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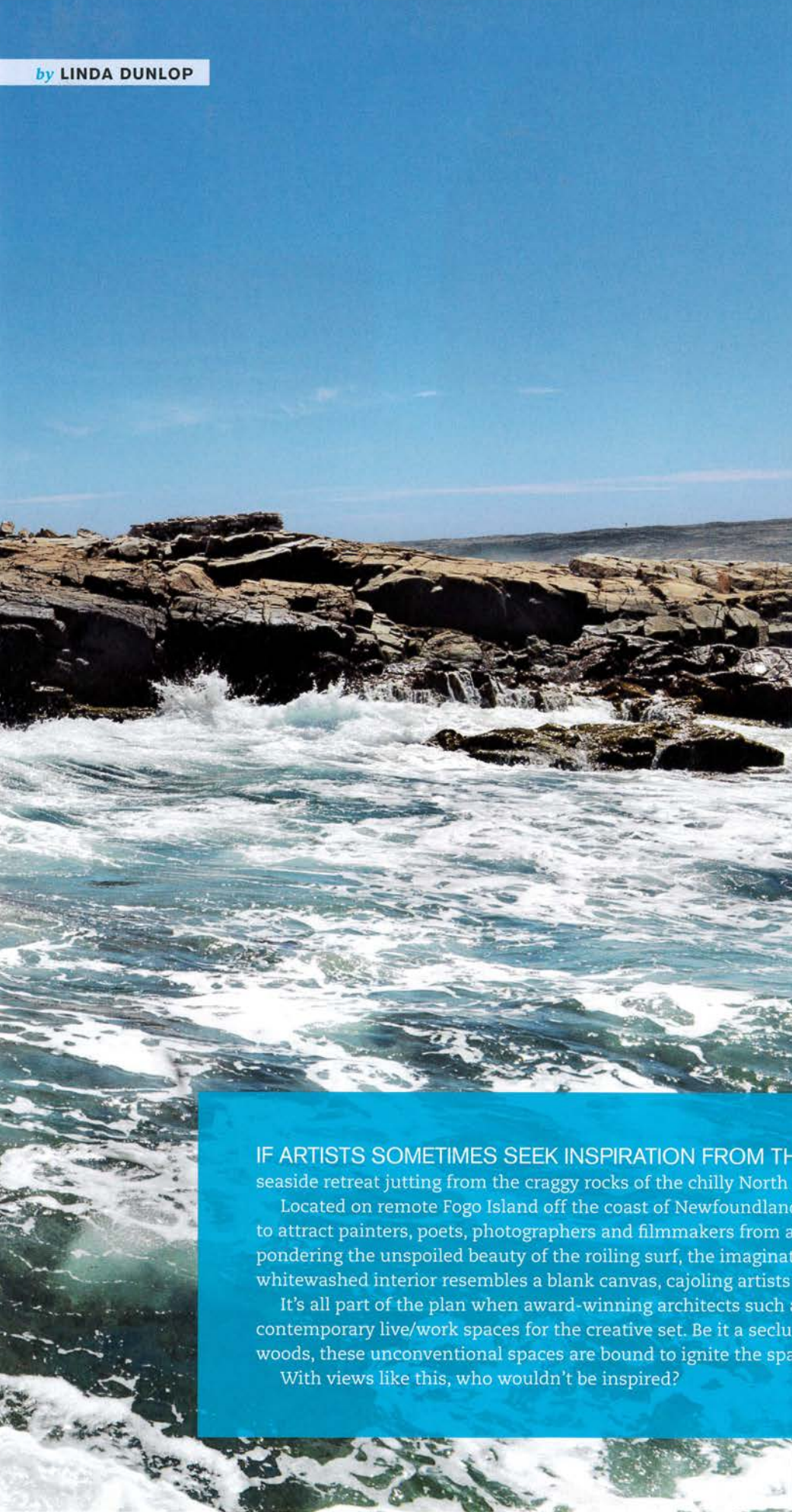
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Contemporary architectural designs enliven creative spirits



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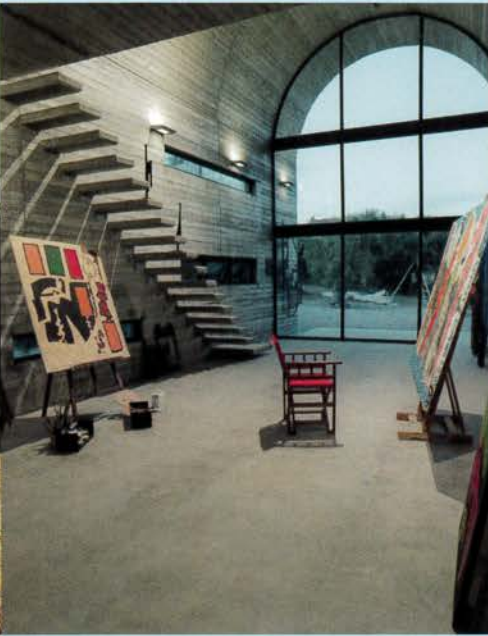


IF ARTISTS SOMETIMES SEEK INSPIRATION FROM THEIR SURROUNDINGS, then this seaside retreat jutting from the craggy rocks of the chilly North Atlantic must surely awaken the muse.

Located on remote Fogo Island off the coast of Newfoundland, this is one of six artist studios designed to attract painters, poets, photographers and filmmakers from around the globe for extended stays. While pondering the unspoiled beauty of the roiling surf, the imagination is free to roam. Inside, the structure's whitewashed interior resembles a blank canvas, cajoling artists to unleash sweeping splashes of color.

It's all part of the plan when award-winning architects such as Fogo's Todd Saunders design contemporary live/work spaces for the creative set. Be it a secluded ocean retreat or a rustic cabin in the woods, these unconventional spaces are bound to ignite the spark that infuses great art.

With views like this, who wouldn't be inspired?



CREATIVE NIRVANA

This page, clockwise from top: against the sun-parched landscape of Boeotia, Greece, sits the two-storey domed workshop of painter and sculptor Alexandros Liapis; floor-to-ceiling glass on two sides of this San Diego studio provides plenty of natural light and inspiring views of the canyon below. Floating 15 feet above a dry creek bed, the structure sits adjacent to the artist couple's home, making for a stress-free daily commute.