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Sophia Salaman chooses the best merchandise and events worldwide

- With a far-reaching influence on architecture and landscapes that can still be seen today, and a current Royal Academy exhibition Andrea Palladio: His Life and Legacy celebrating his 500th anniversary, there can be little doubt that Palladio is as relevant now as he was in the 16th century. For elegant Palladian-style pavilions or romantic Italianate temples, look no further than Haddonstone, the UK's leading manufacturer of cast-stone landscape ornaments. Its collection ranges from fountains to columns and statuary. Ring 01604 770711, or visit haddonstone.com.
- From 8 to 16 May, Robert Young Antiques is holding its tenth annual exhibition of British and European Antique Folk Art, including hand-carved and painted decoy birds; blacksmith-made, hand-painted weather vanes; fabrics; decorated wooden utensils; and farmhouse furniture. The pieces are original, authentic and unique, and command their own space, but live easily next to modern art and traditional furnishings alike. Robert Young Antiques, 68 Battersea Bridge Rd, London SW11 (020 7228 7847; robertyoungantiques.com).
- For its spring/summer 2009 fine jewellery collection, Chanel took inspiration from the glittering lights of Paris, the gilded Byzantine mosaics of San Marco in Venice and beyond. Bracelets, rings and necklaces set in gold, opals, aquamarines and tourmalines create an abundance of vibrant colour, while the lavishness of the Baroque period is captured in citrines, peridots and black ceramic. Chanel Fine Jewellery, 173 New Bond St, London W1 (020 7499 0005; chanel.com).
- Luxury interior and exterior specialist Evitavonni is committed to providing a complete vision for the home. From its Surrey base, its design team provides a personalised service, meeting with each client for an initial consultation and then managing the project to completion. The designers have carefully sourced an impressive collection of internationally renowned brands and iconic own-brand pieces to create the Evitavonni Lifestyle Gallery—the space where the team also works with clients to bring their ideas to life. Ring 0800 130 3180, or visit evitavonni.co.uk.

- The annual Product Innovation Awards was hosted by Wools of New Zealand at Domotex 2009 this year, and Turkish carpet company Stepevi won the coveted Rug Design Award. The winning piece was the firm's 'Mienterra' rug from its 'Deep' collection. Like the other cut, textured and woven rugs in this range, the 'Mienterra' was made using Stepevi's Variable Surface Technology this means that its deep pattern appears to change as light and shadow move round it. Stepevi, 274 King's Rd, London SW3 (020 7376 7574; stepcarpet.com).
- In Anna Casa Interiors, owner and director Anna Dodonova has created one of the largest displays of Reflex/Angelo furniture outside Italy. Her firm also offers furniture from other renowned brands, such as Mimo, Creazioni and Gurian. Anna predicts that craftsmanmade pieces will be a key trend for 2009, as her clients increasingly want authentic furniture with personality. Anna Casa Interiors, Design Centre Chelsea Harbour, London SW10 (020 7352 8353; annacasa.net).
- For spring, De Beers has created three delicate and colourful matchbands white diamonds shimmer in white gold; yellow diamonds dazzle in yellow gold; and pink diamonds sparkle in rose gold costing from £1,400. With more than a hundred years of experience, De Beers ensures that its diamonds are truly exceptional and that each one has just the right proportion of 'fire', 'life' and 'brilliance'. Fire is the profusion of colours that a wellcut diamond creates, life is the flash of light a stone gives off when it moves and brilliance is the brightness of the stone. De Beers, 50 Old Bond St, London W1 (020 7758 9700; debeers.com).
- Pierre Frey takes great pleasure in announcing the exclusive distribution of Taillardat in the UK. Founded in 1987 by Micheline Taillardat who, over the past 20 years, has been president and creative director the company creates furniture inspired by 18th-century French designs. The collection, produced in Orléans, is made traditionally and there are more than 3,000 designs to choose from, although they can also be custom-made. Pierre Frey, 251-253 Fulham Rd, London SW3 (020 7376 5599; pierrefrey.com) ■





From top: domed Classical temple from Haddonstone; The Larder Shelf, c1840, at Robert Young Antiques; Chanel's 'Premiere Onyx' bracelet; an Evitavonni armchair and throw;





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