

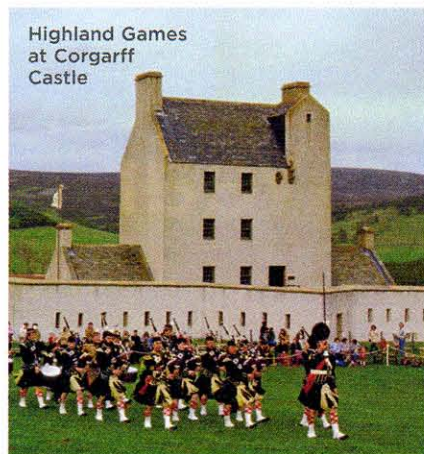
## WHERE NEXT

**POET APPRECIATION** Robert Burns's romantic classics, such as "My Love Is Like a Red, Red Rose," are so beloved that his birthday (Jan. 25) inspires feasts called Burns Suppers, featuring plenty of haggis and recitations of his poetry. This year marks 250 years since his birth, and during the Anniversary Weekend kickoff (Jan. 24-25), you can book several hotel packages that include a Burns Supper (cometoscotland.com, from \$499 for three nights). Two exhibits dedicated to the poet will also be on view in 2009: *Zig Zag, The Paths of Robert Burns* (through Jan. 31) opens at the National Library of Scotland in Edinburgh, featuring his personal letters. And the Mitchell Library in Glasgow hosts *Inspired* (Apr. 4-Sept. 20), a show of artworks Burns's poetry influenced, such as photos by the singer Patti Smith.

**SIX DEGREES OF SEPARATION** It is estimated that as many as 40 million people worldwide have ancestors who hailed from Scotland. This vast diaspora is the focus of the *International Genealogy Festival* in Glasgow (July 21-24), including seminars by experts from the National Archives of Scotland. You may even reunite with some of your own kilt-clad brethren at *The Gathering 2009* in Edinburgh (July 25-26), the largest get-together of clan members in the country's history. Avid ancestry seekers will also want to check out the new *ScotlandsPeople Centre*, which is offering visitors a free, two-hour session to research their family tree.

**SPIRITS OF SCOTLAND** Burns loved whisky almost as much as the written word, so the Isle of Barra is throwing a *Whisky Galore Festival* (Sept. 18-20), with a golf tournament, live concerts, and tastings of single malts. The famed Malt Whisky Trail also figures into the celebrations: During *Whisky Week*, distilleries will sponsor a series of gala dinners, pairing their signature drinks with local dishes (Nov. 1-7).

**LET THE GAMES BEGIN** A Scottish shindig wouldn't be complete without the *Highland Games* (July 25-26). Contestants compete in such classic events as launching logs long distances and hurling hammers.



Highland Games at Corgarriff Castle



ShopSCAD in Savannah

## TRENDSPOTTING

# Design Within Reach

What better place to find cutting-edge works by up-and-coming artists than at the schools that they attend? By Beth Collins

**ShopSCAD ATLANTA; LACOSTE, FRANCE; SAVANNAH** When the Savannah College of Art and Design opened its store in 2003, no one expected it to be so successful that the school would introduce satellite shops at its campuses in Atlanta and Lacoste, France. It certainly keeps director Amy Zurcher busy. "I meet with artists five days a week," she says, "so we always have new things in stock." Some of her best sellers are made by alumni, including Gogo Borgerding's colorful cuff bracelets (\$155) and the functional-yet-fun carpet bags that Claire Sanchez sews from vintage fabrics (\$65). 340 Bull St., Savannah, 912/525-5180, [shopscadonline.com](http://shopscadonline.com).

**GSA Shop GLASGOW, SCOTLAND** Art nouveau master Charles Rennie Mackintosh, the Glasgow School of Art's most famous alum, would have been proud of the new shop housed in his 1896 building. The space looks like an intimate loft, with the same clean lines that were a benchmark of Mackintosh's work. "It really allows the products we sell to speak for themselves," says assistant manager Annie Murphy. Among her favorites: geometric necklaces crafted from leather and acrylic beads by textile-design graduate Caitlin Urquhart (\$105) and fanciful cards embroidered with bright letters and hearts by alumni Betty Fraser Myerscough (\$10). 11 Dalhousie St., Glasgow, 011-44/141-353-4526, [gsa.ac.uk](http://gsa.ac.uk).

**RISD/works PROVIDENCE** With graduates like glass artist Dale Chihuly and former faculty such as Cuisinart creator Marc Harrison, the Rhode Island School of Design has a reputation for innovation. And now, it's got an avant-garde store that does it equal justice: Pritzker Prize-winning architect José Rafael Moneo designed the new Chace Center building using an eclectic mix of acid-etched glass, aluminum, and red brick. "The ultra-modern space is a perfect venue for our funky products," says shop director Matthew Johnson. The wares include toys and tees by *Family Guy* cartoonist Seth MacFarlane (from \$32), a RISD grad, and fun kitchen gadgets such as a chopper that dices onions into tiny squares, by former student Sascha Kaposi (\$18). 20 N. Main St., Providence, 401/277-4949, [risdworks.com](http://risdworks.com).

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