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the rising stars of IDS08



Keep your eyes on these recent grads from Canadian design schools. They're making waves at this year's Interior Design Show in Toronto.

**1 Rob Southcott** home base Toronto the buzz Finalist, German Design Council's Inspired by Cologne Young Designers Showcase, IMM Furniture Fair, Germany, 2005; Installation, Come Up To My Room: Gladstone Hotel's Annual Alternative Design Exhibition, Toronto, 2006 and 2007 the look Unique and emotionally charged creations that embrace a sculptural aesthetic. Rob's United We Stand birch bench ingeniously weaves the elongated backs of four chairs into instant icon status. in his words "My work is a reflection of daily life. I'm influenced and inspired by the power and grace of the world around us." ROB SOUTHCOTT, TORONTO, 905-691-2982; ROBSOUTHCOTT.COM.

**2 Jennifer Graham** home base Stratford, Ont. the buzz Best Collection Studio North, Interior Design Show 2007, with Vest Collective; Best in Show, Distill Gallery's Distill Cup, Toronto, 2007; On the Table exhibit, Gardiner Museum, Toronto, 2007 the look Trad meets rad. Jennifer uses textiles, delicate laces and intricate embroideries to emboss surfaces and create texture on studio-made porcelain objects, giving the pieces a bold and contemporary spin. Her Gravity Bowls present a striking contrast of satin-sleek finish and raw lip. in her words "My pieces reflect a sense of both production-line and handmade ceramics." JENNIFER GRAHAM, STRATFORD, ONT., 519-271-0216; JENNIFERSGRAHAM.COM.

**3 Palette Industries (Nathan Tremblay, Samuel Ho and Ian Campana)** home base Calgary the buzz Placed third in UNESCO/Design 21 Social Design Network's Heated Issue competition, 2007 the look Thought-provoking designs that place equal emphasis on form, function and playful subversiveness. Palette's Pizzico Espresso Cups are an artful interpretation of an everyday object. in their words "Whether it be rock-star designers, politicians, environmentalists, or students just cutting their teeth, we look up to those who strive to better themselves and the world, staying open-minded and receptive to the unknown." PALETTE INDUSTRIES, CALGARY, 403-775-3382; PALETTEINDUSTRIES.COM. ○

THE INTERIOR DESIGN SHOW RUNS FROM FEB. 21 TO 24 IN TORONTO. GO TO INTERIORDESIGNSHOW.COM FOR INFO.