



# The Museum of Arts and Design Offers An Array of Beautiful Objects

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The Museum of Arts and Design  
Photo: Eric Scott.



**T**he Museum of Arts and Design (MAD), ([www.madmuseum.org](http://www.madmuseum.org)) is one of my favorite museums in Manhattan. This Museum displays and documents contemporary and historic innovation in craft, art, and design.

MAD is the place to go to see what lurks in the creative minds of those creative visionaries who think outside the proverbial box.

### MAD Has An Ideal Location

MAD is located at 2 Columbus Circle, a small, trapezoidal lot on the south side of Columbus Circle, near West 59th Street, between 7th and 8th Avenues. Located a few steps away from Central Park, the neighborhood is a bustling thoroughfare of tourists and residents alike. I have very fond memories of this area, having once lived nearby on Central Park South, while I attended the Art Students League of New York, on West 57 Street.

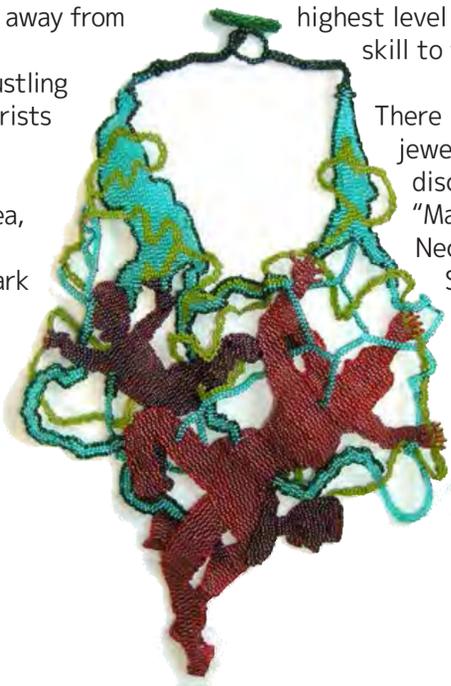
Now, when my friend comes to stay at her pied-à-terre on Central Park South, we always include a visit to MAD.

### MAD Encourages Creativity Across Many Fields

Unlike larger museums in the city, MAD is the perfect size if you want to explore the entire contents of a museum in one visit. You will feel thoroughly satiated and inspired by its array of beautiful and unusual objects.

MAD is known for its encouragement and promotion of contemporary creative individuals across creative fields. It presents talents of artists, designers, and artisans who apply the highest level of ingenuity and skill to their work.

There is always a new jewelry artist to discover. For example, "Maryland to Murano: Necklaces and Sculptures by Joyce J. Scott" is an upcoming exhibition that opens on September 30, 2014.



### Dining at Robert Offers Awe-Inspiring Views

On your visit to MAD, you may want to dine at Robert, a modern American restaurant located on the ninth floor of the Museum. It has extraordinary views of Columbus Circle and Central Park. Here you may enjoy a meal in the dining room or relax with cocktails in the lounge next to a baby grand piano. Hours of operation include: *Brunch (Weekends Only): 11:00 - 3:00; Lunch: Daily: 11:30am - 3:00pm; Small Plates, Drinks and Desserts: 3:00 - 5:30; Dinner: Wed-Sat: 5:30pm - 12:00am; Sun-Mon: 5:30pm - 10:00pm; Tue: 5:30 - 11:00pm.*

**ABOVE**  
Robert, the restaurant located on the 9th floor of the Museum of Arts and Design

**LEFT**  
Joyce J. Scott, *Ribbon Dancers*, 2009, Woven glass beads. Courtesy of Mobilia Gallery, Cambridge, MA

**RIGHT**  
Installation view from 'NYC Makers: The MAD Biennial' opening night, June 30, 2014. Photo by Gulshan Kirat



**View Unique Designs of Ordinary Objects**

Exhibits and collections at MAD may make you think about how everyday common objects, such as silverware, vases, jewelry, and furniture are designed.

They may raise your awareness about form and function and the creative mind of the designer behind them. Your visit may even inspire you to go home and upcycle an old chair with a new surprising fabric or recompose and modernize a vintage piece of jewelry.

**The MAD Biennial is A New Exhibition**

In July 2014, MAD opened NYC Makers: The MAD Biennial, a diverse exhibition that showcases work of approximately 100 highly inventive individuals who create objects or environments that shape our everyday lives. The exhibition runs through October 12, 2014.

This exhibition displays exquisite workmanship and skill by artisans, artists and designers, as well as those who operate behind the scenes.

Many special events are planned throughout the duration of the exhibition, including fashion shows, performances, social practice projects, and culinary explorations.

Support for NYC Makers: The MAD Biennial is provided by Autodesk; AlixPartners; Jack and Shirley Silver; Zabar's; Tiffany & Co.; Dan Greenberg and Susan Steinhauer; Goldman Sonnenfeldt Foundation; Siegelson, New York; Ken Spitzbard; and Jill Bokor and Sanford Smith. In-kind support for the exhibition has generously been provided by Maharam. Additional thanks to KLM Royal Dutch Airlines, the official airline of MAD.

**How The Artists Were Selected**

Participating artists in this exhibition were nominated by a pool of over 300 New York City-based cultural leaders and civic figures from a range of trades and disciplines, including museum curators, choreographers, academics, chefs, musicians, and journalists.

The final participants were selected by a jury led by Glenn Adamson, Director of MAD, and Jake Yuzna, curator of the exhibition.

**Visit The Store**

A trip to MAD would not be complete

without browsing in its museum shop. The "Store" offers a plethora of design objects, jewelry, home and fashion accessories. They make interesting gifts or a token reminder of your unique visit.

**Visit The Artists' Studios**

Another outstanding feature of the museum is the placement of Artist Studios, on the 6th floor. This area has been designed as an educational space to stimulate dialogue among artists, designers, and the public. Visitors are welcome to talk to artists and observe as they work on their projects. Hours are Tuesday - Sunday: 10:00 am - 1:30 pm & 2:30 pm - 5:00 pm; Thursday and Friday: 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm.

**Artists May Submit Their Art**

Artists, artisans and designers may submit their art work to the Museum. Visit the FAQ page of the Museum's website to obtain detailed submission requirements.

**Museum of Arts and Design**

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Hours of the Museum of Arts and Design are: Tues to Sun from 10am to 6pm; Thurs and Fri from 10am to 9pm. Closed Mon and major holidays.



ABOVE  
Teaset "Victoria" no. 12, 2008,  
Porcelain. Museum purchase with  
funds provided by the Howard Kottler  
Endowment for Ceramic Art, 2008  
Photo: Matthew J. Cox

Museum of Arts and Design.  
Photo: Eric Scott