

# Resin-a-ting Art

by SG Lee

Artists create form and function with resin

**G**ino Palladini's studies took him from Fine Arts at the School of Art & Design of the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts to Music at Concordia University and Percussion at The Toronto Percussion School, winding up with Industrial Design at the Emily Carr Institute in Vancouver.

In 1997 Gino founded the *Janus Art and Design Group*, a multidisciplinary design firm and in 1998 he was awarded the Entrepreneur of the Year Award in Vancouver. His current work ranges from photography to furniture design to restaurant interiors. When designing restaurants, Janus designs everything: interiors, menus, furniture, and will even suggest what type of music should be played!

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North Vancouver's Tony Kristopaitis, another graduate of the Emily Carr Institute, creates paintings, drawings, and resin art. Of the latter he says, "My affinity for working in resin is because the nature of resin lends itself to elastic shapes that can bend or mould to fit any form. There is a warmth to the touch, unlike glass or metal, which works well as a functional medium such as various counter, table-tops and chandeliers. Resin's translucent nature plays with the surrounding light enabling the dynamic of the form to continuously change depending on the time of day."

Tony's company, *TKO Resinworks*, produces customized applications for both residential and commercial uses. A favourite recent commission is the new chandelier at Vancouver's Salt Lick Restaurant. Chandeliers, according to Tony "act as jewellery to the space evoking splendour and awe."

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Top - Custom-built solarium and resin breakfast table in North Vancouver home, by Gino.

Right - 3d wall mural at Tamarind Restaurant by Gino.



Bottom left - Resin breakfast table with resin plates between each turning and maple wood base by Gino.

Bottom right - Resin dining table with iron base, resin fruit plate and resin artwork in North Vancouver home, by Tony.

