique French work table and Louis XV chairs, reflects the firm’s tailored sensibility. “We are thrilled to be part of the ADAC community,” says McKenzie. “It has streamlined our design process with resources at our fingertips, and we enjoy the collegial nature of sharing the Studios with peers we respect.” mckenzieinteriordesign.com

Reiner Design Group | Suite 242B: Reiner Design Group, led by Jennifer Reiner, recently relocated from ADAC’s fifth floor into the new 242 Design Studios. The light-filled space, energized by expansive windows and an open layout, fosters both creativity and collaboration. “This move marks more than a change of scenery—it’s a bold step into a space that mirrors our evolving vision and invigorates our design process,” says Reiner. reinerdg.com

Sande Beck Design | Suite 242G: After 17 years of working from a home-based office, Sande Beck Design has found a new home at ADAC. The 500-square-foot studio is light, airy, and welcoming, reflecting the team’s aesthetic and collaborative spirit. “We are enjoying the support and convenience of ADAC with its vast showrooms, which feel like an extension of our team,” says Beck. sandebeckdesign.com

The House at 396 Interiors | Suite 242H: Founded by Matthew Welden, The House at 396 Interiors is dedicated to storytelling through bespoke, refined interiors. The firm’s new ADAC studio is a curated space for inspiration, discovery, and client collaboration. “We are proud to continue our long relationship with ADAC and their wonderful team,” says Welden. “Collaboration only makes the story better and drives us to offer the best in interior decoration to our clients.” thehouse396.com

Tish Mills Interiors | Suite 242A: After more than a decade on the ADAC campus, Tish Mills Interiors has relocated into the new 242 Design Studios. Known for creating refined, client-driven spaces, proprietor Tish Mills Kirk and her team are excited to begin this next chapter. “I love the convenience, inspiration, and overall support that our studio at ADAC has provided us for more than 18 years,” says Mills. “Moving into the Design Studios allows my team to experience the latest in design right in our own backyard, making the whole building feel like an extension of our office and our work.” tishmillsinteriors.com

ADAC features over 65 unique showrooms and 40 design studios that are open to the public Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Photos, interviews, tours, and additional showroom information are available upon request.

ABOUT ADAC: Built more than 60 years ago by renowned architect and developer John Portman in the prestigious Buckhead community of Atlanta, ADAC (Atlanta Decorative Arts Center) is a community-focused, nationally recognized leader in the world of interior design and home fashion, serving as the essential one-stop shopping resource for interior designers, architects, and builders. In November 2018, ADAC was acquired by ANDMORESM and parent company Blackstone, the world’s largest operator of premier showroom space for the furnishings, home décor, and gift industries. The ADAC campus consists of ADAC and ADAC WEST, three restaurants, The Hungry Peach, KR Steakbar, and Krog Bar – Coal Fired Pizza, and more than 550,000 square feet featuring over 40 design studios and more than 65 showrooms offering over 1,500 of the industry’s finest product lines, including furniture, fabric, rugs, lighting, accessories, floor and wall coverings, antiques, fine art and framing, kitchens, bath, tile, and stone, and home theater products. Likewise, ADAC’s extensive services include custom designs such as framing, electronic systems, and kitchen cabinetry. To learn more about ADAC + ADAC West, visit adacatlanta.com.

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