

For immediate release:
ORTIZ HERNANDEZ STUDIO
ART + DESIGN

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Booth 0981



Gloria Ortiz-Hernandez is Colombian-born, and her work as an artist and sculptor can be found in many private collections internationally as well as in the permanent collections of a number of institutions including: **The Museum of Modern Art**, New York, NY, **The Fogg Museum at Harvard University Art Museums**, Cambridge, MA, Morgan Library, New York, NY, The Museum of Fine Arts and The Menil Drawing Institute and Study Center, Houston, TX, The Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA, The Balon Art Collection, London, England.

A shared aesthetic is evident among Ortiz-Hernandez's sculpture and drawings and her new furniture design work as well.

With this new collection, the designs emerge as direct drawings, the intimate, creative work of the mind, and heart, and hand. Mass, weight, balance, proportion, line, restraint—these fundamental concerns underlie all her work.

Each work of art, each unique, made-to-order designed object, reflects the same rigor and warmth.

Economy of means, fidelity to materials, clarity of line, and uncompromising commitment to detail—it is upon these principles that she bases her work.

The materials she employs—steel with a warm and durable patina, wood, and glass—retain their voice. As an artist, and as a designer, Ortiz-Hernandez enables their qualities to emerge.

Most of her pieces combine hardwoods and cold-rolled steel. It took two years of intense experimentation to arrive at a patina for the cold-rolled steel that has depth, warmth, beauty, high resistance to abrasion, and extreme durability. This is paired with the quiet drama of a number of hardwoods that are finished with a special hand-rubbed oil patina that needs no wax or further maintenance.

The console series is available in a number of hardwoods, including walnut, cherry, ash, mahogany, white and red oak, and others. Each piece is unique, and made-to-order. The table tops can also be

fabricated in clear or translucent glass. The Ortiz-Hernandez Studio will work with designers to customize any design.

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