

MY CITY

NOT YOUR Average Joe

By Casey Gillespie // Photo by Jenny Siegart

"My inspiration comes from a variety of sources: sea creatures and rock formations, desert plants—all of nature's textures and colors are amazing in their own way," says La Jolla resident and ceramics artist **Joe Skoby** (skobyjoe.com). While he has no formal training, Skoby "took some high school classes and learned the basics." He also credits local artist Paul Linsley, who helped run the UCSD Craft Center for a number of years, with teaching him how to fire a gas kiln and mix glazes. These days, you can find Skoby's pieces stocked at high-end retailers like Amy Meier Design in Rancho Santa Fe, Random Acts of Creativity in NYC and CPCM in Japan. When he's not sitting at the wheel creating or at the beach with his family, you will probably find him at one of these local favorites.



LOCAL ARTIST LOVE ↑
 "I remember being a kid and obsessing over **Andy Davis'** simple, linear earth-toned ads in surf magazines. He is a really nice, humble guy. Check out his gallery space, Way Way Out There, in Solana Beach." *345 N. Highway 101, Solana Beach, waywayoutthere.com; andydavisdesigns.com*

BEACH MUST-HAVE ←
 "**Matuse** is a locally born company that creates the best wetsuits in the world. They are both beautifully designed and highly functional." *matuse.com*



PREFERRED NIGHT SPOT
 "We like the **Misfit Gallery** in La Jolla. Their opening events with local art and music are always good fun." *565 Pearl St., Ste. 100, La Jolla, misfitpictures.com*

FAVORITE LOCAL HANGOUT ←
 "**Mitch's Surf Shop**. It has been around since 1967 and has always sold all the surf essentials, from board blanks and resin to finished boards off of the rack. Mitch is a local hero." *631 Pearl St., La Jolla; 363 N. Highway 101, Solana Beach; mitchssurfshop.com*

BEST CAFFEINE FIX
 "**Pannikin Coffee & Tea** in La Jolla, founded in 1968 by San Diego legend Bob Sinclair. It is still managed in the mom-and-pop fashion, which is refreshing in this day and age." *7467 Girard Ave., La Jolla, pannikincoffeandtea.com*



NEW IN TOWN

SOUND OFF

Danish luxury audio brand **Bang & Olufsen** is bringing their high-end tech toys to La Jolla Cove. Opening this month, the newest location will feature the entire Bang & Olufsen portfolio, including their limited-edition Bronze collection, which consists of the company's most popular speakers—the iconic Beoplay A9 floor speaker (pictured left), the Beoplay M5, Beosound 1 and Beosound 2 with 360-degree sound, and the all-new Beosound Edge speaker. Architectural by design and available in an earthy, aluminum bronze, the collection offers a thoroughly modern take on the home sound system. And for those who love a hard-to-get item: The La Jolla brick-and-mortar will be one of the few stores nationwide that will stock the Bronze edition of the Beolab 90, the company's flagship loudspeaker, retailing at \$85,000 for the pair. Sounds like a winner to us! *7851 Girard Ave., La Jolla, bangolufsensocal.com* —CG

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