

# DaDe Art & Design Lab

Unique  
Design  
Concepts

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**L**ocated in Calgary's trendy Inglewood, *DaDe ART & DESIGN LAB* bring forth their unique design concepts. Co-owned by Darcy Lundgren, who has been designing high-end residential since 1992, and interior and commercial design since 2009, Lundgren is now *DaDe's* creative director. Teamed with Greg Fraser as *DaDe's* General Manager and Danielle Bartlette, artist and Artistic Director, they provide innovative creations to enhance any living space. Offering a complete range of products, such as furniture and art by both local and international artists ranging from \$200 - \$20,000.

The gallery is set up exhibition style and can stage as many as 15 artists at any given time. The artwork found here use mediums such as metal sculptures, silverworks, and blown glass, just to name a few. Opening in only 2009, *DaDe* has moved locations two times in two years. Their current location, a 3000 square foot space, is set with 3 garage doors that really add to this one-of-a kind building.

*DaDe's* clientele are just as unique as the products they offer. There does not seem to be a common thread amongst *DaDe's* users, other than a love for aesthetically pleasing décor.

Happy customers are the best form of promotion, and word of mouth advertising really boosts this gallery. Fortunately for shoppers, *DaDe* opened their doors to the public just as many local furniture stores were closing theirs. This was a big risk, but thus far seemingly a worthwhile one, considering their continuing success.

*DaDe's* services include: art, design and décor consultations, research and concept development for residential floor planning, and exterior elevations, along with design development and space planning, graphic presentations, and art rendering, which use color and material palates to produce specifications, sketches and/or technical drawings for their clients. They can also design or remodel kitchens, bathrooms and office space, and they offer custom furniture and mill works. In addition to their extensive list of services they also offer home staging and styling and special events. Their past work includes trade shows, media events, fashion shows, weddings and dinner parties, decorating for model suites, private residences, and working with realtors, magazines, and individual home owners.

Just when you thought it could not get any better, *DaDe* brings another avenue of art; that being the art of fashion.





*DaDe* currently carries her collection “La Risurrezione: Dalla Scura alla Luce”, which translates in Italian to “the resurrection from the dark to the light”. The line can be viewed in *DaDe’s* gallery as well as on their website, [www.dadeartanddesignlab.com](http://www.dadeartanddesignlab.com). They also carry custom one-of-a-kind, made-to-measure leather, outerwear, vests, and other fashion pieces created right here in Calgary by *DaDe’s* own Darcy Lundgren, and William Lewis, who was featured earlier this year in *FASHION Magazine*.

Not only are they available as space for rent for events and event planners, but also home decorators, fashion and art retailers and interior designers. *DaDe’s* got it covered. . It seems that the sky is the limit here with *DaDe* so what can they do for you? Or maybe a better question its what can't these guys do?! (S)

Beginning September 10th the gallery will also host the apparel of Fashion Institute of Technology NY graduate, Lauren Bagliore. She has worked with the *Houses of Vivienne Westwood, Zac Posen, LIBERTINE*, and Canada’s own *Paul Hardy*. Best described by the designer herself, Laura states:

“I love creating edgy, fashion-forward designs and clothes that are beautifully draped and wonderfully cut,” she says. “I want women to feel sexy and unique, but also comfortable in my clothes.”

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