



Architectural Digest Home Show 2011 brings designer furniture, interior design tips, kitchen remodeling ideas and more to Pier 94 in New York through March 20

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The Center City lounge chair and ottoman by **Wren & Cooper**, a Pennsylvania furniture maker who will be among exhibitors at the Architectural Digest Home Show.

If spring calls for a home makeover, a trip to New York for this weekend's **Architectural Digest Home Show** just might be in order.

Showcasing furnishings, fixtures, fabrics, appliances, accessories and more from at least 300 brands, the show runs through Sunday at Pier 94, with an exclusive preview today. Visitors, including design professionals and consumers, are likely to find inspiration of all sorts while surveying displays spread over more than 110,000 square feet.

Comfortable shoes are in order for this show, which also has a 1,600-square-foot model apartment installation featuring an eco-friendly **Valcucine** kitchen, **Ligne Roset** furnishings and **Listone Girodano** flooring among its various high-end appointments.

So much to navigate on your own? Guided tours will be offered at 1 p.m., 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. tomorrow through Sunday. And unlike most home furnishings industry shows, which limit buying to retailers and the design trade, the Architectural Digest Home Show allows style-minded consumers to buy and place orders from its exhibitors.



Queen of the Jungle by Serge Strosberg, among artists whose work will be offered at The Artist Project New York 2011

The \$25 admission charge (\$95 for today's preview) includes free one-on-one consultations with designers, and access to seminars on topics ranging from residential architecture to small-space living to the effect of color on interior design. Another bonus is admission to **The Artist Project New York**, a Pier 92 show and sale of contemporary fine art by more than 150 unrepresented international artists.

Food lovers will be delighted with cooking demonstrations by restaurant chefs from Aquavit, Bar Basque, Eataly, Junoon, Print and others. Additionally, the ticket in is good for free admission to **Dining By Design New York**, running concurrently at Pier 94. There, visitors can sample culinary treats from some of New York's hottest restaurants and gourmet food purveyors amid dazzling displays of design for dining.

Interior designers, architects and VIPs attending today's preview can catch a glimpse of celebrity editor Margaret Russell, who is in her first year at the helm of **Architectural Digest magazine** following a 21-year career at Elle Decor. Russell will make the show's keynote presentation at 4 p.m. today.

Tickets purchased online at archdigesthomeshow.com come with a free one-year subscription to Architectural Digest. Show hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. today through Saturday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. **Pier 94** is at 55 Street and West Side Highway.

For more information, including an exhibitor list and schedule of seminars, visit archdigesthomeshow.com.