

“Making art projects with our work”—Stephen Stefanou

*Eastman Spectar™ copolyester used in art installations
by Design Solutions, now Venue Arts*

Master display artist Stephen Stefanou of Dallas-based Design Solutions, now Venue Arts, is known for transforming an ordinary venue into something extraordinary. His larger-than-life art installations are based on conceptual ideas that fit the character of the space and are created for pure enchantment.

Stefanou has designed several seasonal displays for MGM Macau, including a springtime butterfly pavilion in which he added elements of nature featuring a live butterfly habitat in a geodesic dome. For adornment surrounding the dome and inviting visitors in, Stefanou created giant butterflies ranging from 9 feet to 23 feet in size, made with Eastman Spectar™ copolyester. Representing many species, the colorful creatures are hand painted and hand formed onto a metal armature.

Bright and reflective

“It is like looking at colored glass,” says Stefanou, speaking of Spectar.

The color-tinted Spectar takes on the appearance of art glass as it captures the reflective and translucent qualities of glass while radiating brilliant color shadows. Stefanou likes working with Spectar because it allows him to stretch the limits of what can be done with a transparent material.

“I am comfortable with Spectar because of the ease of design and its thermoforming capabilities,” he says. “Things can be done with Spectar that can’t be done with glass.”

Flying fantasy

Working in all sorts of media, Stefanou likes harmony, nostalgia, and emotion—with a touch of whimsy and magic. Whatever the creative direction he takes, the end result is always a memorable sight that appeals to the child in all of us.

The butterflies are no exception. “They are enormous. They are flying,” says Stefanou. “Emotionally that’s how our guests see it.”



Giant butterflies made of Eastman Spectar™ copolyester captivate visitors at MGM’s Grande Praça Butterfly Pavilion in Macau in southeast China.

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