# BIOGRAPHY

As the Principal Interior Designer of Koastal Design Group, Kira Krümm has built an exceptional design firm with an extensive emphasis on innovation, integrity and client satisfaction. Her contemporaries regard her as a visionary and a virtuoso, while her clients praise her creative passion and consistent professionalism. Yet always, it is Ms. Krümm's unforgettable interior designs that form the foundation of her business, revealing her artistic background and international influences by beautifully balancing the elegant and ethereal.

## **National Notoriety**

With more than 20 years of experience as owner of her firm, Ms. Krümm's extensive list of accomplishments has secured her a spot among Florida's most influential interior designers. Ms. Krümm has been the recipient of more than 50 industry honors for design excellence including the Collier Building Industry Association's (CBIA) Sand Dollar Grand Award for Perfect Score. Her work has been celebrated in countless design publications around the globe such as Florida Design and Home Ideas Magazine China, as well as many of Southwest Florida's top lifestyle publications, including Gulfshore Life and Naples Illustrated, to name a few. In 2011, Florida International Magazine selected Ms. Krümm as one of twenty-five top "Power Players" of Florida for their highly anticipated annual Power Player's issue. And in 2018, Gulf Coast Design & Décor magazine recognized Koastal Design Group – Kira Krümm & Co. among the Top 25 Design Firms in Southwest Florida.

Ms. Krümm's designs have also been featured in multiple national hardbound publications, including 100 Florida Architects and Interior Designers, and has appeared on HGTV's program "Ultimate Bedrooms for Romance". Ms. Krümm's work has graced the cover of numerous publications including Portfolio, Your Home, and Grandeur magazine, as well as the 2011 and 2016 annual cover of Southwest Florida's prestigious design resource guide, Home & Design magazine.

Ms. Krümm has also been elected to sit on the Advisory Board panels for elite design publications such as Gulfshore Life's annual At Home magazine, and Interiors South Florida magazine by Modern Luxury, the Nation's largest luxury publisher.



## KIRA KRÜMM

Principal Interior Designer and Owner, Koastal Design Group
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#### INDUSTRY HONORS

2018

Top 25 Design Firms of SWFL, Gulf Coast Design & Décor Magazine 2016

ASID Design Excellence Award, Transitional Design
ASID Design Excellence Award, Renovation Over 5,000 sq.ft
ASID Design Excellence Award, Renovation Under 5,000 sq.ft
CBIA Sand Dollar, Interior Design of the Year / Single Family Attached Home
CBIA Sand Dollar, Interior Design of the Year / Single Family Detached Home
CBIA Sand Dollar, Interior Design of the Year / Remodel
CBIA Sand Dollar, Best Interior Design / Master Suite, Private Residence
Platinum Award, "Dune" Dream Room Living Room Showcase

Designer of Distinction Award, Miromar Design Center Platinum Award, "Dune" Dream Room Master Bedroom Showcase 2013

November Designer of Distinction Award, Miromar Design Center Honorary Host Committee, Modern Luxury Interiors South Florida Magazine

She has written extensive design columns for various periodicals including Home and Design magazine where she debuted an exclusive monthly column entitled "Inside Design" in 2004.

Ms. Krümm wrote of her experiences traveling global markets to bring readers "behind the scenes" of the interior design industry. In 2015, Ms. Krümm continued her "Inside Design" series for Your Home magazine, a nationally marketed, bi-monthly luxury home publication, where she contributed an exclusive Q&A style feature, offering expert design advice and solutions to reader inquiries.

## **Experience Abroad**

Ms. Krümm's national notoriety is rivaled only by her growing global acclaim. Her work was featured in the book Modern Interior Design, The American Collection, which was published in China in two languages in 2009. Ms. Krümm served as the contributing editor of the hardbound book, and was honored with the responsibility of selecting leading designers to showcase their unique and varied styles of modern American design. Ms. Krümm has also had the privilege of showcasing her work in some of China's leading design publications such as Home Idea magazine and Furniture & Interior Design which highlighted Ms. Krümm's role as the guest International Designer in the 2012 100% Design Shanghai Exhibition, where she was invited to design the internationally renowned 2012 "Italian Apartment".

This expansion into the overseas market is personally appealing to Ms. Krümm, as it complements her lifelong love of travel and international design. Ms. Krümm has resided in London and Florence and traveled extensively throughout Asia, Europe, North and South America, and the Caribbean.

#### Unique Aesthetic

Honing on her innate entrepreneurial spirit, Ms. Krümm's experiences abroad have inspired multiple art-related international business ventures involving her signature product line, the Kira Krümm Koastal Kollection, which includes luxury fine furnishings, fabrics and home décor for coastal lifestyles. Ms. Krümm's international travels have enhanced her creative perspective enabling her to develop a distinct brand aesthetic. Inspired by nature's effortless elegance and the natural beauty of places where land meets water, Ms. Krümm's signature Koastal aesthetic embodies a relaxed, sophisticated style that has become synonymous with Naples luxury interior design.

2012

Designer's Choice Award, Master Bedroom Showcase

2011

Top 25 "Power Players" of Florida, Florida International Magazine Designer of Distinction Award, Miromar Design Center

2010

ASID Design Excellence Award, Residential Transitional Design.
Top 100 "Design Minds", by Florida International Magazine

"Top Business Leader", Gulfshore Business Magazine
"Design Visionary" Award, Florida International Magazine
ASID Design Excellence Award, Show House
ASID Design Excellence Award, Best Interior Renovation

2008

ASID Design Excellence Award, Residential Transitional Design Top 100 Designers, Florida International Magazine CBIA Sand Dollar Award, Best Interior Design, Luxury Single Family

ASID Design Excellence Award, Residential Transitional Design CBIA Sand Dollar, Grand Award for Perfect Score – Best Interior Design CBIA Sand Dollar, Best Interior Design / Luxury Residential Single Family CBIA Sand Dollar, Best Interior Design / Luxury Residential Condominium CBIA Sand Dollar, Best Interior Design / Luxury Residential over \$3,500,000

CBIA Sand Dollar, Grand Award for Perfect Score – Best Interior Design CBIA Sand Dollar, Best Interior Design / Luxury Residential Design Condo CBIA Sand Dollar, Best Interior Design / Luxury Residential over \$3,500,000

CBIA Sand Dollar Award, Best Company Website CBIA Sand Dollar Award, Best Magazine Print Ad

CBIA Sand Dollar Award, Best Newspaper Print Ad

2005

IIDA Designs of Distinction Award International Design Guild Award of Excellence

2003

CBIA Sand Dollar, Best Interior Design / Luxury Residential Single

IIDA Designs of Distinction Award

1995 - 1999

"Golden Fork" Award, Restaurant Interior Design. Virginia Beach, VA

#### DESIGN PUBLICATIONS/PRESS

Books

Ling's 2012 Outstanding Interior Design Yearbook, 2012 Contributing Editor, Modern Interior Design: The American Collection, 2010

100 Florida Architects and Interior Designers, 2010

Showhouses II: A Decorator's Tour, 2010

The Best of Florida Design, 2006, 2007, 2008, and 2010

Spectacular Homes of Florida, 2006 & 2008

"Koastal" highlights the timeless, universal elements of duality, balance, and tranquility through a complimentary blend of materials and textures (such as metal, driftwood, glass, sand, and shells; soothing neutral hues and metallic accents), in order to showcase the harmonious juxtaposition of manmade elements and things found in nature. The resulting interior environments evoke serenity in unforgettable details that are both livable and luxurious.

## Signature Kollection

In 2008 and 2009 Ms. Krümm unveiled her unique signature Koastal Kollection at the Miromar Design Center when she was selected to participate in their annual Designer Showcases exhibition. These award-winning Showcases, the 2008 "Shanghai Room" Master Suite, and 2009 "Yin Room" Master Suite, illustrated Ms. Krümm's distinct design aesthetic and secured her position as an innovator at the forefront of Florida's growing luxury interior design industry.

Ms. Krümm has developed her brand internationally, with special focus on her luxury bedding line which has garnered extensive interest worldwide. In March 2013, Ms. Krümm launched an exclusive bedding collection for the Chinese luxury market which debuted at the 31st Annual China International Furniture Fair in Guangzhou. The same year, Ms. Krümm and her husband launched their fine art gallery, Studio International, in which they represented renowned fine artists from the Americas in in Shanghai and Beijing's top art markets and exclusive galleries.

#### Artistic Roots

Ms. Krümm's devotion to design began as a young art student. She attended the Governor's Magnet School for the Arts at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, VA, from 1984 to 1988. During that time, she received numerous notable awards, and also participated in a fine arts gifted program at the Rhode Island School of Design. Ms. Krümm later earned her Bachelor of Fine Arts with an interior design major from Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, VA. While studying art and design at VCU, she presided as the Senator for the School of the Arts on the Student Senate Executive Board and acted as President of the Fine Arts Council.



## Periodicals Florida Design Magazine

Florida Design Magazine – Naples Edition
Home & Design Magazine (Featured on the 2011 & 2016 Annual Cover)
Gulf Coast Design & Décor Magazine (Featured on the Fall 2018 Cover)
Your Home Magazine (Featured on the Summer 2013 Cover)

Modern Luxury Interiors South Florida

At Home Magazine, Annual Gulfshore Life Magazine

Gulfshore Business Magazine

Naples Illustrated

FINE Magazine
Portfolio Magazine (Featured on the April 2016 Cover)

NABOR Magazine

Grandeur (Yin Bedding Collection featured on the April 2009 Cover)

Marco Magazine
ASID Design Professional

ASID Design Profession

Florida Weekly

Florida International Magazine Furniture & Interior Design Magazine, China

Home Idea Magazine, China

#### **Television & Radio**

Charlotte View Radio, Special Guest: Expert Interior Design Advice, 2012 Featured on HGTV's Top 10 "Ultimate Bedrooms for Romance", 2008

In 1992, Ms. Krümm received a special scholarship from her university and continued her studies of interior design, furniture design and architectural photography as a World Study Scholar at the American College in London.

Ms. Krümm quickly began establishing a reputation for excellence as the owner of a prosperous interior design company in Virginia Beach, Virginia. She primarily designed upscale residential and commercial projects, including several of the area's most fashionable and successful restaurants, while earning an array of awards for her work. In 2000, she relocated to Naples, FL, and soon established her highly regarded firm Kira Krümm Interior Design. She selected the Miromar Design Center, Southwest Florida's premier resource for design professionals and consumers, as the location for her unique, full service design studio. Ms. Krümm continues to evolve artistically and professionally, unveiling her new company name, Koastal Design Group – Kira Krümm & Company., in 2016 and launching a new studio location in Downtown Naples in Fall 2017.

## Meaningful Impact

In addition to her affiliation with many national and international trade organizations, Ms. Krümm has supported several regional fine arts and community organizations such as Artis–Naples and the Marco Island Foundation for the Arts. As the Foundation's former Vice President and Visual Arts Chairman, Ms. Krümm acted as the Chairman of the Selection Committee for Art Quest, the first public sculpture exhibition on Marco Island. Ms. Krümm was appointed a member of the Marco Island City Arts Advisory Committee and actively planned an annual arts festival for the City of Marco Island in 2011. Also in 2011, the Marco Island Academy invited Ms. Krümm to join a select panel of community leaders on the newly established advanced learning academy's 2011-2012 National Advisory Board. Ms. Krümm is also a proud supporter of the Stay in May Festival (formerly ArtsNaples) which celebrates the cultural arts through unique international events throughout Southwest Florida each May.

As an accomplished designer, Ms. Krümm continues her dedication to the arts and her community through contributions to various local organizations that work to create meaningful impact in our community through education, empowerment, and enrichment programs.

#### SHOWCASE DESIGN

2018

Home & Design Magazine's "Signature Home", Naples, FL Featured Designer

2016

"Dune" Living Room Dream Room
2015

Miromar Design Center Designer Showcase, FL

Miromar Design Center Designer Showcase, FL "Dune" Master Bedroom Dream Room

2012

100% Design Shanghai Exhibition, Shanghai, China "Italian Apartment" Showcase

2009

"Yin Room" Master Bedroom Suite 2008 Miromar Design Center Designer Showcase, FL

Miromar Design Center Designer Showcase, FL
"Shanghai Room" Master Bedroom Suite

#### **COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP**

2014 - Present

"Friends of Artis – Naples" Patron
ArtsNaples Stay in May Arts Festival
American Association of University Women (AAUW)
The Shelter for Abused Women & Children

2013-2014

Advisory Board Member, Modern Luxury Interiors South Florida Magazine 2011-2012

National Advisory Board Member, Marco Island Academy Advisory Board Member, At Home, Annual Design Publication 2009 – 2011

Marco Island City Council, Arts Advisory Committee Membe

Vice President & Visual Arts Chairman, Marco Island Foundation for the Arts



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