



CHRISTIANE MILLINGER 2024 *The Souvenir Edition*



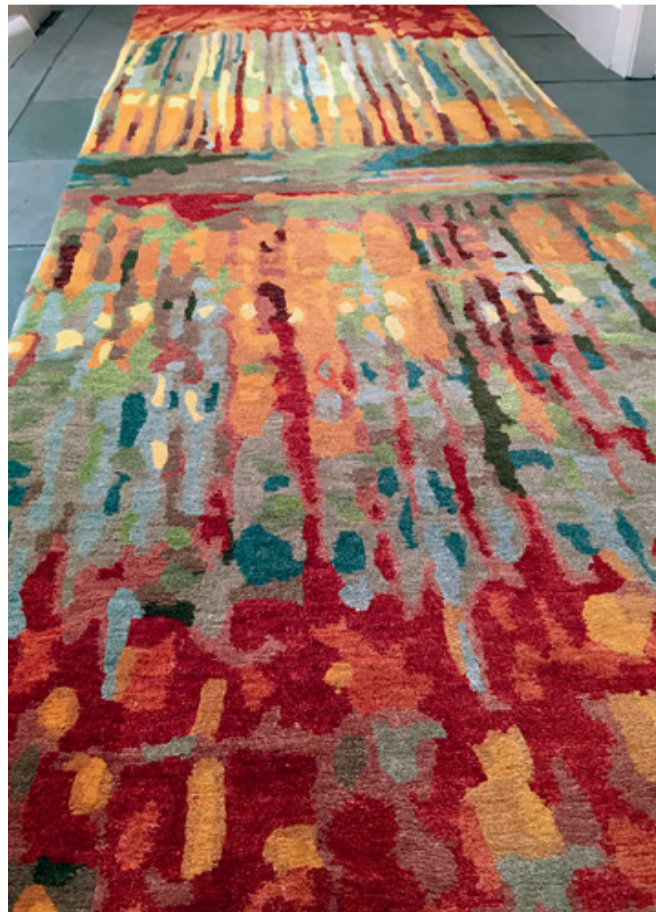
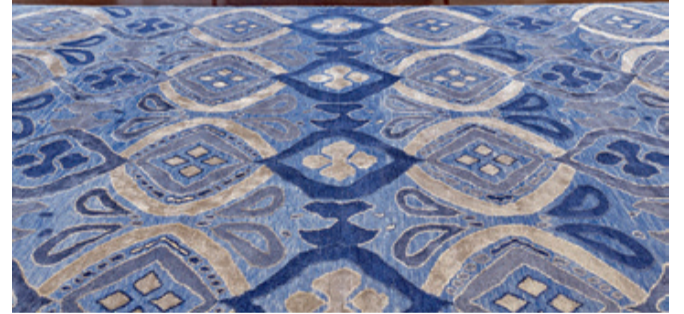
Staying true to the dream...

...to put art on your floor

Buying a fine handmade rug made by a master artisan is like buying art. It has to capture you, to hold your senses. To fill your eyes with its colors and patterns, your hands and feet with its texture, weave and pile. It needs to fit your life and aesthetics, to tell the story you want in your home or office. To be the masterpiece that makes you happy each day, that you love to walk across barefooted or recline on by a fire. The rug your kids or grandkids will giggle and play on. The rug that's a joy to you.

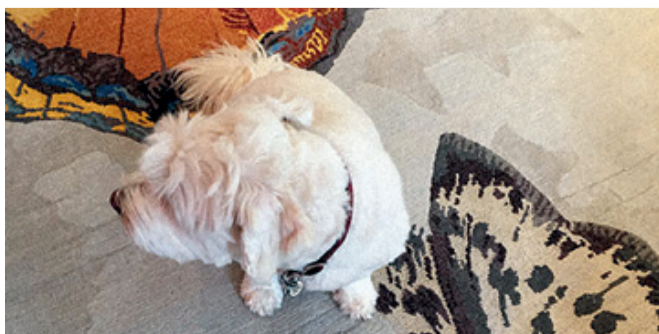
Finding the perfect rug is an exciting adventure, not a shopping trip. We delight in guiding you on that voyage through a world of fabrics, textures, weaves, of unique designs and colors and the scent of lanolin, until your eyes light up and we all know we've arrived. That's why we stock an eclectic selection of the finest rugs, from intricate traditional to abstract modern, from evocative to whimsical, including four exclusive lines from top global rug designers. That's why we work with master artisans around the world to create custom rugs for your unique vision. That's why we're here. So you can discover the perfect rug for you.

“This shop is one of Portland's treasures.”





For local clients, we offer in-home consultation and 3-day trials as well as free delivery and pad installation.



At home on Portland's floors for 24 years...

Christiane tells her story

When I opened my own shop 24 years ago, full of youth and optimism, I could have not imagined the road ahead.

What a stylish shop it was! There in the brand new Wieden and Kennedy building. One of the very first old warehouses newly refurbished by Allied Works. The Pearl in the early 2000s was beyond fun. Sizzling with excitement as a new neighborhood emerged. Bob Gerding, along with his business partner Mark Edlen, developers of the Brewery Blocks, mentored and supported me with kind words, encouragement, and a belief that together we were creating something new and exciting in Portland. Hanging out at Blue Hour on my dock was nothing short of legendary in those days.

As a young, strong businesswoman, armed with knowledge about rugs and textiles (plus the goodwill of the world's best rug makers) I diligently curated a uniquely Pacific Northwest-centric rug collection, pouring my heart and soul into selecting each piece. I had the time of my life. I was living the American dream, beaming with pride and joy about working with such amazing clients and working in a field full of creativity and beauty.

By 2005, in an effort to balance the raising of my two daughters and being a businessperson, I partnered with another local business. It didn't work out. I was heartbroken.

After some very deep soul searching (and a big portion of humble pie), I started my business up again with the support of my caring husband, Anton. Going into my 12th year in our wonderful NW Lovejoy gallery, I am surrounded by beauty and inspired by creativity. And like many parents these days, I manage to balance raising my awesome daughters along with meaningful work with my beloved clients, and perhaps my experiences in 2005 prepared me in some ways to stay true to my dream, despite the last few years that have tested all of us like none before.

Now 24 years on, I keep learning new things—about rugs, textiles, my community, human interaction, style, and architecture. It is not an easy task to run a small business, but like millions of other American idealists, I would not want to do anything else!

FROM AUSTRIA TO THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST



“Being in your shop felt connected, refreshing and fun! Thank you for sharing your deep knowledge and passion—I will never look at a rug the same way.”



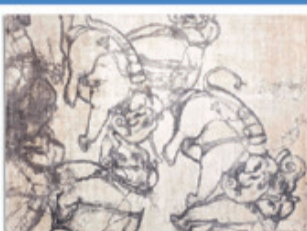
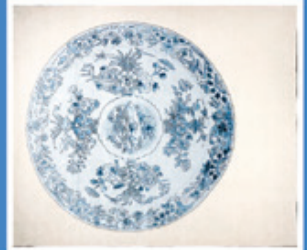
**PUT SOME SOUL
ON YOUR FLOOR**
CHRISTIANE MILLINGER HANDMADE RUGS



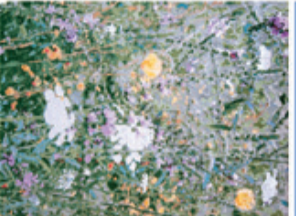
Make EVERYONE happy with soft, washable, luxurious and exquisite wool. Wool is just about the perfect fiber! Very healthy to live with. It is natural, organic and biodegradable. It is durable. It acts like an air filter. It can be washed with soap and water.

"Heaven is under our feet as well as over our heads"
- Thoreau

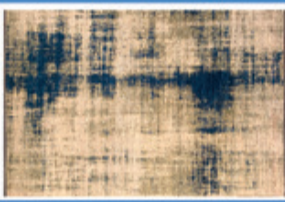
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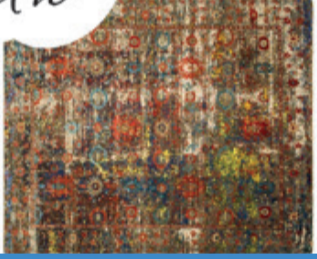
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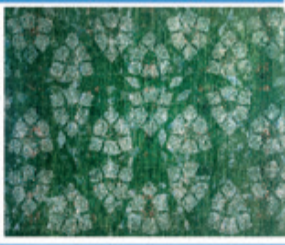
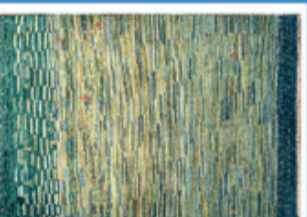
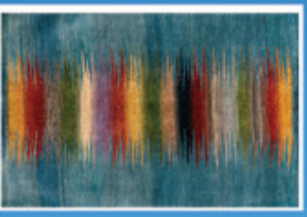
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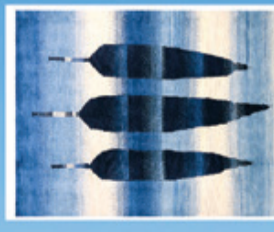
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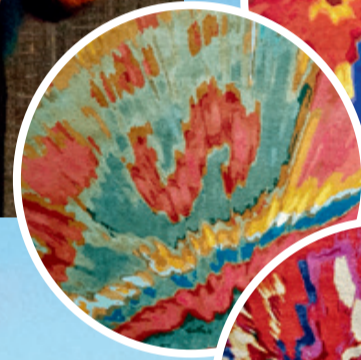
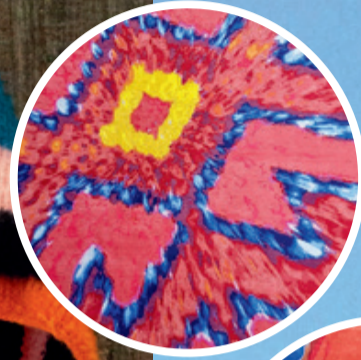


“It's like a candy shop of beautiful rugs!”

Hand-knotted in natural fibers



the search for Inspiration



SEE THIS NEW COLLECTION !

Learn about our *NEW OLD COLLECTION* of wool and silk pieces inspired by ancient textiles. Designed by architect Michael Howells, colored by textile expert/collector Christiane, and hand-knotted by exceptional artisans in Nepal...



in natural beauty

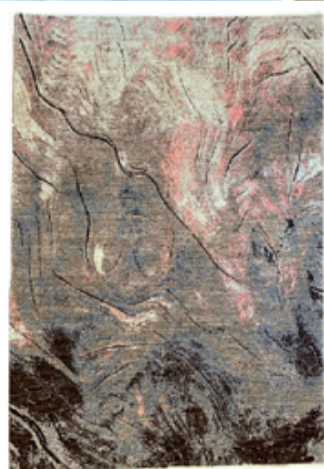
Inspired by the Oregon Coast and hand-knotted in wool, Christiane sought to capture the raw beauty of the Westernmost edge of our lovely state...



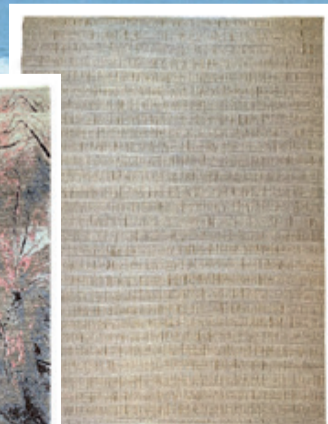
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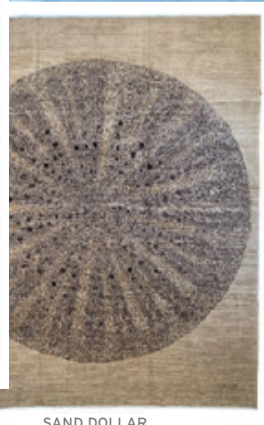
MYSTIC (DRAGON)



DRIFTWOOD



STORM (with BATTILOSSI)

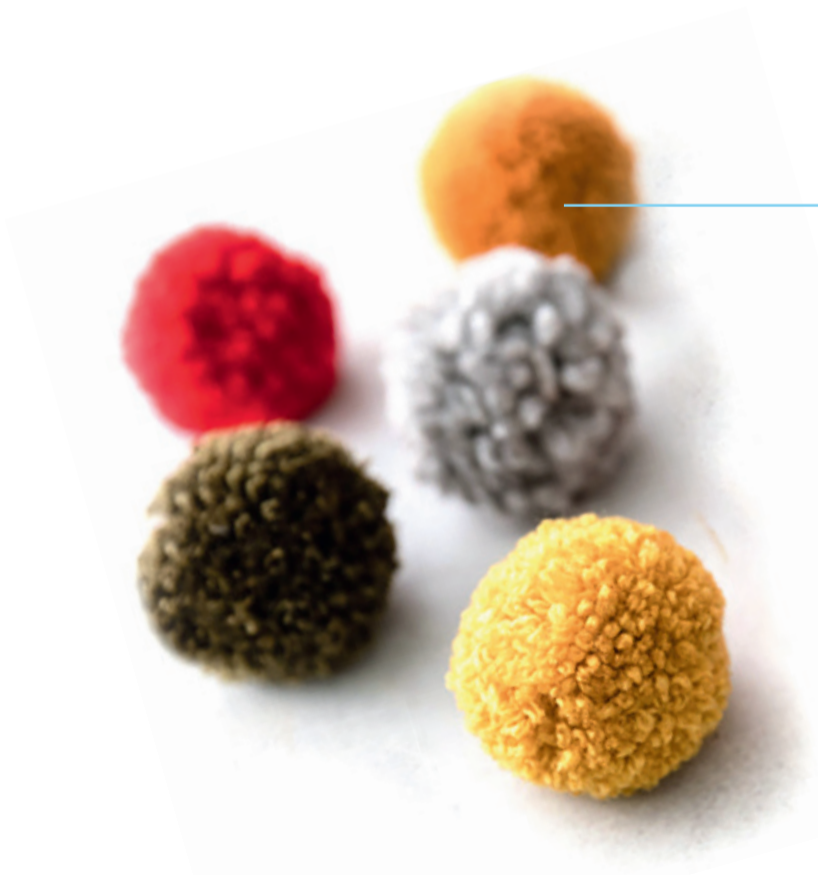


SAND DOLLAR



+
creative collaboration

In a wonderful collaboration with Rachel Massey, lead interior designer at Allied Works, we developed rugs for Eleven Madison, a three Michelin-starred restaurant in New York. The rugs mimicked the skeletal leaf structure of the trees outside, in Madison Square, while the colors were quietly reminiscent of ground spices.



did you know?

We specialize in creating custom rugs!

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We love assisting creative souls who bring a unique vision for a one-of-a-kind rug. Designed and produced just for you!



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WE ♥ RUGS CHRISTIANE MILLINGER
HANDMADE RUGS



*We love rugs.
But really, rugs are
about people!*

Working in the rug business over 30 years, I have heard many theories on what makes a rug good, what to look out for when purchasing a rug, and rules on rug sizes and such.

Starting out as an absolutely idealistic rug conservator and collector, only the highest-quality materials and weave techniques would do for me. Anyone who would listen would get an earful from me on why it is important to only buy rugs with the highest qualitative integrity. While I still stock my store with rugs of the highest standards and fair labor practices, my views have somewhat softened.

Now I look at an individual or couple trying to find a lovely rug for their home and all I experience is tender joy. Let the dance begin! Let us together envision different colors, textures, and pattern. Let us together listen to everyone's opinion, share stories and explore what it means to enjoy a home, the outward shell of our soul. We try rugs in spaces and sometimes it is a perfect fit on the first try, and sometimes we create custom patterns and textures from what we have learned about our clients. We talk about art, life, hopes and fears, and in all of these moments, we find the rug that inspires or calms, up-stages or under-states, be it bold, whimsical or elegant. It may be the first rug in a collection or may be the only rug in the home. It may be antique or new. But it has become an extension of the person and home, reflecting their personality and character for anyone who steps upon it.

As the Sufis dance in a circle, so will we dance around with you to find your perfect individual treasure, as well as the human connection that we so honor.

-Christiane




Annie Abele, creator of the beautiful artwork for our communications over the past 24 years.

Thanks to

ALL THE LOVELY CLIENTS AND DESIGNERS AND MAKERS AND SUPPLIERS WE'VE ENJOYED WORKING WITH ALL THESE YEARS.





 We especially feel a deep sense of gratitude to the artisan weavers of the world, building on generations of knowledge. We are proud to support them as they preserve their ancient cultural heritage while earning a fair wage, by being thoughtful in our sourcing and by partnering with organizations such as Goodweave and Turquoise Mountain Foundation.



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“It’s always a pleasure to enter this bright space
of gorgeous textures, design and patterns
AND Christiane’s soulfulness draws us back!”



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