

Design of the Times

Queens goes green, photographers find a new Playground and Hiroshi Sugimoto celebrates sculptural fashion

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The structure is the first new building in Gotham to qualify for the highest national standard of sustainability, the platinum LEED rating. Featuring three roofs, each of which functions in its own eco-friendly way to generate energy, recycle water and reduce waste, the project is perhaps the best reason to visit the area since the '64 World's Fair. queensbotanical.org

02 KYOTO CALLING West Coast japanophiles, take note: Through January 6th, the Asian Art Museum in San Francisco will present "Stylized Sculpture: Contemporary Japanese Fashion from the Kyoto Costume Institute." Curated by renowned photographer Hiroshi Sugimoto, the exhibition features 21 garments



been illuminating the industry with his genre-bending products and installations for over 40 years. It's only fitting then that the maestro is the subject of the first major exhibition by a living artist in over a decade at the Cooper Hewitt National Design Museum in New York, on view until January. Monumental in changing the public's perception of what lighting can be, Maurer created a dozen new works specifically for the show. cooperhewitt.org

04 CALIFORNICATION If Guess by Marciano had a younger, laid-back brother who spent his days chilling in Laguna Beach, he'd be G by Guess, the new casual concept line from that mainstay of



05 GAME PADS Considering how much time we spend in virtual worlds nowadays, we're shocked it took this long for something like the First Annual Second Life Architecture Competition to take place. While designing structures without regard to real-life restrictions – not to mention physics – may seem like an exercise in pure fantasy, the winners selected by a panel of real-world experts shouldn't be taken lightly. After all, one day soon we'll all be spending more time online than off. sl-award.com

06 SWING SETS In the tradition of Visionaire and other such unbound, fashion-based publishing ventures comes Playground, a limited-edition set of

edge publishing and edition design never go out of style. theplaygroundisfun.com

07 PLUGGED IN On view until November 19th, the largest collection of pieces from late 20th-century French sculptor Yonel Lebovici will be on display at "Lebovici," an exhibition at furniture gallery Maison Gerard in New York. Lebovici was known for elevating mundane objects into out-of-scale works of art and furniture, all with a whimsical touch, like his two-foot Fiche Mâle (1977, pictured), where a lamp is realized in the shape of a common electric plug, with the prongs acting as bulbs. Rauschenberg, eat your heart out. maison Gerard.com DR