

SCOTT MITCHELL STUDIO

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**SCOTT MITCHELL OF SCOTT MITCHELL STUDIO AND DENISE KURIGER
HONOR ARCHITECTURAL AND DESIGN MUSES
CHARLES GWATHMEY AND NAOMI LEFF**

**COLLABORATIVE WINDOW DESIGN FOR JONAS
FOR LA CIENEGA DESIGN QUARTER'S *LEGENDS 2015-WHERE MUSES DWELL***

ON VIEW MAY 6-8, 2015

Los Angeles, CA - Scott Mitchell Studio announced today that the firm's founder and designer Scott Mitchell, will design a new window display for *Jonas*, in collaboration with interior designer Denise Kuriger, as part of this year's La Cienega Design Quarter's *LEGENDS*. On view May 6-8, *LEGENDS 2015* invites over fifty-seven designers from around the country to transform the display windows of the shops, galleries and showrooms in the historic design district. *Where Muses Dwell* is this year's overarching motif for the event's seventh annual presentation, for which designers were asked to glean inspiration from the people, places and things that inspire them most as creatives. In keeping with this year's theme of tribute, Mitchell and Kuriger will pay homage to their respective architecture and design muses: the late American architect Charles Gwathmey and the notable, interior designer Naomi Leff.

Drawing inspiration from their respective muses Gwathmey and Leff, Mitchell and Kuriger will honor two passionate and legendary figures of the architecture and design worlds. Gwathmey was one of the five architects identified as part of The New York Five in 1969, and was designer of the 1992 renovation of Frank Lloyd Wright's Guggenheim Museum in New York City. Leff was one of the most influential interior designers of our time, and created elegant spaces for celebrities and retailers like Ralph Lauren, Ferragamo, Gucci, Giorgio Armani and Helena Rubinstein. While Leff

was known for the contemporary reworking of traditional designs, and for her ability to capture almost any era or mood with occasional flourishes of Art Nouveau or Art Deco, Gwathmey maintained a relentless rigor for architectural principle and geometries. Despite two very different ways of approaching each project, the two shared a modernist and minimalist aesthetic, often incorporating warm, subtle color and tactile materials, such as wood and stone. Gwathmey and Leff worked together on some of the most successful West Coast projects in the last thirty years.

In honor of Gwathmey and Leff, Mitchell and Kuriger, who have worked together on projects for some of the same private clients as their muses, recapture, in the windows of Jonas, the spirit of a meaningful architectural and interior design collaboration. By referencing and reinterpreting the iconic spirit, styles and finishes of their muses, they revitalize the enduring legacies of each with a fresh, receptive and modern approach.

ABOUT SCOTT MITCHELL STUDIO

Founded in 1999, Scott Mitchell Studio has developed an extensive portfolio with a commitment to clear and thoughtful design. Scott strives to produce meaningful buildings through a balanced application of Humanist principles and formal tenets, creating honest spaces with a cultivated sensitivity to structure, materiality and light. A graduate of the Southern California Institute of Architecture (SCI-Arc), Scott takes a collaborative approach to each project, intuiting its unique needs and respecting the specificity of its context. Influenced by the work of the late architect Charles Gwathmey, modernist architects Kahn and Schindler, and Richard Meier among his mentors, Scott has spent 20 years refining his practice. <http://scottmitchellstudio.com/>

ABOUT DENISE KURIGER

Just two years into her tenure with 21st century design icon, Naomi Leff, Leff named Kuriger her Director of Interior Design. Subsequently, Denise worked with Victoria Hagan before launching DKD LTD., in 2005. She maintains a formidable roster of clients, and continues to raise the bar for refined, comfortable living. <http://dkdltd.com/>

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