

Michael Bruno Gives Marino di Teana's Architectonic Sculptures a Home in Southampton

The work is on display there through summer

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A Marino di Teana sculpture in front of Michael Bruno's Southampton home.

Blue-chip sculpture steps from a summerhouse by the influential architect Grosvenor Atterbury, set against the backdrop of the Southampton shore, may sound like an aesthete's midsummer night's dream, but it's the real-life setting of a rare selling exhibition by the modern master Marino di Teana. On the verdant grounds of 1stdibs and Art-Design-Carta founder Michael Bruno's Hamptons estate, noted Greenwich Village dealer Benoist F. Drut of Maison Gerard is staging *A Lifetime of Passion and Expression*, an alfresco show devoted to the late Italian architect and sculptor's Corten steel oeuvre. "Marino has long received acclaim for his small scale and monumental sculpture in Corten and steel and finally I have the perfect setting to stage his late work," says Drut. "The dialogue of art with nature is so compelling." On view chez Bruno are 18 examples ranging from 12-inch maquettes to monumental works.



The burnt hue of di Teana's Corten is offset by pristine green grounds.

"This is the first exhibition of its kind in the States and reflects Marino's predilection for creating sculpture that is rooted in architectural volume and line," Drut explains. "His use of negative space always adds a distinctive element to his masterful sculptures." Trained as an architect and engineer, di Teana, who was raised in Argentina, represented that Latin American country in the 1982 Venice Biennale. Today, his work can be found in museums in Europe and Asia. Even Christie's owner Francois Pinault, whose vast holdings include the Gucci Group and the storied Château Latour vineyard, plucked up a di Teana early on. Noted landscape designer Kimberly von Koontz has created meandering paths banked by wildflowers throughout Bruno's extensive gardens, a feature Drut calls "the perfect backdrop for Marino's unbridled artistry."

'A Lifetime of Passion and Expression' (open by appointment) debuts July 22 and runs to August 26, 2017. Viewers must call 212-674-7611 to set up an appointment.