





## CASADECOR'07: Gourmet Garage

When CASADECOR landed on American soil in 2006, the franchise continued a tradition begun in South America in which abandoned buildings were transformed into showhouses: The neglected Miami Woman's Club was turned into a decorative wonderland. This year, CASADECOR's president, Javier Sanjuanbenito, is undertaking an act of disjunction rather than resurrection. CASADECOR'07 is located in a mural-clad parking garage on Biscayne Boulevard not far from the Performing Arts Center.

Strolling among the structure's five stories, visitors will be transported from the usual concrete corridors and ramps to an alternate design universe populated by the renowned likes of Luis Pons and Chad Oppenheim. Each room not only showcases their makers' talents and products, but also their predictions of how tomorrow's homes will look and feel. Oppenheim's Le Jardin Secret, for example, translates the popular rococo aesthetic to an outdoor scene, complete with an ornate fireplace. Meanwhile, the multidisciplinary brothers Doug and Gene Meyer have combined two recent industry trends—a penchant for matte black surfaces and the burgeoning of metallics—into the Neptune Throne Room, which is equal parts austere and flamboyant.

Observant garage-goers will discern trends from this group of forecasts, too. Digital design has filtered into the world of interiors, for instance, evidenced by the ribbon-like walls of Miguel Garcia Caridad's restaurant concept and the curved baseboards in Renata Pfuner and Eduardo Busso's Liquid Mist room. But CASADECOR'07 offers substance as well as style. XO Living's contribution to the event is a demonstration of sustainable design.

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