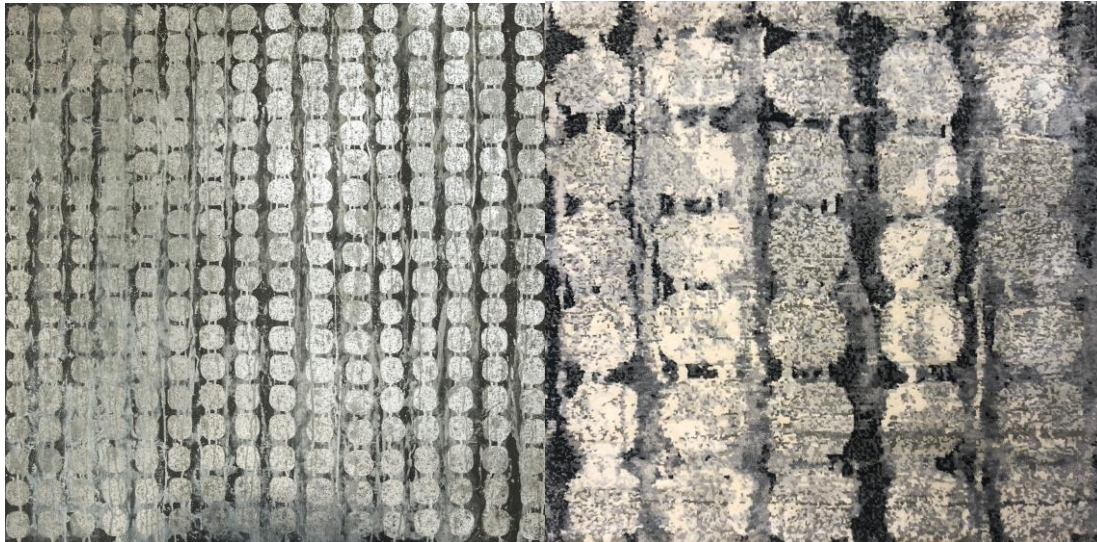


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TOPFLOOR By ESTI PREVIEWS A NEW ARTISTIC COLLABORATION: MUSE COLLECTION



Original work by Nicolas Galtier

Money Plant rug detail

Topfloor by Esti, the Design Centre Chelsea Harbour-based luxury rug and carpet atelier have partnered with Nicolas Galtier, the celebrated French abstract artist to develop a new rug collection called 'MUSE'.

'MUSE' will be a series of limited edition hand-knotted rugs based on some of Galtier's mesmerizing work. The transition from canvas to carpet has been the work of Esti Barnes, an internationally-recognized multi award-winning rug designer in her own right.

Based in the coastal village of Leucate in south west France, Galtier's work draws on the light and colour of his birthplace. He shares his time between France and Italy where he sources the special canvas and gold and silver leaf which form an essential part of his creations.

Each piece is the result of meticulous artistry combining layers of intricate, often mystical, repetitive patterns with colour and reflective surfaces. The viewer is drawn into the paintings which have an almost ethereal quality combining references to different moments in time and space.

The techniques used in the paintings, though comparable in complexity to the painstaking process of hand-knotting, have made the journey from the original art work to rug particularly challenging.

Topfloor by Esti will preview the collaboration at an open session on Monday 15 September at 12:30 in their showroom at Design Centre Chelsea Harbour. Nicolas Galtier will be in attendance to show examples of his work and some of the early results of the collaboration.



Frost rug detail

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About TOPFLOOR by Esti

TOPFLOOR by Esti is one of the UK's leading hand-made rug companies founded in 1998. Bridging the gap between floor covering and artwork, their distinctive designs combine the highest quality materials and craftsmanship with innovative techniques to create statement pieces.

Born in Istanbul, founder Esti Barnes studied at the School of Applied fine arts and after running a number of fashion and interior businesses set up **TOPFLOOR by Esti** in London. Her designs have received many international awards over the years, including the Elle Decoration's British Design of the Year and twice Interior Design Magazine's Best of Year award in the USA and more.

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