

## LA Unscripted | April 27th, 2023

From hot spots and hidden gems to lots of local flavor It's your guide to so how life unscripted and tonight everything is made in L A Hello everyone and welcome to L A unscripted I'm and this is KT Glass works in historic West Adams and this is our home base for tonight show We're calling it made in L A and we're checking out everything from vodka to candles to glass created right here in So so what I'm gonna have you do OK is seal your lips around this mouthpiece and you're gonna blow from that There's so many joke Ah There's a lot of joke We are king Glass works We're a glass flooring studio in West Adams in L A We're open to public for private lessons for glass blowing commissions facility rental to professional glass artists So in this drawer we have a variety of colors and the form of color that we're gonna be working with today is in frits and powders I think we're gonna have to do orange Let's go on when we pick up the color we're going to tap lift and turn the pipe So we get a full rotation of color tap lift and turn the pipe Yep Ok Yep And I'll kind of guide you through it Ok So everything starts from molten glass that's melted and cooked like a pot of soup in the furnace And then we use irons blow pipes to collect the glass the molten glass out of the furnace And that's the first gather of glass And then we have a variety of hand tools and shaping tools and with the help of the of the team blow air into it and shape and craft all kinds of different vessels and art pieces It's insane So I'm just taking glass out of the furnace and this is just a starter gathers I think a really beautiful part of glass playing that a lot of people don't know I think is the teamwork that happens It's almost like a really choreographed dance almost when the team works efficiently And so I really enjoy that part of the glass pointing Oh my God This is so fascinating to me It is moving as we're doing it I speak about mental health through glass and I live with bipolar disorder So I do about that through my glass art pieces and installation So that's what I've been doing You're going to blow from your cheeks like a water balloon This is so neat A bucket list item that I wanted to do that I didn't even know I wanted to do but now I'm so happy I'm doing It's not an easy art form To be honest you'll find out for start today But yeah with experience and repetition you get better and better Yeah we just like to touch finesse OK Cause you can go ahead and blow for me I see what you mean about the teamwork This is the coolest thing ever It really is This is going to go through a process of like 12 to 15 hours and slowly come down to room 10 which then at that point everything is going to be safe to

use and it won't be undergo any stress And through the magic of television I'm gonna reveal my cup Oh my God Look at this It's so smooth and so beautiful and the colors are so vibrant and it's like that big beautiful glass I'm obsessed I love this so much Honestly you guys this is one of my favorite stories of all time and look how great my glass turned out And you know what Let's go make something to put in this stunning work of art So are you ready to get some drinks It's 11 a.m. and I'm ready to get drinks going Vintage Distilling is a distilled spirits plant located in the heart of Los Angeles Minutes from downtown specializing in premium vodkas We decided to make vodka because Los Angeles didn't really have a producer of distilled spirits that was significant around here that anybody had ever heard of I mean this is my hometown I've been here since I was born in Glendale Right And we're standing here in Glendale doing this It was all about making a premium spirit in Los Angeles And you know somebody high quality that we can be proud of and say it's from Los Angeles I'm Lithuanian your husband's Lithuanian He is and honey vodka is something that is very strong in the Lithuanian culture The honey vodka was really the kind of this brainchild that we've been making for years You know our grandparents made it everybody had like a blend of their own And so we decided to take that and take a modern twist on it Oh that is so good Wow My grandparents used to always have it around and then my parents continued that tradition as we were going forward and now here I am doing it on a completely different level We worked really hard to get that blend correct so that you get what you want you get the honey up front But you also get a little bit of that kick of the vodka in the back so that you have a nice you know juxtaposition to the flavors you wrote into us and I want to read you this Hello We are big fans of everything KT We are a small batch handcrafted vodka company in Los Angeles We make our vodkas in Glendale We would love to be featured on your show thank you so much for your consideration So are you a fan of a unscripted It's on every day I mean we were in Bahamas and we were watching KTL A there Amazing And then when we answered were you surprised Of course we had just come back from Disneyland that day as I was checking my email was like exhausted and I was like what this is happening No way I think we're here today and now you're here today So what are you making right now You're making the uh honey lavender lemonade That is a beautiful drink garnish with a little lemon and oh my God Wow I wasn't expecting that That is my new summer drink right there OK So this is the Mojito Really good That's almost like a vodka soda which is a hint

of mint which makes it so much more refreshing but not too sweet or sticky This is our honey Rita love it It's so good How is it launching an alcohol brand and working with your wife I'd kill my husband and I would kill each other Working with my wife is great Actually we work well together I wouldn't have it any other way Such a fun couple And that honey vodka I'm telling you right now if you want to hit all the cool spot And so how that feature products made L A You're going to need some good walking shoes Jasmine Sims has your solution Did you know 95% of sneakers are made outside of the US Well today we're kicking it with one brand was bringing the manufacturing back home pseudo sneakers are made in a eco friendly super soft comfortable sneaker Basically we imagine the way a sneaker could be produced we eliminated all the parts and pieces so we could easily manufacture and replicate the sneaker here in the United States So this is where all the magic happened That's right So previous to this we had our suppliers all over the country and we figured you know what better place than Los Angeles to really bring everything together And I've traveled all over the world working in factories and seeing you know kind of how difficult it is and how complicated it is how not eco friendly that whole process is and said well what could I do differently We came up with this printing process to eliminate all those parts and pieces And then we also came up with a super stretchy fabric slip on style made from recycled plastic bottles I love that sneakers with a purpose I love that Sneakers with soul I've got all kinds of hashtags I could do this all day So how many colors and styles do you guys have currently So basically we have about 12 men's styles 12 women's styles We're constantly updating the different graphics that we have on the shoes launching new shoes every single month You feel like is We sort of hack the industry we hack the sneaker industry It looks like a sneaker It feels like a sneaker but it's really not like any sneaker you've ever own You weren't kidding These really are comfortable shoes Oh my God The secret sauce is kind of the fabric stretches enough but not too much So it kind of holds your foot in It's sweat repellent or sweat absorbing on the inside It's water resistant on the outside and I don't have to wear socks if I don't want Exactly It's a labor of love I'll say because we're not just a marketing company but we really created every single piece the fabric the thread everything is proprietary PCIO So that's kind of our secret sauce Cool kicks and we will be back with neon signs candles and hats all things made in L A And so when L A unscripted returns hello everyone and welcome back to L A scripted I'm de from KT Glass Works and we are fired up about

our favorite places that keep their products local Now Blowing glass is definitely a different art form I mean look at this this is from artist KT I on real I've been staring at this nonstop for the last 15 minutes Look at the workmanship that goes into this but it's the art of neon sign making that's about to light you up It's just a very pure light in some ways We're like mosquitoes To the light because it's just so attractive and so like blinding I'm Danny B and I'm revealing the art of making custom neon signs My grandparents they ran a neon shop in Vegas So I kind of always grew up around the craft They ran like a really cool repair shop in Vegas So they got to work on a lot of the big marquee signs and all these big neon lights in Vegas L A has like the most beautiful neon signs Neon is made from glass It's all hand bent and blown in the fires Everything is done by hand There's no machines in the process but when you look at the quality of the material there's nothing that compares to neon I was very lucky to meet Darlin earlier this year Darlin has been running this business for two years He has a very strong foundation in working with glass He's just like a glass mag magician It is a very labor intensive and kind of like technical process You have to be good with electricity you have to be good with glass The trend with neon science has left kind of the front of the building and now is inside the building It's kind of evolved into um a new sort of like medium where it's used just to blow up people's homes Businesses use it as catchy slogans that people can take you know very viral pictures with it's definitely evolved off of being just purely like storefront signage which has been great for us photo studio called The Urban Jungle We did all of those We did them for the new honey uh headquarters down in the arts district We did all of their neon signs We did one for the beet juice mu musical It's featured in the play and we happened to make that Now we're in the heart of L A by us C So if you guys want a custom neon sign please come by We'll be glad to help you out If you can dream it we'll make it for you Custom neon signs and services is happy to light up L A OK Coming up candles and hats or hats and candles are cats and handles will find out together It will be right back Welcome back to L A unscripted from KT Glass works I'm and you guys here's another amazing piece from Kuki I can't stop I am so obsessed with this artistry This wasn't even in the script I just keep bringing it out because I love it so much And you know that's exactly why we're all about the cool things made in L A This next guy we found what we were shooting a totally different story about books but it was his crazy candles that left off the pages and into our hearts So those are all hand painted as well These are just art I

mean they're just absolute functional art I was doing costume design for television for years and then the pandemic happened And so I had a lot of free time business slowed down completely and I started with candles I love the Xanax Perfect for perfect for L A I went online ordered a kit came to the house I did it in my kitchen So this was actually the first mold that I designed There's so much that goes into it You have to get the right wax you have to get the right width and then I got into fragrance and color So that was a whole other world that I had to explore with dying The wax and my hands were stained for weeks They're beautiful and they're so solid You know it's funny because I almost thought they were gonna be hollow when I picked them up But these are like heavy full of like how much wax is this That is approximately 40 ounces of wax So that's no that's no joke Yeah it's serious And then you know most candles are like eight ounces Most popular candle is the seventies which is the swirly one And then the eyes are really popular Eyes without a face And the the boom box Would you add a cowboy boot into the mix Are you kidding me Right And you said you're gonna do a cowboy hat too right Cowboy hats on its way So this is lebron james' number Tell me about this one So this was a custom order for him for him for him OK Can we make one together Can you teach me because I tried this before And it did not go well at all Yes let's do it for sure OK By the way I dressed for this I wore my flame sweater Get it like candle flame just for you This is the lit mold We are going to put the wit in the mold first So we will pour the wax in here And so this is a blend of soy and bees wax OK Got it Then we would do this dyed scarlet and it gets all over the place and then if you'd like we could add some scent Yeah Yeah Yeah Yeah So I think you like the coconut so tall and coconut Oh That smells so good I can see the pink I find this so relaxing I think this is why I tried to do it during the pandemic is to me it's so soothing So then you just pour very slowly Is that good That's perfect OK So it's been six hours We went a we went shop we did some more candle making So ours should be cured right Ready to go Let me grab it Oh oh David I feel like we we're giving birth I don't even feel like this is a candle I feel like this is a baby Here we go Stop it Right now Oh my God Our executive producer for L A unscripted Kimberly Cornell loves lips more than anything in the world I mean she might need one such a cool guy I love spending the day with him and I never going to light the beautiful candle we made It's too pretty and speaking of stunning hats off to this next story of chaos made in L A that's hot in French I didn't know either for 50 years Baron hats has been making custom hats Many of them for the Hollywood

elite for the last 25 Mark Mejia has been the master hat maker and I'll tell you I don't know if there's a hat he can't make This is the showroom for Baron hats here in DTL A This is where you can come and actually pick something out Have a selection maybe make some different choices on brim width crown height and so we can pick and make the right hat custom for you You've made all these hats handmade Oh yeah Every one of these are all handmade So one thing I'm noticing in your showroom is all these films Quentin Tarantino films We're looking at Western films Jim Carrey and the mask Are you responsible for these hats Yeah These are hats I've made Yeah sure I mean this looks like your Hollywood's go to hat Yeah Right Yeah that's what we do I mean that's 70% of what we do is motion picture television commercials So there's not many like you not like this come on back to the shop So all these machines are specifically made for a specific job in hat making It's 100 years old This trade what we're doing is very old and the machinery that's attached to it is old So this goes back to the early 19 hundreds So Doug have a seat right here This is called a conform made in France in the late 18 hundreds Here we go There we go Gotcha We're gonna use this pattern here and put it into something called the vermilion which is this and this is gonna give me the shape of your head and the size of your head And then from that we're going to make a wooden custom block for you for the general public We make blocks like this for you We're going to make you a custom block that looks something like these Here's a couple of custom blocks you can see So this is Sylvester Stallone Right Right Yes Sure For a project that we had some project that we were working was a rocky right So this is gonna process gonna soften the the felt and there's the beginning of the actual blocking of a hat This is the beginning It comes over to this table and we can do all kinds of things with it And there you have a Fedora do Oh man I like it man And here you go Doug ready I like this is like a like a thing you got Oh ok All right I feel like a different person I love it And that is all the time we have for tonight Thank you so much for joining us And thanks to these fabulous artists here at KT Glass works that let us crash their space and you know what We didn't break anything Oh I spoke too soon Sorry guys we'll see you next time Everyone Good night What was that