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Harmon Guest House Debuts New Site-Specific Art Installation from Bay Area Sculptor Thomas Hill

The Collection Featuring Steel-Structured Sculptures is Property's Latest Rotating Exhibit

HEALDSBURG, Calif. (April 24, 2023) – [Harmon Guest House](#), an award-winning and environmentally friendly retreat in the heart of Healdsburg's charming downtown, is thrilled to announce a partnership with local Gallery Lulo to debut a special art installation by esteemed sculptor Thomas Hill as part of the hotel's rotating art installation program. Hill's installation, titled "From the Redwoods to the Russian River - Birds of Sonoma County," consists of four steel wire formations located throughout the hotel that will be on display now through June 2023. An opening reception with the artist will be held on Sunday, May 7th from 2-4pm.

"We are proud to partner with Gallery Lulo to showcase Thomas Hill's striking work on the grounds of Harmon Guest House this spring," said Circe Sher, co-founder of Piazza Hospitality, which developed and manages Harmon Guest House and its sister properties, Hotel Healdsburg and h2 hotel. "Collaborating with our excellent small local businesses is a top priority for the property, and highlighting various forms of artistic expression with roots or themes based here in Sonoma County is an added benefit we enjoy presenting to our guests."

Based out of San Francisco, Thomas Hill has spent a great deal of time in Sonoma County over the past years and was inspired by memorable experiences in the area when creating the collection, which is made up of four works. In "A Herd of Curlews – Bodega Bay," Hill's signature steel wire style appears as a flock of majestic birds moving in perfect synchronicity that he witnessed one Christmas on the coast. In "Black Necked Stilts – Petaluma," the artist

captures the statuesque birds made up of angled lines that parade along the bay shore he enjoys viewing from his commutes on the SMART train. In “California Quail – Occidental,” inspiration comes from walking amongst the oaks and redwood trees and being charmed by the coveys of quail busily dashing on the forest grounds. In “Flying Curlew Sequence – Bodega Bay,” Hill reflects on how a single flap of bird’s wings can be viewed almost as an animation when individual birds combine to create a sense of movement.

“I find that wire can suggest a line almost like a three-dimensional ink drawing, with a little hammering to create added weight and texture like the twist dip of a pen,” notes Hill. “For me, it is the ideal material for evoking the lightness and feathery staccato movements of birds.”

The new installation at Harmon Guest House is a collaboration with Gallery Lulo in Healdsburg, where Hill is a featured artist. Gallery Lulo has an extension of this exhibition at their gallery space where select pieces are available for purchase. The gallery is comprised of contemporary works, with “artists who explore form, material and technique in progressive, original ways.” Rather than using the traditional tools like paint, ink, and pencil, Gallery Lulo showcases work that utilizes non-typical mediums including jewelry, design, and sculptures.

Thomas Hill’s sculpture art is the latest temporary installation at Harmon Guest House. Each artist is invited in to explore the spaces of Harmon and create a site-specific installation that is a reflection of Sonoma County. Since its doors opened in 2018, Harmon Guest House has proven its commitment to supporting the arts with a permanent collection of commissioned art and rotating temporary exhibitions from emerging California artists showcased in the halls, main stairwell, and guest rooms. The pieces include sculpture, photography, works on paper, site-specific installations, and wearable art, all referring to or addressing California art history or the immediate surroundings of Healdsburg.

In addition to its art program, Harmon Guest House provides the perfect home base for an active and modern wine country getaway. Designed with versatility in mind, the eco-friendly property features adjoining rooms to connect with friends and family in suites and studio style king rooms for a more intimate getaway. Guests can head to [The Rooftop at Harmon Guest House](#), the

hotel's sophisticated rooftop lounge, to unwind and relax by a cozy firepit with flavorful bites, refreshing cocktails and stunning views of Fitch Mountain, the Sonoma Hills and downtown.

For more information on the class and to make a reservation at Harmon Guest House, guests can call (707) 922-5256 or visit www.harmonguesthouse.com.

About Harmon Guest House

Named after Healdsburg's founder Harmon Heald, Harmon Guest House honors its namesake's pioneering spirit of creative urban planning by featuring thoughtful spaces that encourage friends and families to gather – just as Harmon Heald envisioned the plaza as a central gathering place for Healdsburg residents. Located north of sister property h2hotel, Harmon Guest House is an environmentally friendly chic retreat, inviting visitors to relax, recharge and play in the heart of Healdsburg. For more information or to make reservations, please call (707) 431-8220 or visit the website at <https://harmonguesthouse.com/>.

About Lulo Gallery

Owned by Danish native Anne-Kathrine Schjerbeck and artist Karen Gilbert, Lulo is a gallery of contemporary work, with artists who explore form, material and technique in progressive, original ways. Gallery Lulo shows work in the mediums of jewelry, fine art, design, and sculpture from regional, national, and international artists. The gallery shares their curated point of view in a space that is ethereal, progressive and unique. They are based in Healdsburg, California, a small country town with deep cultural roots in the land and nature. The area attracts an eclectic mix of cultural innovators, farmers, and entrepreneurs, as well as travelers from around the world who come to experience the best in wine and cuisine. Gallery Lulo is a reflection of this place, its values and our own vision of art and culture.

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