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SERVING UP SOME STYLE

NEW RESTAURANTS THIS YEAR PUT A HEAVY FOCUS ON DESIGN

Gone are the days when a decent dining experience could be captured by merely a thoughtfully made meal and a well-mannered waiter. To stand out in San Diego's dining scene, a restaurant must also take guests on a journey of all senses, evoking an experience before the fork ever touches the mouth. This year, new restaurants brought big design value to the table, creating worlds of whimsy and raising the city's hospitality reputation.



CHARLIE NEUMAN



PAUL BODY

▲ Kindred — South Park

Skulls, booze and vegan eats converge at Kindred, the South Park stunner designed by Paul Basile of Basile Studio. A 35-foot marble bar anchors the room, while dark and twisted details cause a buzz, or at least a conversation-starter. There's a haunting beast sculpture gazing down on one of the tables, creepy cat portraits in the restrooms, and plenty of juxtaposition between dark and light visual effects throughout the 2,800-square-foot restaurant, which made its debut at the very end of 2015. 1503 30th St., South Park. (619) 546-9653 or barkindred.com



LYUDMILA ZOTOVA

▲ Campfire — Carlsbad

Designed by Bells & Whistles, Campfire captures a brush with nature in Carlsbad. To conjure a memory of camping along the coastline, the designers introduced elements such as a 12-foot custom teepee, a mountainous landscape mural, and a private dining room inside an old corrugated tin shed from Camp Pendleton. A copper bar, a glass-enclosed kitchen and a custom wood grill add to the outdoorsy feel of the 6,000-square-foot space, which features both outdoor and indoor seating. 2725 State St., Carlsbad. (760) 637-5121 or thisiscampfire.com