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reworks home furnishings become available at retail storefront Gallery 3954 in New Orleans

New Orleans natives return with high-end furniture, accessories line

NEW ORLEANS—The distinctive and elegant home furnishings and accessories created by two natives of New Orleans are now available at a new retail location, Gallery 3954.

reworks' founders Chotsie Gregson and Willem Sypesteyn made the life-changing decision to leave their established businesses and homes in New Orleans to move to Austin, Texas following Hurricane Katrina. The duo melded their lifelong passions and experiences in art, design, and architecture to create reworks.

reworks' pieces are described by many— interior designers, colleagues, friends, and clients alike—as welding the classic history of New Orleans to the edgy playfulness of Austin.

Sypesteyn says reworks' expansion into Gallery 3954 is ideal for many reasons. "Not only does it mark our return to the city from which we hail, but it also marks the first time reworks will be featured in the same gallery as my sister, Adele Sypesteyn, who is a renowned painter and world-class artist."

reworks has a collection of its classic and limited edition furnishings including sconces, console tables, pendant lights, and end tables available at Gallery 3954, and Adele Sypesteyn has more than a dozen abstract paintings and installations available there.

"Gallery 3954 is synonymous with our style: elegant, contemporary yet classic, featuring many one-of-a-kind pieces that are treasures to be handed down for generations," says Willem Sypesteyn.

Gallery 3954, located at 3954 Magazine Street, is owned by Kathy Slater and brings to Magazine Street a collection of fine art, lighting, and furniture.

Featured artists and designers include George Marks's fine art, Julie Silvers' fine art and sculpture, Fifi Laughlin's hand blown glass lighting, Kathy Slater's table collection, and a selection of Niermann Weeks lighting and furniture.

"It seemed only natural that reworks would migrate back to its roots in New Orleans, seeing as how its furnishings are so deeply inspired by the Victorian decadence and French architecture of the city," says Slater, owner of Gallery 3954.

"Chotsie and I worked together 25 years ago running an art gallery, so I am also delighted that our business paths have crossed again. We are also thrilled to have reworks joining us for two firsts: the first time their work has been featured in a New Orleans retail venue and Gallery 3954's first time featuring two different artists who happen to be family members," says Slater.

reworks' collections are also available at the Houston retail store Memorial Antiques & Interiors, at their Austin studio workshop by appointment, and at select tours and shows including the famous Round Top Antique Show.

Gallery 3954, 3954 Magazine Street, is open Tuesday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and also available by appointment. reworks' pieces at Gallery 3954 will evolve depending on reworks' show schedule and studio tours.

For real-time updates on reworks news, events, and happenings, visit www.reworks-www.facebook.com/reworksaustin, and follow reworks on Twitter @reworksatx, www.twitter.com/reworksaustin.

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About reworks

reworks, allied Industry Partner of the American Society of Interior Designers, is a company of artisans and craftspeople who design and fabricate furniture, lighting, and home accessories from beautiful and unusual objects sourced from around the world, distinctive raw materials, and architectural remnants. reworks creates custom, high-end classic and limited edition home and commercial furnishings including tables, lighting fixtures, mirrors, and home accessories for select clients including architects and interior designers. reworks' pieces are available through a small number of exclusive retail outlets, select shows such as the Round Top Antiques Show, and through private consultations/appointments at its Austin workshop, 2401 Thornton Road. For more information, please visit www.reworks-works.com or call 512- 330-0825.