

Press Release

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Hotel Bel-Air welcomes internationally-renowned collage artist Derek Gores



The month-long exhibition - now extended through March 29 - features unique pieces inspired by the legendary hotel and its rich history throughout the hotel's public space, and exclusive workshops where guests will have the opportunity to create their own pieces directly with Derek.

Best known for his unique collages where he recycles magazines, maps, data and more in his lush portraits on canvas. The balance of detail and playfulness in each piece reveals Gores' knack for discovery and for building seemingly endless puzzles into his works. Rearranging the scraps, he is able to form a sort of surrealist image, where from afar a nearly photo-realistic image comes into focus. However, as the viewer gets near, the small scraps reveal themselves to be other pictures, song lyrics, charts, patterns and more, and sweep your attention away down a new rabbit hole. His subjects feel both classic and modern; strong women building their own stories on the canvas, filled with the details of travel, curiosity, and luxury for all the senses.

"With a style that honors the timeless sophistication and creative spirit of Hotel Bel-Air, we are thrilled to have Derek Gores tell the visual story of the hotel and share his unique talent with our guests," says Denise Flanders, General Manager. "This is the first time the hotel has hosted an artist in residence, and we are incredibly excited to have him as our partner."

The exhibition runs from February 6 – March 29 and highlights a carefully selected collection of pieces curated for the hotel. For more information, please visit: <https://www.dorchestercollection.com/en/los-angeles/hotel-bel-air/>.

After two successful workshops held at the hotel, a final collage class has been added and is open to guests and non-guests alike:

Champagne and Collage Class

March 29th from 2 to 4pm

\$95 per person, including Champagne and Afternoon Tea bites

Allows guests the opportunity to express themselves through paper collage led by expert Derek Gores. Learn the tips and tricks to creating your own beautiful work of art, all while enjoying afternoon tea-inspired sandwiches and sweet treats. Those looking for inspiration may find it sparked with a glass of champagne or our fresh iced tea.

No drawing experience required. Spaces are limited.

Reservations: <https://www.exploretock.com/wolfgangpuckbelair/event/104184/derek-gores-champagne-and-collage-class>

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