

MAGAZINE Santa Barbara

Sublime Disruption

Central Coast
creatives
making their
mark

Artist Joan Tanner's
work in progress for
her solo exhibition
at the Santa Barbara
Museum of Art

The
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Issue



Beaucoup Blue

Ojai is pretty much ground zero for boho chic, so it's no surprise that Christiane Celle, the French-born former fashion stylist-turned-retail-maven—she founded and sold the Calypso store chain—would find a toehold in town. Called **BLUE OJAI**, it's part of Celle's Clic-store empire, which started in St. Barth's and spread to New York and California. (There's a Clic in both the Montecito and Marin Country Marts). Originally conceived as a bookstore—Celle's passion is photography, and she's married to a photographer—Blue Ojai and the other Clic venues have evolved into concept spaces featuring carefully curated collections of books, art, home goods, and fashion. Blue Ojai is an airy, open shop tucked into a serene white-brick building on the town's main drag and is packed with coveted items culled from around the world. Look for flowy dresses, menswear, and cool gifts you can't find anywhere else. 209 W. Ojai Ave., Ojai, 805-633-9086, CLIC.COM. L.D.P



ABOVE: Blue Ojai, an eclectic boutique packed with coveted items from around the world.

RIGHT, TOP TO BOTTOM: Artist Hilary Baker's 2022 piece *Night* (Fox); Baker's *Burrowing Owl*, LAX (2019).



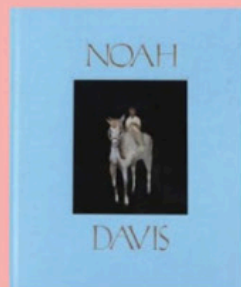
Into the Wild

Having grown up in the hills and canyons of Los Angeles, painter **HILARY BAKER** witnessed firsthand the encroachment of urban life on the habitat of wild animals. Her recent series, *Predators*, focuses on that issue, but the images—juxtaposing wild animals and iconic city scenes—force us to consider who, exactly, is the actual predator depicted.

Baker, who lives and works in Ojai, is a seasoned artist and curator, armed with a BA from UCLA and an MFA from Otis College of Art and Design, and she has exhibited nationally and internationally. Her work is included in numerous public and private collections, and she is represented by rdfa gallery in Los Angeles.

The exhibition *Wildlife on the Edge: Hilary Baker*—on view through March 6, 2023, at the Wildling Museum of Art & Nature in Solvang—features works from the *Predators* series as well as the artist's new series of animal portraits on birch wood. WILDLINGMUSEUM.ORG. L.D.P.

MUST HAVE



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: *Nick Cave*: Forothermore (DelMonico Books, \$65); *Ruth Asawa* (David Zwirner Books, \$75); *Noah Davis* (David Zwirner Books/The Underground Museum, \$75). All books available at Blue Ojai.

DON'T MISS

Sculptor and printmaker **AARON SPANGLER**'s solo exhibition, *Sweeping Up the Shadows*, presented by the Carolyn Glasoe Bailey Foundation, is on view at the Ojai Institute through February 25. Must-see works include *Portal* (left) and *Stealth*, both of which showcase the artist's wood-carving genius. CGBFOUNDATION.ORG, THEOJAIINSTITUTE.ORG.

