

Las Vegas Art gallery debuts in ‘time capsule’ in historic home and neighborhood

Lomex Las Vegas serves as an homage to the Atomic Age and Vintage Vegas



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LAS VEGAS (FOX5) — A team of high-profile art advisors are shining the spotlight on Las Vegas, transforming a historic Las Vegas home into a living art gallery — and time capsule.

[Lomex Las Vegas](#) recently launched within the Paradise Palms neighborhood, the community where the iconic movie “Casino” was filmed. Numerous homeowners in the area uphold the mission to preserve Vintage Vegas architecture and interior design.

The home, which bears a plaque from the Nevada Preservation Foundation, maintains exterior and interior design features from the 1960s. From vintage furniture, decor and fixtures, record players to LIFE magazines,

the interior design pays homage to everyday life and pivotal moments during the Atomic Age.

Is the home simply a time capsule, or is it an art gallery? It's both- and far more.

Heavy-hitters in the art world, art advisor Ralph DeLuca, and advisor and gallerist Alex Shulan of the Lomex Gallery in New York, spoke to FOX5 Las Vegas about the vision and collaboration.

“Vegas is ripe to have a New York-gallery energy here. Vegas is non-apologetic. It’s not trying to be New York or L.A. or Aspen or the Hamptons. There’s a seedy part of the city. There’s kitsch, but there’s also very serious people here who care about art,” DeLuca tells FOX5.

“There’s an opening for artists and for like a visual culture that doesn’t exist in New York. Everything exists on the same plane, which is very specific to Vegas. People don’t make a differentiation between if you’re walking down the Strip, between the environment, a casino or artwork. It all exists horizontally--which is really exciting to me as an art dealer,” Shulan said.

Artists came from New York to Los Angeles during the opening on New Year’s Eve to view the art and tour the space.

Las Vegas is also on the cusp of growth in the arts as a booming Metropolitan city. Many residents are looking forward to the [future Las Vegas Museum of Art](#), set to be built in Downtown Las Vegas’ Symphony Park. Fundraising efforts are still underway.

DeLuca, who works with MGM Resorts on various art collaborations, was drawn to the Paradise Palms neighborhood years ago by a friend named “Marty”-- otherwise known as Martin Scorsese, the director of “Casino.” DeLuca was inspired to buy his first home in the neighborhood.

“I asked him once about the neighborhood. He told me all about it. Loved that movie. Started researching the community; Sinatra used to hang here, and Bobby Darin had a house here. Johnny Carson. Dionne Warwick. All these different people lived in this neighborhood. This was the ‘it’ place to be in the 60s,” DeLuca said. The art advisor is also a collector of Las Vegas history, from casino chips of properties past to a lion statue from The Mirage.

Shulan and DeLuca worked with interior designer Carlotta Champagne to complement the works by the first two featured artists, Heji Shin and Mathieu Malouf; the couple, whose pieces are often featured side by side in the home, notably got married in a Las Vegas chapel.