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# LISA MCDENNON

She founded her Laguna Beach-based interiors firm, Lisa McDennon Design, in 2000. Inspired by the region's beauty, history and culture, McDennon works with natural materials, elegant forms, and varied textures to create modern and sophisticated residential and commercial projects.

**❶ In one sentence, what does Orange County mean to you?**

I would describe OC as the perfect medium – right size, easy access to beaches and mountains, L.A. and San Diego within an hour's drive, and a great place to raise family. There is a little bit of everything here.

**❷ Your favorite city or place in OC**

I am partial to Laguna Beach, my home for the past 27 years! It is one of the most beautiful coastlines in California and I was originally drawn to it in art school when we had to paint *plein air* (outside). I promised myself I would move to Laguna after graduating college and I have been here ever since.

**❸ Your favorite hotel in OC**

The Montage.

**❹ Your favorite restaurant in OC**

Marché Moderne.

**❺ Your favorite food in OC**

Sushis.

**❻ Your favorite architects in OC**

I am inspired by the late Mark Singer; I only wish I had the opportunity to work with him although I was lucky enough to have known him. Architects like Horst Noppenberger, Anders Lasater and Bob White create unique designs. I also enjoy working with Geoff Sumich, Dave Frith, Homer Oatman and Kirk Saunders.

**❼ Your favorite museum in OC**

I am excited about the new venue for the Orange County Museum of Art, which will be housed in an amazing building by Thom Mayne.

**❽ What fascinates you about OC?**

I love how unique each city within Orange County is and how many talented and creative people live here. You can drive just a few minutes and be transported into a completely different landscape and atmosphere.

**❾ The place in OC where you have your best memory**

My best memory is at Pines Park in Capistrano Beach where my husband and I were married, overlooking the beautiful ocean and surrounded by friends and family.

**❿ According to you, what is the greatest quality of OC?**

I enjoy that OC still has a small town feel with the perks of a bigger city. There is something comforting about walking into your local market and being greeted by name. At the same time, we have access to all the resources we need. ■



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