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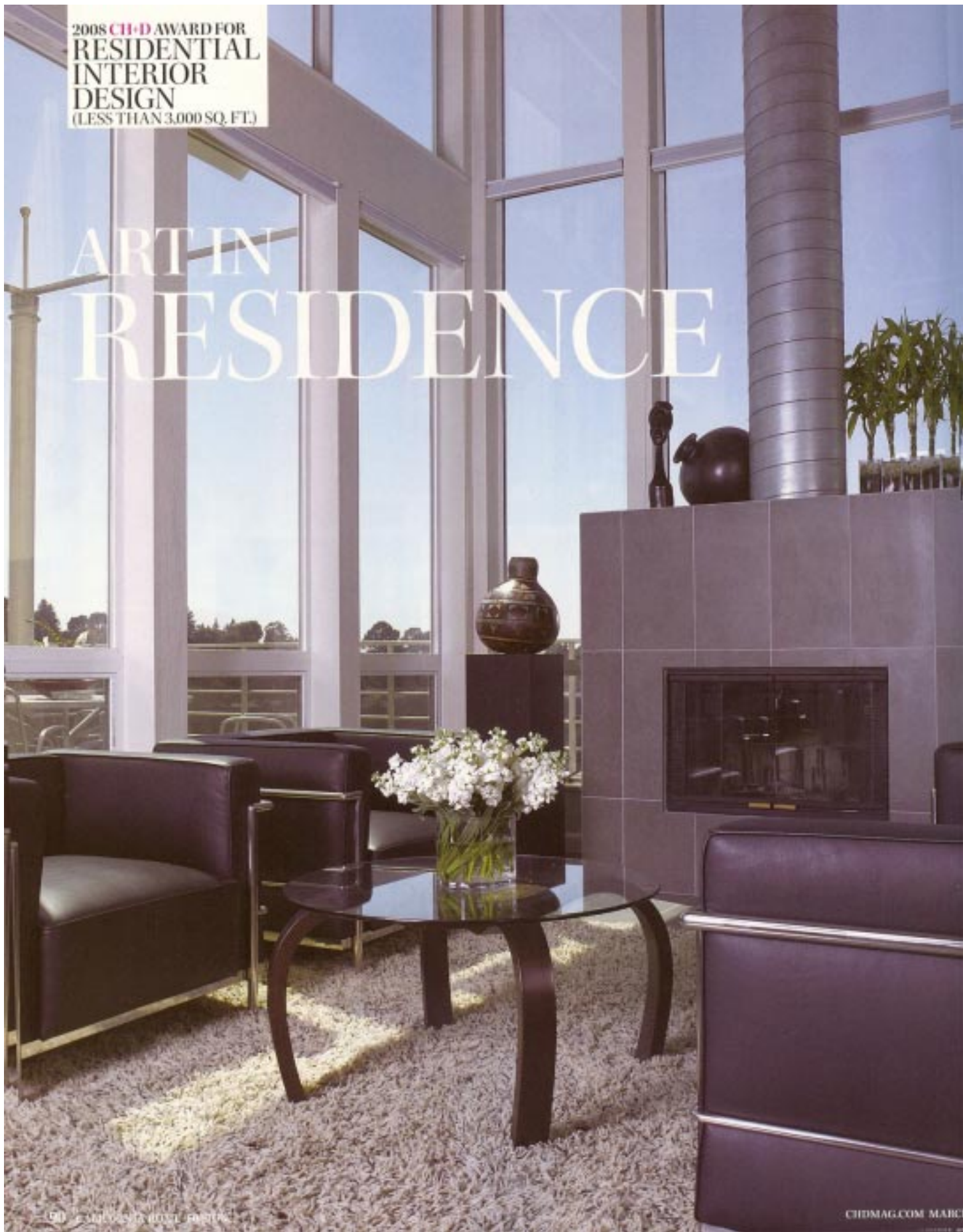
Kendall Wilkinson's room at the San Francisco Decorator's Showcase was a clear winner, p. 118.

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# ART IN RESIDENCE





"We looked at the architecture and volume of the space and knew we wanted to create a clean palette in the living room with minimal furniture and cool hues like blue and charcoal gray," says Gioi Tran.

## GIOI TRAN AND VERNON APPLIGATE APPLIGATE TRAN INTERIORS, SAN FRANCISCO



Gioi Tran



Vernon Applegate

**W**hen San Francisco interior designers Vernon Applegate and Gioi Tran (co-founders of design firm Applegate Tran) began remodeling the Oakland Hills home of Paula and Johnny Hawthorne, they knew they wanted to highlight the couple's eclectic art collection with a minimal, metropolitan aesthetic. Inspired by the house's exposed aluminum chimney and metal beams, high ceilings and floor-to-ceiling windows, the designers went for an all-out loft atmosphere.

The Hawthornes—who initially discovered Applegate Tran's work while flipping through design magazines—had a clear vision for their 2,600-square-foot home: They wanted a dramatic but simple backdrop for the art they've collected during their travels to Europe, Brazil and Kenya. The team's main challenge was to create the feeling of a larger space with an open floor plan without removing existing walls.

In the living room, the designers replaced one wall with 20-foot-high windows