

# *sensual* SCENTS

Dasein's unisex fragrances awaken seasonal senses.

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The first time I walk into BKB Handcrafted in Palm Springs, owner Jamie Bosworth is quick to show me Dasein's Winter fragrance. A combination of blue spruce, black cardamom, forest pine and French lavender, the scent flies off the shelves.

Curious (and intoxicated by the smell), I reached out to Dasein founder Sam Rader, who hand-blends all her bottles in small batches at her home in Los Angeles. "Winter is by far my most popular scent," she explained via email. "No one can resist that familiar, nostalgic, cozy feeling that pine and spruce brings during the cold season."



**WINTER** comprises notes of blue spruce, black cardamom, forest pine and French lavender, \$125, at [daseinfragrance.com](http://daseinfragrance.com).

**WINTER NIGHTS**, a collaboration with Imaginary Authors perfumer Josh Meyer, features notes of coastal forest, driftwood bonfire, cardamom tea, lavender flowers and wild musk, \$125, at [daseinfragrance.com](http://daseinfragrance.com).



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YOU CAN GRAB DASEIN FRAGRANCES IN PALM SPRINGS AND JOSHUA TREE!

BKB Handcrafted  
388 N. Palm Canyon Dr., Palm Springs

BKB Ceramics  
61705 Highway 62, Joshua Tree

A psychologist who owns a private practice in Highland Park, Rader created in the scent in 2013 after teaching herself the art of perfuming. "Some of my early creations most righteously sucked," she reveals. But after Winter was such a hit, Rader built out a line with fragrances for each season. Her personal favorite is Summer, with notes of grapefruit, grass, cilantro, jasmine and orange blossom. "It smells so good I want to eat it," Rader says.

In recent months, however, she decided to discontinue the trio of additional scents that had garnered "a couple hundred cult followers for each," but didn't "resonate with the masses." Each one featured a key ingredient, Rader explains, that can be challenging for most noses – like cilantro and vetiver.

Now, Dasein (pronounced dah-ZYNE) comprises Winter and a new companion, Winter Nights, created in collaboration with indie avant garde unisex perfumer Josh Meyer. They're only available during the holidays each year.

So, while you can, grab one of the few remaining bottles at BKB Handcrafted, or its Joshua Tree counterpart, BKB Ceramics. Bosworth says she's got about 10 left to get you through the warmer months. (You can also purchase the last of the Spring, Summer or Autumn batches at [daseinfragrance.com](http://daseinfragrance.com).)

I personally think Winter is a year-round fragrance perfect for any guy or gal who wants to add a bit of backwoods warmth to their well-being. But hurry – the style won't last long! 🌱