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## **ROGER THOMAS AND ROCKY MOUNTAIN HARDWARE REUNITE FOR FLUTE**

A New Series For Both Doors And Cabinetry

(HAILEY, ID—SEPTEMBER, 2014)— Over the past 20 years, Rocky Mountain Hardware has earned a reputation among architects and designers for uniquely hand-casting custom bronze products that express excellence in quality of craftsmanship and timeless style. It's this distinct design-driven dedication that has drawn Roger Thomas, who, as executive vice president of Wynn Design and Development, is one of the hospitality world's design giants, to reunite with the manufacturer and create *Flute*. The handsome new collection for both doors and cabinetry is Thomas' second for Rocky Mountain, preceded by a series, *Paris*, which was introduced in 2010.

In announcing the latest collaboration, Patsy Nickum, Rocky Mountain Hardware's co-founder and co-owner, said, "We exercise extreme discretion in selecting partners whose style sensibilities and passion perfectly align with ours, and Roger Thomas' design DNA is a match. His dynamic vision and talent to elevate everything he touches are inspiring and resonate with our customers, as the success with *Paris*, our first venture together, has proven. The opportunity to work with Roger again was a treat and honor, and we are extremely excited to add *Flute*, with its fresh contemporary take on classic, to our portfolio."

Thomas is known for his dramatic high-roller style, as demonstrated by his interiors for famed luxury resorts such as Encore Las Vegas and Encore Macau, as well as his various product collections. While *Flute* fittingly tunes into his

signature flair, it also embodies a quiet restraint that only a master craftsman could balance. Aptly named for the fluted (or grooved) detailing that characterizes ancient architectural columns, the collection captures Thomas' affinity for referencing classical elements as seen through a modern day lens. All told there are 14 lever, pull, grip, and knob designs in an array of sizes with complementary escutcheons for door applications. Each piece is thoughtfully simple in shape, commanding in scale and textured to the touch. It is a design that fits comfortably in the hand and seamlessly into any style space, residential or commercial.

Commenting on the association with Rocky Mountain Hardware, Thomas said, "When I first decided to try my hand at hardware I knew Rocky Mountain Hardware would be the perfect partner. After all, the brand is basically based in the backyard of my Ketchum, Idaho, vacation home. But, besides location, location, location, what truly attracted me was the integrity and artisanal beauty of the products, as well as the traditional techniques employed to hand-cast their wares, which I greatly appreciate as a trained metalsmith myself. For me, hardware is the crown jewel of architectural design, and no other manufacturer shares and expresses that sentiment so authentically as Rocky Mountain Hardware."

Flute, like all of Rocky Mountain Hardware's products, is available in 10 fine finishes with customization offered.

To learn more about Rocky Mountain Hardware and its suite of architectural products visit its website, [www.RockyMountainHardware.com](http://www.RockyMountainHardware.com), or social media channels (Pinterest, Facebook and Twitter). And, to help you tweet the news: Designer Roger Thomas and @RockyMtHardware team up to toast Flute, their new architectural hardware collection for both doors and cabinets.

**About Roger Thomas**

Roger Thomas is executive vice president design for Wynn Design and Development, and has designed many of the world's most celebrated hotels and resorts, including Encore Las Vegas, Encore Macau and the Bellagio Resort. Currently, Thomas is developing designs for Wynn Palace in Cotai. A recognized leader in interior design for the hospitality industry, Thomas has received numerous accolades, including the Design Icon distinction from the World Market Center in Las Vegas in 2009; the Jay Sarno lifetime achievement award at the G2E expo in recognition of his significant career success in the field of casino resort design; and the Excellence in Design award from the Interior Designers Institute. Additionally, Thomas is a member of Architectural Digest's AD100. <http://www.rogerthomascollection.com/>

**About Rocky Mountain Hardware**

Founded in 1994, Rocky Mountain Hardware is a leading manufacturer of bronze architectural hardware. Based in Idaho, it operates three production facilities including one of the few remaining metal foundries in America where its bronze creations are hand-cast using methods passed down by generations of artisans. The range of designs includes door and cabinet hardware, kitchen and bath accessories, tile, plumbing, lighting and more. The company also has extensive custom capabilities as well as a division dedicated to the hospitality industry. Its distribution is global through decorative hardware showrooms. Authentically "Made in the U.S.A.," Rocky Mountain Hardware products are cast of 90% post consumer recycled materials. [www.rockymountainhardware.com](http://www.rockymountainhardware.com).