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## Willem Racké teams up with Susan Chastain at the 2015 San Francisco Decorator Showcase

San Francisco, CA - Noted decorative artist, Willem Racké has teamed up with Susan Chastain, designer and fabricator of interior soft furnishings to create Karter's Krash Pad, a room designed for a teenage boy at the 2015 San Francisco Decorator Showcase.

The room concept embodies Karter's casual, hip, sophistication; dramatic gloss lacquer walls by Willem Racké and custom bed and window treatments by Susan Chastain are complemented by Almond Hartzog's midcentury desk, vintage chairs and lighting. Art is by San Francisco artist, Rex Ray. The custom platform bed is outfitted with Le Lievre ribbed chenilles, bolsters covered in velveteen by Jean Paul Gaultier for Stark fabrics, faux chinchilla by Robert Allen. The roman shades are fabricated in embroidered and appliqued wool sheer by Holland and Sherry

Willem's wall finish sets the mood and palette for the room, inspired by earth's strata with vertical gradient color executed in high gloss lacquer in shades of gray, turquoise and white complemented by ceiling in Venetian plaster.

Susan Chastain complements Willem's color scheme with a revved-up vintage/ retro theme for the soft goods with 3d effect prints and base color fabrics in blue and turquoises.

Almond Hartzog's furniture adds a midcentury aesthetic; a rosewood desk is by noted American furniture designer, Milo Baughman c.1969. Paired with a chair by Arne Jacobsen c.1955 and a Theo Ruth Penguin lounge chair. Mid century Lighting by Sven Middleboe and Matteo Thun complete the room's plan.

Willem and Susan have partnered for several showcases over the years: 2002, 2004, 2006, and 2007. They have well-matched aesthetics and great collaborative design chemistry, producing beautiful rooms for the showcases.

Willem has also created finishes for other designers in this year's showcase:  
A Metal Leaf ceiling in the Bridge Room for Jute Home

A painted mannequin for the Gentleman's Lounge for Eche Martinez

Additional photos and renderings are available by request

2015 Decorator Showcase runs Saturday, April 25 – May 25<sup>th</sup> 2015  
3630 Jackson Street Presidio Heights, San Francisco



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Furniture | lighting | art | Almond Hartzog [www.almondhartzog.com](http://www.almondhartzog.com)

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#### *About Willem Racké*

Willem's love for great design and excellence in his craft make him stand out as an arbiter of taste. Willem has a long history in the art of the painted finish, beginning in Manhattan where he assisted a noted finish artisan. In New York, He had the opportunity to work on exclusive, cutting edge residential and commercial projects, Willem established his decorative arts studio in San Francisco to offer bespoke artisanal finishes to the design trade. Willem is a master of period finishes; he has a great talent for interpreting traditional techniques with a contemporary perspective, suited to today's sense of style and design. Willem focuses on aesthetic collaboration with interior designers, architects and clients.

Willem's work has been profiled in the Wall street Journal and featured in major interior design magazines and books including C magazine, T Magazine New York Times, California Home and Design, San Francisco Cottages and Gardens and Luxe

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#### *About Susan Chastain*

Susan has been working in the field of design, with an emphasis on soft furnishings since 1985. Couture level sewing with dressmaker details are her signature style. Susan designs and manufactures exquisite bedding and window treatments, bringing a true expression of the craft to her work.

Her start with the 1988 San Francisco Decorator showcase began with a beautiful baby's nursery, which was extensively featured in the press. Susan has participated in every Decorator Showcase every year since, often collaborating with Willem Racké on several jewel box rooms and fabricating soft furnishings for many talented local designers. Susan's work has been featured in many books and magazines, including House Beautiful, House & Garden, Elle Décor, and Southern Accents

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