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MELANIE GRANT

CCY INTERIORS STUDIO DIRECTOR

Melanie Grant has a unique role at CCY Interior Studio Director. "We focus on an integrated design approach where we are purposefully trying to blur the lines between interior design and architecture and believe that it gives a better result and happy clients," she says. "But then, it's part of what makes us who we are."

In her position for five years, Grant is passionate about her work. "Ultimately, what we are doing with interior design is creating livable and beautiful spaces for our clients," she notes. "Understanding their expectations and getting to the bottom of what makes them tick brings a sense of authenticity to every single project."

No matter the project type, clients must participate in face-to-face design charrettes at the outset, which Grant says is vital to gaining insight into everything from building sites and material preferences to establishing trust. "It's like a big puzzle that we have to put together when we work on projects, with the pieces also including the relationships we've established with artists or manufacturers and building new ones. I love that interaction."

Always looking for opportunities to use local materials in her efforts toward sustainability and reducing carbon footprint, Grant by local artisans who share a passion for design is often incorporated in projects, along with those from a small collection of original storage pieces in Los Angeles and New York, as well as international. Authenticity is critical to ensuring that every project's authentic and withstands the test of time. "We meet with our friends and move toward timeless design," says Grant.

In the end, the satisfaction factor is key. "We want happy clients living in livable, comfortable, and beautiful spaces. It's all that we can ask for." CCY Architects, ccyarchitects.com



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