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Maude Décor Summits the Stars with Spring 2008 Launch

After five years of flooring the design world with her colourful creations, Vancouver designer Patricia Baun is stepping to new heights with a pair of bold new spring 2008 collections: Famous Canadian Mountains and Star Quest.

Energetic and eclectic, Baun revived an ancient art form when she launched the first of her hand-painted, custom canvas floor rug collections in 2002. Under the banner of Maude Décor, she has brought a face-lift to floors and walls alike with each new signature collection since.

To launch the 2008 Maude Décor collections, Baun took her imagination to new heights, to celebrated summits (Famous Canadian Mountains) and into the night sky (Star Quest).

In the Famous Canadian Mountain series is a line that soars to new aeries of perspective, colourfully capturing the contours of some of the country's most recognizable ranges. In bringing the topography of Mount Logan, Mount Tremblant and Three Sisters to canvas (among others), Baun has scaled each peak in a style completely her own. Bringing the mightiest features of Canada's landscape down to earth, the Famous Canadian Mountain collection speaks to the explorer within us all. Rarely, if ever, has topography has been rendered in such an illustrative and functional format.

The second 2008 Maude Décor collection goes to greater heights yet, into the great beyond of the skies above. Born of a simple desire to rekindle our fascination with the constellations, the Star Quest series takes as inspiration a famous, if little known, cast of characters: Andromeda, Orion, Scorpius, Draco, Pisces, Aquarius, Hydra and Ursa Major. As above, so below, the elemental architecture of the heavenly bodies is maintained with the added grace of the colour and whimsy that has marked so much of Maude Décor's creative work.

Boldly going where no canvas floor rug creators have gone before, Maude Décor has evolved continuously since its inception. Whether playing with the patterns found in falling rain, fields of grass, the alphabet or urban grids, each of the previously launched collections have taken an age-old tradition in fresh directions. Ever conscious of colour and always with the aim of energizing the space in which we live, the ambitious 2008 collections are much in keeping with Maude Décor's eclectic ethos.

Both the Famous Canadian Mountain and Star Quest series will be officially launched at the Interior Design Show in Toronto, running February 21-24, 2008.

Maude Décor's previous creations have been profiled in *Azure Magazine*, *Dwell*, *Elle Décor*, *Architectural Digest*, *Interior Design*, *The Toronto Star*, *The Globe and Mail*, *Canadian House and Home* and *The Georgia Straight*.

For a preview of both the Famous Canadian Mountain and Star Quest series visit

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