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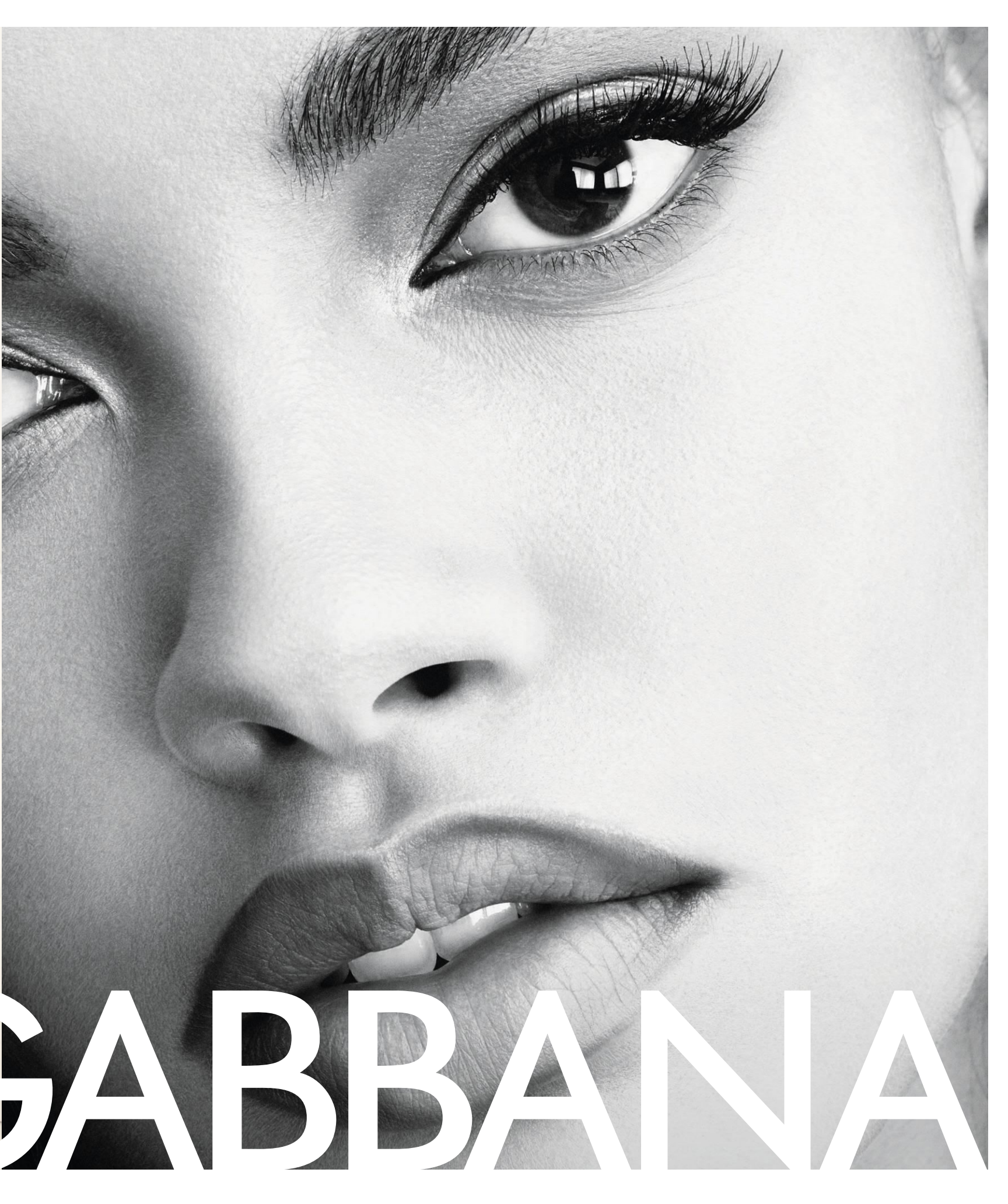




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A letter from the PUBLISHER

Leading the Way

March marks Women's History Month, a time to reflect not only on the progress women have made, but on the businesses they are building and leading today. This year, it feels especially meaningful as we continue building momentum in Houston.

When I look at the photo of our Houston sales team from the holidays, a team that blends long-standing experience with fresh perspective, I see women who bring distinct strengths to the table: different backgrounds, different expertise, different points of view. What connects them is a shared commitment to excellence and growth.

Building the right team is about aligning strengths, standards and expectations. As we strengthen this next chapter for *Houston* magazine, I am proud of the women shaping our direction, those who have been trusted advisors to clients for decades and those bringing new energy and ideas to the market.

We are continuing to refine how

we work together, elevating standards, strengthening processes and aligning around a common goal: delivering meaningful results for our partners while building careers we are proud of.

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That truth is reflected in the remarkable female leaders we are honored to work alongside across Houston.

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Women like Nancy Almodovar, who built Nan & Company Properties from her kitchen table into a luxury real estate powerhouse. Her growth reflects Houston's trajectory, bold, resilient and forward-focused, and we are proud to support that momentum.

And leaders like Heidi Guzman, who has helped scale Buffbunny Collection into a globally recognized brand rooted right here

in Houston. Her ability to build community and brand loyalty speaks to the power of modern female entrepreneurship—and we are proud to celebrate that success.

To these leaders, thank you. Thank you for trusting us. Thank you for building in Houston. Thank you for raising the standard.

This month, we celebrate women not only for their inspiration, but for their execution, the teams they lead and the impact they create.

To the women on our team and across our city, may we continue to lead with confidence and build what comes next.

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Marching Forward

Beckoning with colorful blooms and propitious skies, spring has officially sprung. As we transition from the Year of the Snake into the Year of the Horse, I am ready to breathe in a bevy of exciting opportunities and new adventures that await. Upon researching the symbolism behind the Chinese zodiac, I learned that the Year of the Horse embodies energy, freedom, speed and action. What a perfect celebration of attributes, especially in the beloved city of Houston, where we are surrounded by changemakers armed with all of these qualities. In a rapidly growing city, we are redefining the power of resilience through change; it is paramount that we spotlight those leading the charge. In this issue, we shine a light on Houston Ballet's executive

director, who traded in her Manhattan slippers for the Houston arts and culture scene this past fall. We also take a look at some of our favorite exhibitions popping up around town where swaths of color and thoughtful works summon your next visit. Whether it's giving toward causes near and dear or learning about the many efforts throughout the city, there are so many ways to step into the ring and lend a helping hand. From nonprofit organizations to the arts and cultural scene, the people of Houston are all in when it comes to giving back, getting involved, and, of course, looking their best while doing so. This issue also celebrates our Best of Beauty feature, where we've tapped the names to know to keep you feeling sparkly and ready for the spring season ahead. Cheers!

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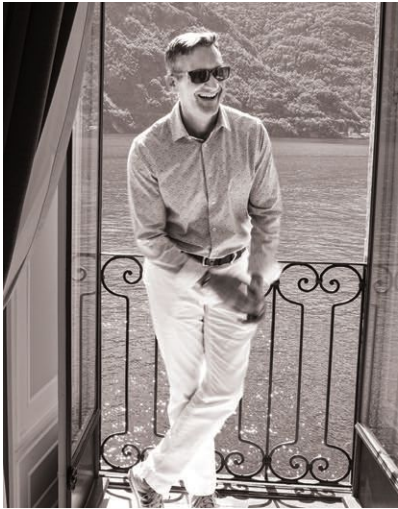
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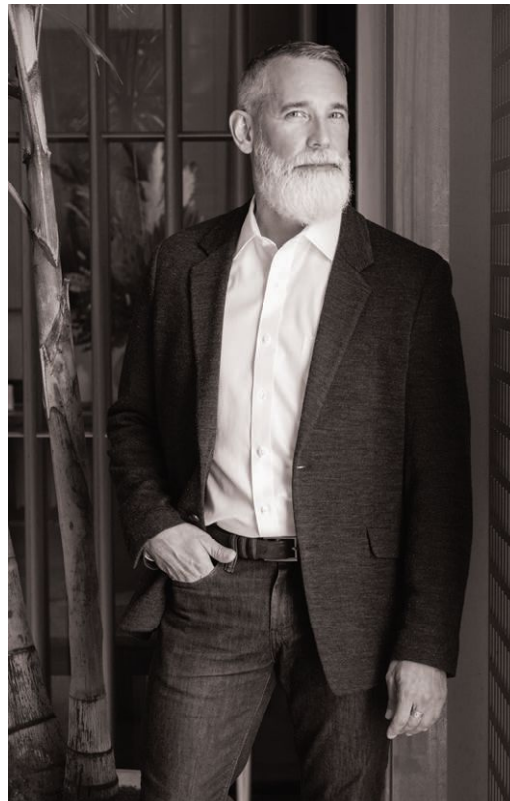
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The Bayou's Big March

March brings standout performances, meaningful community events and vibrant art to Houston. Here's your guide to the month's best happenings as the city welcomes spring. *by* MARCELA MARTINEZ MORALES AND HAVEN HATHAWAY

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3/7-9/13 THE JOURNEY TO END CANCER: FROM CAUSE TO CURE

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The Two Fridas (Las dos Fridas), 1939, a striking double self-portrait by Frida Kahlo depicting two seated versions of the artist joined side by side.



3/12-22 BROKEN WINGS

Annabelle Lopez Ochoa's *Broken Wings*, created for the English National Ballet, comes to the Brown Theater. Inspired by Frida Kahlo's life and art, the narrative ballet features a score by Peter Salem and blends surrealist imagery with Mexican folk music. houstonballet.org

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The 54th annual Buffalo Bayou Partnership Regatta, the largest canoe and kayak race in Texas, takes participants along a 15-mile stretch of Buffalo Bayou. Proceeds support the nonprofit's ongoing conservation and park development initiatives along the waterway. buffalobayou.org

3/26 HATS IN THE PARK

Held in Hermann Park and chaired this year by Demetra Jones, Tina Arias Peterman and Fuentes Toubia, the event will honor UTHealth Houston for its support of the park and the surrounding community. hermannpark.org

3/26 NORA'S HOME GALA

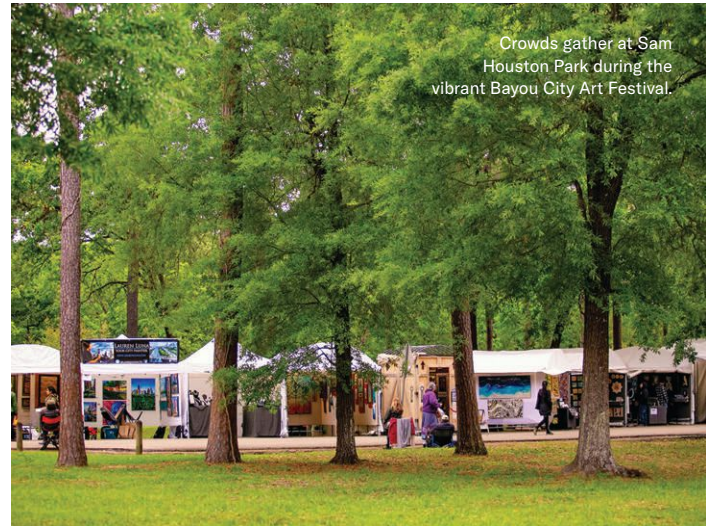
Nora's Home hosts its annual gala at The Post Oak Hotel. The night will have live entertainment, dinner, magic and hope as funds—and awareness—are raised to help transplant patients and their families. norashome.org

3/27 STAND UP FOR CHILDREN 2026

The annual fundraising event features comedian Ian Karmel and supports the organization's advocacy, research and public policy initiatives aimed at improving the quality of life for children across Texas. childrenatrisk.org

3/27 BETTER IN BOOTS WESTERN GALA

The Sky High for Kids Annual Better in Boots Western Gala returns to Houston for an evening



of Western flair in support of children facing pediatric cancer and other life-threatening conditions. Guests don their best boots for a night of dinner, live and silent auctions, with proceeds benefiting family assistance programs and critical pediatric cancer research. skyhighforkids.org

3/27 THE ROUND TOP TABLE

Andy Roddick Foundation hosts The Round Top Table from 5:45–9 p.m. at Rancho Pillow, benefiting youth in Central Texas. The evening features dinner by Fiore Tedesco of L'Oca d'Oro and a fireside chat with Leanne Ford and Grace Mitchell, moderated by Brooklyn Decker. andyroddickfoundation.org/roundtop

3/27-28 TOMEVERHART AT OFF THE WALL GALLERY

Renowned American artist Tom Everhart presents a showcase at Off The Wall Gallery. The exhibition features large-scale works depicting characters from the Peanuts comic strip. Everhart is the only fine artist authorized by Charles M. Schulz to reinterpret the characters, including Snoopy, Charlie Brown, Woodstock and Lucy. offthewallgallery.com

3/28 STAGES GALA: TINY BEAUTIFUL THINGS

Stages hosts its annual gala at The Gordy, chaired by June and Steve Barth. Named for one of the theater's productions this season,

the event includes dinner, live entertainment and a silent auction. stageshouston.com

3/28 FRIDA FESTIVAL HOUSTON

Frida Festival Houston takes place at Discovery Green and honors the life and artistic legacy of Frida Kahlo. The festival features local artists, cultural performances, fashion presentations and food vendors celebrating Mexican heritage. fridafestival.org

3/28-29 BAYOU CITY ARTS FESTIVAL

Bayou City Arts Festival returns to Sam Houston Park for its spring edition. The weekend includes live entertainment, food vendors and interactive installations. This year's featured artist is Lijah Hanley, known for staged photographic compositions created using practical effects. bayoucityartfestival.com

3/28-4/5 U.S. MEN'S CLAY COURT CHAMPIONSHIP

The U.S. Men's Clay Court Championship returns to River Oaks Country Club as the only ATP Tour clay-court tournament in the United States. Scheduled competitors include Tommy Paul, Jenson Brooksby and 2024 champion Ben Shelton. The tournament is part of the lead-up to the European clay season. mensclaycourt.com

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Toast of the Town

If brunch is your sport, these are the 10 bucket-list restaurants to conquer next. *by THE EDITORS*

From left: Annabelle Brasserie's Love Bird cocktail; Annabelle deviled eggs topped with lemon dijonnaise, trout roe and thinly sliced radish.



ANNABELLE BRASSERIE

Brunch leans Parisian here, with freshly baked baguettes, onion soup gratinée and steak frites alongside more familiar crowd-pleasers. The house burgers—Annabelle's Burger with traditional garnishes and Le Berger layered with French accents—anchor the savory offerings, while pastry-driven starters round out the experience. *811 Buffalo Park Drive, annabellebrasserie.com*

HUGO'S

Named for James Beard Award-winning chef-owner Hugo Ortega, Hugo's remains one of Houston's definitive destinations for regional Mexican cuisine. Saturday brunch highlights a la carte specialties such as huevos rancheros and seasonal antojitos, occasionally featuring ingredients like chapulines. Sundays are reserved for the restaurant's long-running brunch buffet, an expansive spread of moles, housemade tortillas, ceviches, traditional stews and desserts that showcase the breadth of Mexico's culinary traditions. *1600 Westheimer Road, hugosrestaurant.net*

BRENNAN'S HOUSTON

An institution since 1967, Brennan's Houston brings Creole refinement to Midtown in a historic, ivy-clad mansion. Weekend brunch reflects its New Orleans lineage with dishes such as Eggs Brennan—turtle soup and poached eggs with hollandaise—and Gulf seafood preparations

that underscore the restaurant's commitment to local sourcing. Tableside service, polished but relaxed, remains part of the ritual. *3300 Smith St., brennanshouston.com*

A'BOUZY

Located on Lower Westheimer, a'Bouzy pairs a brasserie-style menu with one of the city's most extensive Champagne lists. Brunch skewers indulgent: baked oysters, seafood pot pie, blackened shrimp tacos and smoked salmon plates share space with French-leaning egg dishes. The beverage program is a draw in its own right, with hundreds of Champagnes and sparkling wines complemented by seasonally rotating cocktails. *2300 Westheimer Road, abouzy.com*

MAYAHUEL

Mayahuel channels the energy of Mexico City into Houston. Weekend brunch highlights traditional favorites such as chilaquiles and enfrijoladas de pollo alongside a Mexico City-style eggs Benedict that nods to both classic and modern influences. Fresh-pressed juices and agave-forward cocktails round out the experience, underscoring the restaurant's thoughtful, spirits-driven beverage program. *811 Buffalo Park Drive, mayahuelrestaurant.com*

BLOOM & BEE

Inside The Post Oak Hotel, Bloom & Bee delivers a whimsical, color-forward setting for brunch in Uptown. The menu balances comfort and finesse with dishes such as blue corn and ricotta pancakes, avocado toast variations and seasonal flatbreads like asparagus with burrata. Pastry selections and composed desserts complete the experience. *1600 W. Loop S., thepostoakhotel.com*

HUNGRY'S

With three locations across Houston, Hungry's has become a reliable destination for weekend brunch, served Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Mediterranean-rooted menu spans sweet and savory, with standouts including the Hungry's Shortstack, French omelette sandwich, chilaquiles, crab cake eggs benedict and croissant French toast. Each location features a spacious, covered patio that lends itself to relaxed, alfresco dining—an easy draw for families and groups. *Multiple locations, hungryscafe.com*

TINY BOXWOODS

A Houston favorite for more than a decade, Tiny Boxwoods pairs a tree-shaded patio

with a streamlined brunch menu. Expect seasonal salads, burrata starters, hearty sandwiches like the turkey avocado club and a concise selection of egg dishes. Guests often extend their visit with sweets from the on-site bakery and from the adjacent Tiny's Milk & Cookies. *3614 W. Alabama St., tinyboxwoods.com*

LATULI

The weekend menu features dishes such as chilaquiles, arepas, sweet plantain pancakes and savory egg plates layered with house-made salsas and fresh herbs. Coffee drinks and fruit-forward beverages complement the menu, while the intimate dining room and patio seating give the restaurant a neighborhood feel suited to unhurried mornings. *8900 Gaylord Drive, latuli.com*

OJO DE AGUA

Situated in River Oaks District, Ojo de Agua originated in Mexico City and focuses on fresh-pressed juices, colorful interiors and produce-driven Mexican fare. Brunch ranges from ribeye tacos and chilaquiles to guava-topped pancakes and acai bowls, reflecting a balance of indulgent and lighter options. *4444 Westheimer Road, ojodeaguarod.com*



Hungry's Shortstack features three fluffy buttermilk pancakes finished with whipped butter and fresh berries, served with warm maple syrup.

Raising the barre for the future of Houston Ballet (houstonballet.org), executive director Sonja Kostich is soaring to new heights.

by JANE HUMPHREY

En Pointe



From top: Houston Ballet performs *Swan Lake*; Sonja Kostich was appointed executive director in August 2025.

I know you first started your career as a dancer, and now, years later, you have found yourself on the other side in an executive role. What has this full-circle moment meant to you? Dance is about life. It is alive with dreams, hopes and aspirations. Ballet can transform you so that you can see yourself reflected back in a performance. It's incredible, and I'm thrilled to be a part of the Houston community in this role.

What cements this city's cultural landscape as it pertains to the ballet? The diversity of the company truly reflects the diversity of

Houston. We are a community that uplifts one another, which is amazing. We are here to build and further cultivate a love of ballet.

What is your ultimate goal as you settle into this role and set your sights on the future ahead? We have such incredible educational programs. The Houston Ballet is full of talent, spark and love for the arts. We are a leader in many ways, which serves as a catalyst to propel us forward. We need to spread the word about what we are doing here, within our community and nationally.



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Circling Round Top

Though style-savvy crowds descend on Round Top every March and October like clockwork for the hugely popular antique show and tents (slated for March 14-28 and October 17-31 this year), the best spots in and around this charming town are open all year long. *by RIKI ALTMAN-YEE*

WHERE TO STAY:



Guests at Stardust Ranch get fully immersed in the environment's quiet luxury.

Element Ranch

Just outside Round Top and perfect for large groups, this 40-acre property in Carmine boasts a 5,500-square-foot villa with a chef-ready kitchen, double-sided fireplaces, a two-story library, and a 15,000-square-foot outdoor entertaining space. Or ask for a single-family "retreat." 3780 Althaus Road, elementranch.com

The Frenchie Boutique Hotel

Comprising three buildings, all within walking distance of downtown, this property from stylish powerhouse Katy Bader feels like a chic secret find. Fire pits, pickleball, poolside snacks and caviar service await. 311 N. Live Oak St., roundtopxhotels.com

Hideaway Round Top

Texas-based interior designer Emily Seiders and her husband salvaged 21 acres to create this modern retreat and event space, opening soon. Stay in the custom-built farmhouse or a guest cottage, surrounded by antique quilts, local stone and pond views. 2600 Hwy. 237, hideawayroundtop.com

Milk & Honey Ranch

Those who dream of vacationing on a working farm will love wandering these 54 acres in Burton, shared with more than 400 animals. Visit the spa, take out a jet ski, or cuddle a mini Highland cow—options await. 8202 Brandt Road, milkandhoneyranch.com

Stardust Ranch

Labeled "an immersive ranch" and a "launchpad for creativity," this new, ultra-cool sanctuary in Fayetteville by award-winning designer Jessica Love has a decidedly David Bowie-inspired bend, along with luxurious accommodations, spa stations and geodesic domes for moonage daydreamers. 2944 Sykora Road, stardustranch.com

The Vintage Round Top

Snag one of four cottages, all a quarter mile from Festival Hill, to feel totally cocooned in a vintage vibe. What the place lacks in amenities, it more than makes up for with design. 1450 N. Hwy. 237, thevintagearoundtop.com

WHERE TO EAT:

Boon & Company

IYKYK: Though this elegant, gourmet restaurant and market is only open Thursdays through Sundays for limited hours, diners reserve tables weeks in advance to partake of the brick-iron flatbread appetizer and tableside Carajillo. 206 S. Washington St., boonandcompany.com

Lulu's Round Top

For perfect martinis and an unforgettable spaghetti cacio e pepe, this is the best spot in town, so be sure to secure a reservation. Consider booking a room or suite at Hotel Lulu (hotellulutx.com) to sleep off the carbs. 204 E. Mill St., lulustx.com

Royers Round Top Cafe

This place is not fancy, and it's only open Thursdays through Sundays for limited hours. Still, insiders say it is worth the schedule juggling to get the pork tenderloin topped with a peach-and-pepper glaze and a slice of junkberry pie for dessert. 105 Main St., royerscafe.com



WHERE TO SHOP:

House of Yo

Fashionable types who ride in style will seek out this new bespoke boutique to celebrate the Year of the Horse properly: in a 1930s horsehide jacket, vintage equine-themed belt buckles and the like. 106 Schumann Lane, houseofyo.com

Paul Michael Company

For out-of-the-ordinary home decor objects and furnishings, this giant showroom is worth a stop. Look for the namesake's own line of accessories and furniture, all American-made and primarily crafted from architectural salvage, natural elements and reclaimed wood. 1542 Texas 237, paulmichaelcompany.com

Richard Schmidt Jewelry

Head here for handmade, one-of-a-kind jewelry, often crafted in hammered silver with turquoise, coral, mother-of-pearl, or semi-precious stones. 601 N. Washington, richardschmidtjewelry.com

WHAT TO DO:

550 Market

After late-night shopping at some of the town's coolest vendors, pop into The Mark Speakeasy, a swanky secret bar, Fridays and Saturdays from 8 p.m. to midnight for cocktails and light bar bites. 550 N. Washington St., thestonecellar550.com

Festival Hill

Grab charcuterie and vino from Prost Wine Bar on Block 29 (@prostroundtop), then head here for myriad cultural offerings, ranging from classical music concerts with famous orchestras to art exhibitions to poetry readings. 248 Jaster Road, festivalhill.org

Shakespeare at Winedale

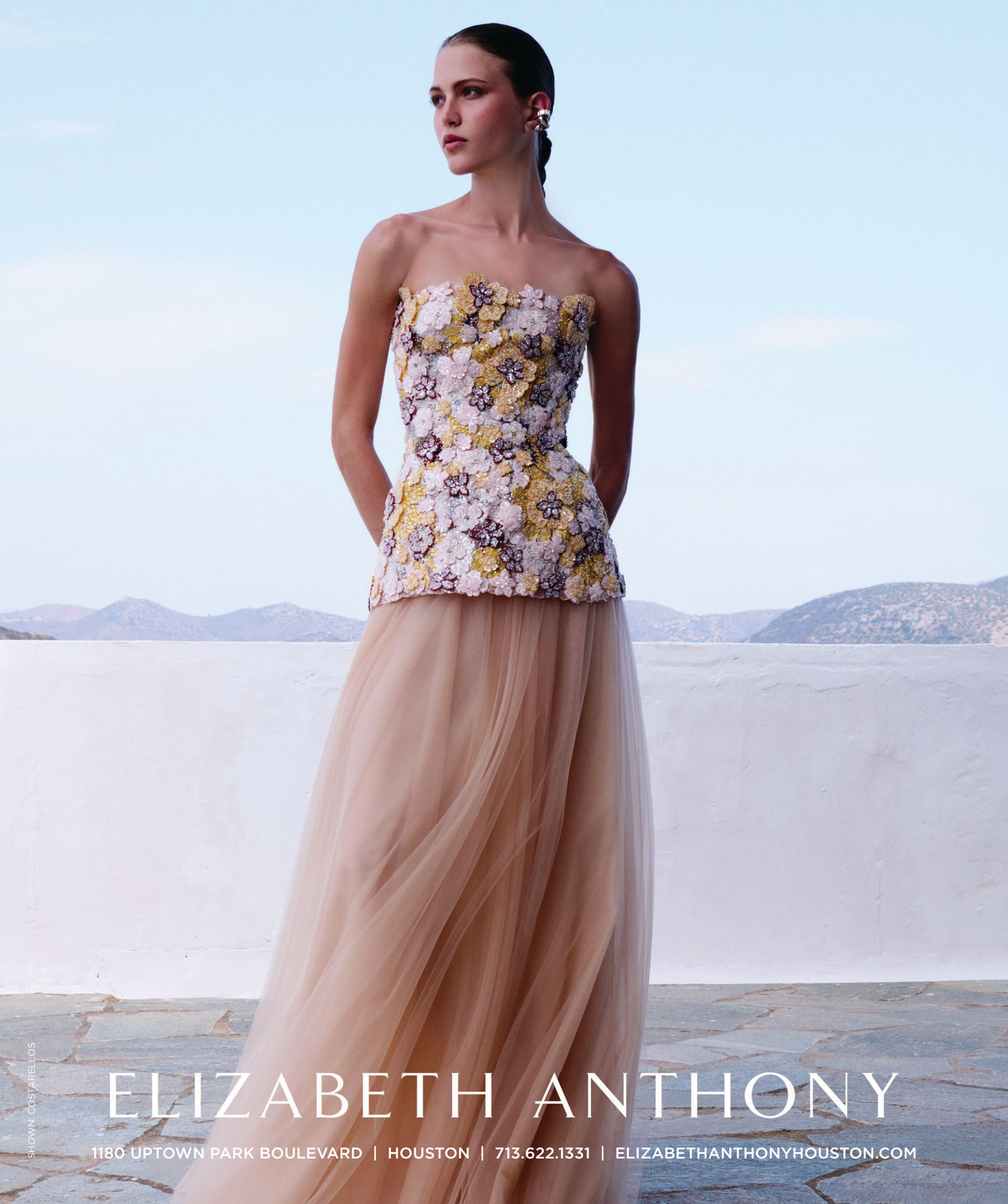
UT students have been performing the Immortal Bard's most famous plays at Winedale Historical Center near Round Top for more than half a century. This year, audiences can enjoy *The Winter's Tale*, *Love's Labor's Lost*, *Romeo and Juliet*, and *Henry IV Part 1*. 3738 FM 2714, liberalarts.utexas.edu/winedale

Clockwise from top: House of Yo's; Hideaway's farmhouse gallery hall is decorated to the nines.

CLOCKWISE, FROM TOP: PHOTOS BY YALONDA YO, CHASE DANIEL AND BILL BOCH/GETTY



Clockwise, from top: Curated finds at House of Yo; a post-antiquing martini; Hideaway's Farmhouse Gallery Hall



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House of Yo 1940 Silver and Turquoise Concho Belt
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oldgringoboots.com



The Webster The Attico Red Paisley-print Leather Clutch
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Go West

From authentic, vintage finds to modern artisan creations, these elevated Western staples are dominating the local fashion landscape. *by JILL COLE*



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Houston-based designer Benjamin Johnston (benjamin-johnston.com) beckons with his premier tome, *Refined Interiors*. Set to tour the state of Texas and beyond this spring, we caught up with the creative tour de force to learn more.

by JANE HUMPHREY

The Art of Design

Tell us about the overall process of putting this book together. This year marks the 10-year anniversary of my company and 22 years for me in the design industry, making it a particularly meaningful milestone. The book is very much a love letter to the people behind the scenes as much as to the finished designs featured within. Their vision, creativity and craftsmanship made every detail possible. I hope this book offers insight into our design process and encourages readers to take thoughtful risks in their own projects.

How did you decide on which projects to share? The eight projects featured in the book highlight a range of design approaches and show how we respond to both the distinct personalities of our clients and a diversity of architectural styles. Each home feels deeply personal to the people who live there and reflects what they find to be meaningful and beautiful.

What is your favorite part of the design process? I love getting to know our clients and learning what they find beautiful and

what makes them unique. The process is one of discovery, grounded in respect and appreciation for each client.

Where did you first fall in love with the art of design? I first fell in love with design in theaters, both onstage and onscreen. Production design and the story it visually tells inspire me to this day, and I am thrilled that the homes we create for our clients become the backdrop for them to live their best lives, surrounded by a beautiful reflection of their journeys.

What is your favorite part of living in Houston and being a part of the creative community? Houston is an incredible place to make an impact. There's an openness here—to big ideas, bold personalities and ambitious storytelling—which creates extraordinary opportunity.

Sky's the limit—what's next?

As a firm specializing in both architecture and interior design, we are growing in exciting and meaningful ways. We've recently moved into a new, state-of-the-art office and design studio. We are also continuing to expand our brand partnerships through our licensed collections with Chaddock Furniture, S. Harris and Madison Lily Rugs, as well as an upcoming collaboration with MATERIAL Bespoke Stone & Tile.





From left: The outdoor pool and lounge area, designed for relaxation and entertaining; the putting green, extending the indoor golf simulator, creates a seamless space for gathering. Inside, G&S Drapery curtains add a touch of texture and elegance.

The Long Game

Specializing in residential design, Brittney Ferguson Interiors' latest project embraces an open-door philosophy, resulting in a space that is equal parts inviting and intentional. *by HAVEN HATHAWAY*

The Southern instinct to host informs every square foot of Project 23rd Street, a home and outdoor remodel by Brittney Ferguson of Brittney Ferguson Interiors. Rooted in the idea that spaces should invite gathering rather than dictate use, the project's most transformative addition is a golf simulator flex space designed to elevate the client's entertaining.

Ferguson, who founded her namesake studio in 2019 and has since completed more than 20 projects, approached the addition with a clear directive: create a destination that felt social, immersive and adaptable. "The idea was to move beyond a single-purpose golf room and create a space people would want to gather in," she says.

While the simulator serves as a visual and experimental anchor, the design is intentionally layered to support a wide range of moments. "It's about comfort, atmosphere and flexibility," says Ferguson. "Somewhere you can play, host friends, watch a game or just hang out. It's less 'golf-only' and more an all-around entertaining space."

What truly distinguishes the project is the seamless relationship between



The space bursts with color and personality, from the Benjamin Moore Apollo Blue accents to custom throw pillows by Missoni and Schumacher, while Phillip Jeffries' Rivets wallpaper adds a playful, textured backdrop.

indoors and outdoors. The putting green and outdoor remodel extend the energy of the flex space beyond its walls, creating an effortless flow. “It gives people a reason to flow outside, play and socialize,” says Ferguson. “It makes the whole area feel bigger, more interactive and perfectly suited for entertaining.”

Layering played a critical role in the design development. Ferguson prioritized performance where it mattered most—durable materials, functional layouts and furnishings that support active use—then softened the space with warm textures, rich finishes and inviting seating. “By mixing practical elements with stylish details,

the space feels inviting and livable, not purely recreational,” she notes.

One of the most playful moments comes in the form of Rivets wallpaper, which Ferguson carried across both walls and ceiling to create a fully enveloping effect. “Wrapping the room makes it feel intentional and immersive,” she says. “It adds personality and texture while keeping the eye moving.” Complementing the graphic pattern, Kelly Wearstler’s drapery fabric introduces warmth and intimacy while subtly enhancing the perception of ceiling height which is proof that even in a high-energy flex space, refined details still matter. brittneyfergusoninteriors.com

Design Details

Arteriors

Counterstools and leather chair

arteriorshome.com

Benjamin Moore

Paint color in Apollo Blue

benjaminmoore.com

Fixture & Fittings

Unlacquered brass hardware and plumbing fixtures

fixturesfittings.com

G&S Custom Draperies

Drapery fabrication

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Gray Malin

Art

graymalin.com

Kelly Wearstler

Drapery fabric (Graffito);

bathroom fixture

kellywearstler.com

Lyndi & Co. Design Studio

Studio

Fabrication, installation

and furnishing of Nero

Mist honed granite

countertops

lyndiandcodesignco.com

Missoni

Custom throw pillows

misoni.com

Phillip Jeffries

Wallpaper — Rivets

phillipjeffries.com

Prestige Mills

Carpet

prestigemills.com

Rickert Tile

Tile

rickerttile.com

Schumacher

Custom throw pillows

schumacher.com

Scout Design Studio

Burl end table

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2021 High Ranch Cabernet Sauvignon

High Ranch Vineyard's inaugural 2021 cabernet sauvignon marks a striking Coombsville debut. Crafted by acclaimed winemaker Sam Kaplan (known for his 100-point Memento Mori, among others), the wine reflects pristine, organically farmed terroir overlooking Kongsgaard's famed vineyard. Produced in just 100 cases, it instantly places High Ranch among Napa's elite. highranchvineyard.com



2023 Sonoma-Cutrer Les Pierres Chardonnay

This 100% chardonnay, perfect for warmer days, is complex yet impeccably balanced, opening with aromas of lemon zest, white blossom, cedar oak, wet stone and warm pie crust. The bright palate layers lemon curd, lime and mineral notes with toasted nuts, tamarind and subtle sweet oak spice. duckhorn.com



2022 Arkenstone Estate Red

Arkenstone Estate's flagship Estate Red channels the power of the Howell Mountain terroir. Aromas of wild berries, violet, sage and cacao unfold into layered black fruit, espresso, truffle and volcanic earth, with bright acidity and supple tannins carrying a long, voluptuous finish. Produced in just 580 cases, it's a rare, compelling expression. arkenstone.com



2022 Gary Farrell Winery Rochioli Vineyard Chardonnay

This premium chardonnay is a luxurious, limited-production gem from the Russian River Valley. It balances vibrant lemon curd and crisp green apple with sophisticated layers of toasted hazelnut and brioche. Refined mineral accents round out its complex profile, offering a masterful expression of this iconic vineyard. garyfarrellwinery.com



2023 Penfolds Bin 389 Cabernet Shiraz

Often called "Baby Grange," this bottle is a powerful Australian blend from McLaren Vale, Padthaway and the Barossa Valley. Full-bodied and richly layered, it delivers black fruit, chocolate and savory notes, finished in American oak. penfolds.com



Josh Cellars Seaswept Sauvignon Blanc & Pinot Grigio

Seaswept blends California-grown sauvignon blanc and pinot grigio into a light, refreshing white made for spring days. Aromas of citrus, blossom, freshly cut grass and green melon lead to a bright, zesty palate; it's an easygoing, sessionable wine designed to be enjoyed beyond the table, all day long. joshcellars.com

Open Season

After a winter of depleting your wines, here are six great bottles for a perfect springtime restock. *by* MICHAEL MCCARTHY



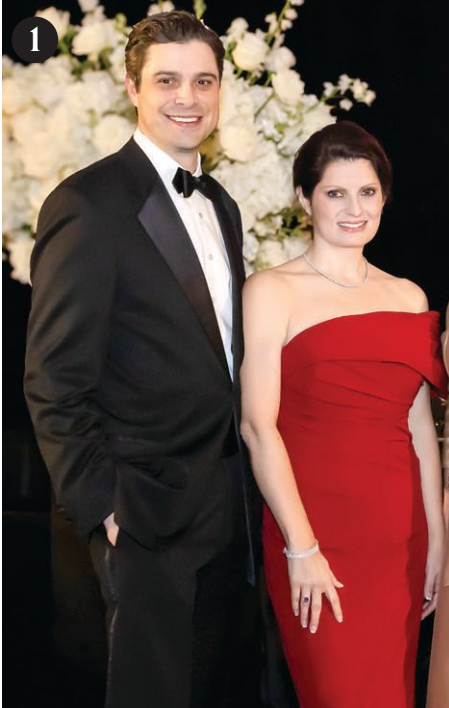
1/ Carmen Muñoz and Mark Schindler 2/ Lorenzo Cascino and Carla Muñoz 3/ Emmanuel Leventis and Debby Calles 4/ Bernie Cantu and Fran Rubenz 5/ The crowd was all smiles as they delighted in the latest looks from Baxter.

ON THE SCENE

Form and Function

THE PARTY Design enthusiasts descended upon CAM Studio to celebrate the highly anticipated debut of its new space. The pièce de résistance of the evening was the grand reveal of the storied showroom's new partnership with the storied Italian furniture house, Baxter. While enjoying cocktails and canapés, the crowd delighted in the latest curated collections from the brand.

THE PEOPLE The evening summoned a stylish sea of interior designers and decophiles, including **Bernie Cantu, Bruce and Oscar Banta-Guevara, Fran Rubenz, Mark Schindler** and more. **THE PINNACLE** CAM Studio founder and owner **Carla Muñoz** wove among the chic coterie alongside Baxter's **Lorenzo Cascino**, who spoke to the brand's philosophy. *BY JANE HUMPHREY*



1/ Damien and Kelly LaPar
 2/ Judy and Russ Labrasca
 3/ Randy Walker, Stacy Elizondo, John Higgins, and Asif Ali 4/ Cindy Cook and Janet Jones 5/ Robert Phillips, Julia Andrieni, Yuliya Veretennikova and Daniel Penny 6/ Beth Wolff and Suzan Deison



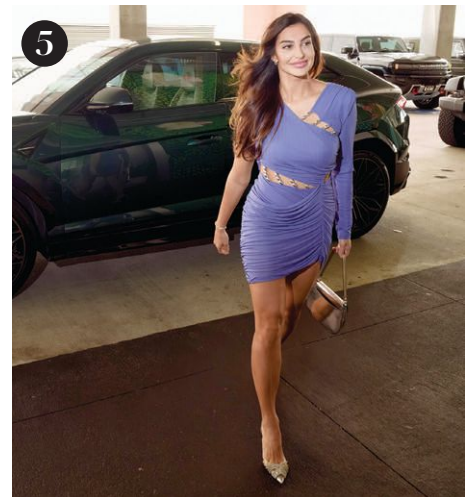
ON THE SCENE
Hearts of Hope

THE PARTY Opulence abounded at the Hilton Americas-Houston as well-heeled patrons packed the ballroom in support of the American Heart Association. The theme of the evening, “Hearts Behind the Mask,” prompted guests to don their chicest disguises, adding a playful element to the heartfelt evening. **THE PEOPLE** American Heart Association board chair **Rod Larson**, along with event chairs **Damien and Kelly LaPar**, welcomed the benevolent bunch, which included **Melina Kibbe, Jim and Pam Wells, Sarah Starry and Jeanna Bamburg.** **THE PINNACLE** Following a scintillating live auction where paddles flew high for covetable excursions such as a Hawaiian holiday and a Montage luxury escape, revelers danced the night away to the vibrant beats of the Manhattan Orchestra. —JH





1/ Brigitte Kalai, Mariann McClendon and Christine Johnson 2/ Alex Blair and Claudia Rodriguez 3/ Ashley Tse 4/ Tammie Johnson, Faith Majors and Jacquie Baly 5/ Hoda Sana 6/ The colorful scene in the Cactus Room of Park House



ON THE SCENE Hot off the Heels

THE PARTY The Cactus Room at Park House Houston lit up as fashionistas flocked for a celebratory day in honor of Heels and Horsepower. The enviable car club for women curates several networking events, rallies and brunches and, of course, draws together fellow luxe auto enthusiasts. **THE PEOPLE** CEO and owner of Heels and Horsepower, **Alex Blair**, sat down with friends and supercar owners, including

Jacquie Baly, Adriana Diesen, Brigitte Kalai, Ashley Tse, Hoda Sana and more. **THE PINNACLE** After stepping out in style, the ladies mingled over car talk and thoughtful discussions on ways the exclusive group could engage in philanthropy. Lavie en Rose Company had festooned the space with a whimsical sea of pink and red rose bouquets mixed with illuminating votives. —JH



1/ Candi Poisl and Patrice Alinger 2/ Disney Harris and Mary Jo Cantu 3/ Martha Adger Madgett and Cathy Cleary 4/ Ally Shell, Kate McGee and Karen Eddingston 5/ Jamie Grissom, Kendall Plank, Donna Lewis, Susan Plank and Jill Lack 6/ Laurie Krohn and Yuni Paufiques



ON THE SCENE
**Butterfly
 Effect**

THE PARTY Shopping and lunch made a festive pair as more than 130 women gathered in support of Dec My Room. Tootsies welcomed guests for a morning of pop-ups and trunk shows, with jeweler Angela Mia drawing a devoted crowd for her latest designs. **THE PEOPLE** The celebration continued with a seated luncheon at Armandos, where margaritas and fajitas fueled the afternoon. Founders **Kendall** and **Susan Plank** thanked supporters alongside event chairs **Jamie Grissom** and **Jill Lack**. Among those spotted: **Laurie Krohn, Stacey Lindseth, Donna Lewis, Denise Tinkham, Patrice Alinger, Britney Tribble, Kristin Blomquist, Clare Jackson Sullivan, Jennifer Pinkerton** and more. **THE PINNACLE** The Galentine's fete raised more than \$125,000 through tickets, donations and a lively raffle. During the signature "Butterflies Up" appeal, guests lifted symbolic butterflies in support of decorating hospital rooms for children.
 BY HAVEN HATHAWAY

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ON THE SCENE
Model Behavior

THE PARTY Over 200 guests gathered at The Podium for a record-breaking turnout at the annual Latin Women’s Initiative Fashion Show and Luncheon kick-off event. The elegant evening was made up of delicious fare and fellow excitement for the upcoming fundraiser. **THE PEOPLE** Latin Women’s Initiative president **Vicky Dominguez** was joined by chair **Julie Garza** to celebrate alongside supporters and this year’s honoree, **María Moncada Alaoui**, who, through leadership and passion, has embodied the spirit of the organization. This year, the luncheon will benefit Sunshine Kids, The Rose, Prelude Music Foundation, Finca Tres Robles, A Small Places Farm and BridgeYear. **THE PINNACLE** The 24th annual Latin Women’s Initiative Fashion Show and Luncheon will be held at the Hilton Americas on May 1, with clothing by fashion sponsor Tootsies, whose fabulous frocks were spotted at the kick-off. *BY MARCELA MARTINEZ MORALES*

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Saint Laurent by
Anthony Vaccarello small
Mombasa bag, ysl.com

Y2K Reboot

Saint Laurent brings back the Mombasa bag for spring 2026, reviving the early 2000s icon with refined modern ease. Faithful to its sculptural curve and relaxed shoulder carry, the silhouette returns in three versatile sizes crafted in supple leathers and rich earth tones. Fronted by Bella Hadid, the campaign reinforces the bag's enduring cool and contemporary attitude.

by FAYE POWER VANDE VREDE



Code Switching

The Valentino Garavani Panthea bag sparks a dialogue between past and present, reimagining the maison's heritage through Alessandro Michele's bold, contemporary lens.

by PHEBE WAHL

From top: Valentino Garavani Pecan Brown/Tundra python and nappa leather chevron motif shoulder bag; Panthea Tundra nappa leather chevron motif small shoulder bag, valentino.com.





Valentino Garavani tabac/gold beige ostrich and nappa leather chevron motif shoulder bag, valentino.com

The Valentino Garavani Panthea bag arrives not simply as a new accessory but as a conversation—one that unfolds across decades of maison history and into Alessandro Michele's richly layered present. First unveiled during *Le Méta-Théâtre Des Intimités*, Valentino's fall/winter 2025-26 collection, the Panthea now takes a commanding encore in the *cruise 2026* lineup, signaling its status as an emerging icon within the house's evolving lexicon.

Under the creative direction of Michele, the Panthea embodies a deliberate tension between refinement and rebellion. Its structured, sculptural silhouette speaks to classical elegance, while its audacious detailing pushes firmly into contemporary territory. At its center: two enameled feline heads edged in gold and dusted with crystals, anchoring the chain handles with a jewelry-like presence. These are not mere embellishments but symbolic guardians—at once ornamental and powerful—transforming the bag's facade into a statement of intent.

The feline motif is deeply woven into the heritage of Valentino. It first emerged in the house's haute couture fall/winter 1967-68 collection, where large, gem-eyed black cats prowled across a silk mikado tunic. Over the decades, the motif has resurfaced in various forms—silk scarves, minaudières, belt buckles and jewelry—becoming a quiet but persistent emblem of the maison's expressive codes. In the Panthea, Michele reimagines this legacy as a three-dimensional, jewel-like element,

The Panthea nods to Valentino's feline motif, which first emerged in the house's haute couture fall/winter 1967-68 collection.



Valentino Garavani Panthea beige/black python and suede chevron motif small shoulder bag, valentino.com



Valentino Garavani Panthea black nappa leather chevron motif small shoulder bag, valentino.com

transforming archival memory into tactile modernity.

Materiality further deepens the dialogue between past and present. The bag's body combines matte and waxed nappa leather in a refined chevron pattern, heightening the play of light, texture and touch. The result is a sensuous softness that belies its architectural form. A detachable leather shoulder strap, punctuated with allover eyelets, introduces an underground edge—versatility with attitude—allowing the Panthea to shift seamlessly from day to night, from classic to subversive.

Offered in medium and small sizes, and in shades of black, mud green and beige—alongside suede and precious-skin iterations—the Panthea asserts a bold, contemporary femininity. It is a bag that honors where Valentino has been, while confidently articulating where it is going: a living archive, rendered modern through Michele's singular, poetic vision.

Clockwise from top left: LOEWE spring 2026; Balenciaga spring 2026; Stella McCartney spring 2026; Alaïa spring 2026.



TOTEME
bow-embellished satin mules,
net-a-porter.com



Chanel
brooch,
chanel.com



Givenchy by Sarah Burton
leather Pinch bag,
givenchy.com



TOVE
Merl woven jacket,
net-a-porter.com



LOEWE
Flamenco clutch,
loewe.com

Poppy Power

A vivid poppy red electrifies spring 2026 runways, signaling confidence, optimism and a bold return to expressive color.
by FAYE POWER VANDE VREDE



Hermès Maillon Libre brooch with white gold case and black onyx dial, hermes.com



Louis Vuitton High Jewelry Virtuosity collection Florescence brooch in white gold with one octagonal-cut green-blue indicolite tourmaline, four LV Monogram Star-cut diamonds and diamonds, louisvuitton.com



Tiffany & Co. Bird on a Rock brooch in platinum and yellow gold with diamonds, tiffany.com



Cartier Panthère de Cartier High Jewelry brooch in 18K white gold with sapphires, emerald and diamonds, cartier.com



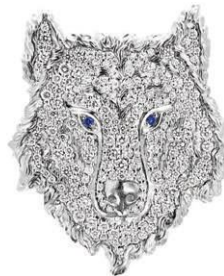
David Webb Bird of Paradise brooch with cabochon star sapphire, carved emerald and ruby leaves, and brilliant-cut diamonds in 18K gold and platinum, davidwebb.com



Van Cleef & Arpels Sneffels clip featuring 16 rough emeralds and diamonds set in platinum, vancleefarpels.com



Nikos Koulis Oui brooch in 18K white gold and black enamel with shield-cut white diamonds, shield-cut emerald, brilliant-cut white diamonds and chain, nikoskoulis.com



David Yurman High Jewelry wolf brooch in platinum with diamonds and blue sapphires, davidyurman.com

Pin It On

From diamond-set pins to sculptural gold flourishes, men's brooches are rewriting the rules of formalwear—one small but mighty detail at a time.

by FAYE POWER VANDE VREDE



Bulgari High Jewelry brooch in 18K white gold with one oval tsavorite and pavé-set diamonds, bulgari.com

Chanel redefines its signature Coco Crush motif with a new supple choker designed to move with the body and wear with ease. *by FAYE POWER VANDE VREDE*

The New Flex

Chanel doesn't chase trends—it refines them. This season, the storied maison redefines its Coco Crush Fine Jewelry collection, distilling one of its most enduring visual codes, the quilt, into sculpted gold. The motif traces back to Gabrielle Chanel's early fascination with the graphic padding of equestrian gear, a utilitarian detail she transformed into a lasting emblem of modern elegance. When Coco Crush debuted in 2015, that heritage was reimagined through precisely carved lines, balancing architectural rigor with sensual softness.

Eleven years later, the collection enters a new chapter defined by movement. For the first time, the Fine Jewelry Creation Studio introduces supple designs

that respond intuitively to the body. Close-fitting chokers are constructed with articulated links and an ingenious sliding clasp, offering a precise yet effortless fit. The signature quilted pattern remains instantly recognizable through curved squares, clean incisions, scalloped edges and softly rounded contours that recall the 2.55 handbag.

The house also names Grammy-nominated singer-songwriter Gracie Abrams as the new face of Coco Crush, her understated confidence aligning naturally with the collection's spirit. Grounded in 18K beige gold, Chanel's signature alloy, the choker stands as both technical achievement and personal statement, jewelry designed to move, adapt and endure. This is the flex of the moment—quiet, considered and unmistakably Chanel.

Chanel Coco Crush
supple choker in 18K beige
gold, chanel.com



The full curation of Bucherer Masterworks watches—along with boutique locations—can be explored at tourneau.com.



by technical complexity, aesthetic depth and artistic intent. Tourbillons, perpetual calendars and skeletonized movements take center stage, each chosen not only for mechanical prowess but for the story, philosophy and creative mastery behind its creation. Some dazzle through intricate gemstone embellishment, others through a refined, almost ascetic minimalism—but all share a commitment to precision, innovation and uncompromising craftsmanship.

What distinguishes Masterworks is its curatorial perspective. Here, watchmaking is framed as an art form shaped by the hands and minds of modern masters. The emphasis extends beyond the finished object to the ideas, techniques and individuals who bring these mechanical masterpieces to life. In doing so, Bucherer invites collectors, connoisseurs and first-time buyers alike into a deeper dialogue—one that values individuality, heritage and the quiet brilliance of exceptional design.

At the heart of the platform is the Masterworks community: a space for meaningful encounters and shared discovery. Within this environment, global watch enthusiasts meet like-minded collectors and Bucherer's team of specialists, whose decades of expertise guide exploration and comparison. Carefully curated classics sit alongside avant-garde creations, many of which are available exclusively at Bucherer. Each selection reflects that elusive *je ne sais quoi*—the harmony of technology, design and craftsmanship that defines a true masterwork. The experience is further shaped by dedicated Masterworks areas within select flagship stores, from Geneva and Lucerne to London, New York and Las Vegas.

Founded in 1888, Bucherer brings more than a century of expertise to this vision. With Masterworks, the house reinforces its role not only as a leading retailer but as a cultural steward—championing mechanical masterpieces that will endure, inspire and define the art of time for generations to come.

Bucherer Masterworks redefines haute horlogerie as a living gallery of mechanical masterpieces. *by PHEBE WAHL*

Master Class



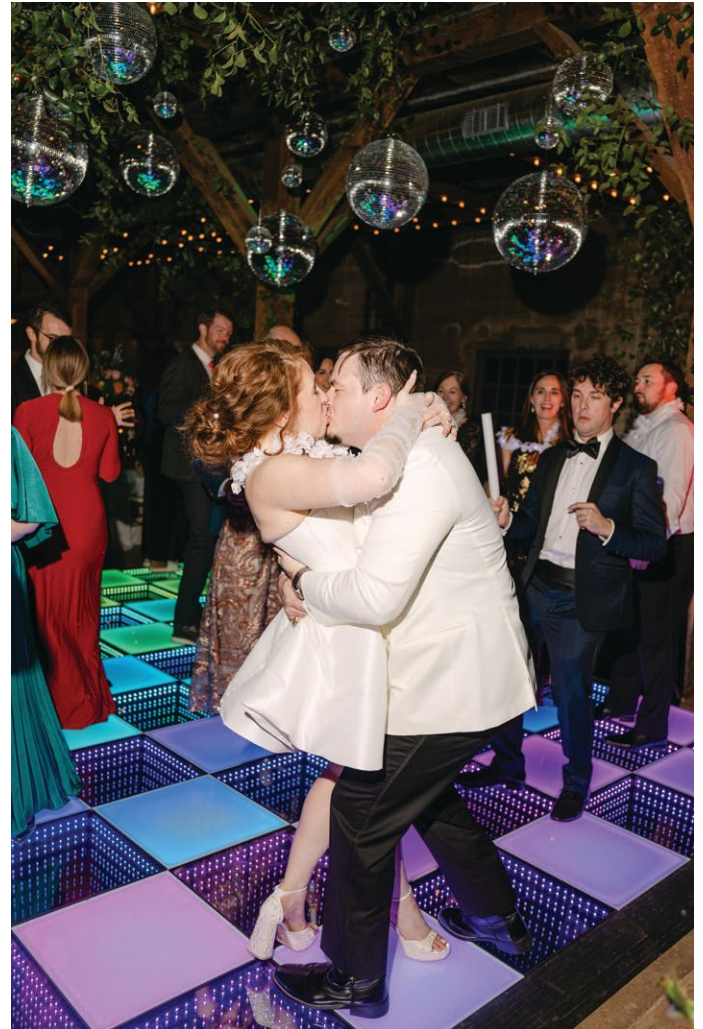
In the world of fine watchmaking, a true masterwork transcends function. It carries the imprint of vision, discipline and human ingenuity—qualities more often associated with great works of art than with instruments designed to measure time. Bucherer Masterworks (tourneau.com) is built on this very idea: that haute horlogerie belongs in the same cultural conversation as masterpieces found in galleries, ateliers and concert halls.

Dedicated to the highest expressions of watchmaking craft, Bucherer Masterworks presents extraordinary timepieces within a setting designed to elevate both understanding and appreciation. These are not simply watches; they are mechanical artworks defined



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Chanel Chance Eau Splendide eau de parfum spray,
chanel.com



Heretic Parfum Dirty Violet eau de
parfum, hereticparfum.com



Valentino Beauty Born in Roma Purple Melancholia,
valentino-beauty.us



Krigler Lieber Moment 214 eau de parfum,
krigler.com



Le Labo VIOLETTE 30 eau de parfum,
lelabofragrances.com



Penhaligon's Bold Blend,
penhaligons.com

No Shrinking Violet

Once a symbol of quiet romance, violet has returned to the fragrance world with a new sense of confidence—bolder, deeper and far more expressive than its demure past. In these modern iterations, the iconic note sheds its softness in favor of unexpected strength, revealing fragrances that are as daring and distinctive as they are refined. *by* PHEBE WAHL



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FROM SOPHISTICATED SCENTS AND HYDRATING SERUMS TO THE ULTIMATE MASCARA, THE MODERN LUXURY EDITORIAL TEAM SHARES THE BEST PRODUCTS IN BEAUTY AND SELF-CARE THAT ARE WELL WORTH THE INVESTMENT.

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sulwhasoo.com



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111skin.com



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biologique Recherche.com



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truebotanicals.com



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dior.com



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patrickta.com



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victoriabeckhambauty.com



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chanel.com



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dior.com



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sisley-paris.com

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dior.com



BEST AMBER-FLORAL FRAGRANCE
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byredo.com



BEST NEW FRAGRANCE LAUNCH
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Brittany Snow steps into her power with psychologically charged roles and fearless self-reinvention.

Dior dress, dior.com;
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“My favorite types of roles are authentic women who subvert expectations. I hope we’ve reached a point culturally where women no longer need to be perceptually likable or agreeable; they can be flawed, complicated and human.”

—BRITTANY SNOW

In a career defined by reinvention, Brittany Snow is having what can only be described as her moment—one marked not by ingenuite nostalgia but by a striking, deliberate pivot into darker, psychologically charged terrain. With the back-to-back impact of *The Beast in Me* and *The Hunting Wives*, Snow has entered a new creative chapter—one that trades comfort for complexity and predictability for provocation. The result is a body of work that feels fearless, finely calibrated and deeply self-possessed.

“I’ve always been drawn to complex, multifaceted characters,” she explains. “It just so happens these shows have gained popularity recently, but I’ve been fortunate to work in a variety of independent films throughout my career, many of which were embedded with depth, darkness and nuance. Not everyone has seen them, but that was never my motivation. I wanted to challenge myself and better understand why I think and feel the way I do.”

That instinct—to interrogate rather than perform—has become the cornerstone of her evolution. “Because

Saint Laurent by Anthony Vaccarello top and skirt, ysl.com; Tiffany & Co. earrings and necklace, tiffany.com. Opposite page: Giorgio Armani dress, armani.com.

of my own experiences, I’ve developed an appreciation for human psychology and a genuine fascination with dissecting it. Even as a child, I believed the challenges I faced might one day serve a greater purpose or become a form of therapeutic exploration,” she explains. “I gravitate toward morally ambiguous characters who defy one-dimensional archetypes like the ‘peppy lead girl,’ the ‘silent girlfriend’ or the supportive wife. These roles allow me to think critically, conduct meaningful research, and cultivate empathy for others and for myself that I might still be learning about.”

Nowhere is that subversion more palpable than in *The Beast in Me*, where Snow’s portrayal of Nina is a study in concealed fracture. “My favorite types of roles are authentic women who subvert expectations,” she says. “I hope we’ve reached a point culturally where women no longer need to be perceptually likable or agreeable; they can be flawed, complicated, and human.”

Her process is as cerebral as it is emotional. “I often create a visual diagram when I prep, listing everything

she consciously allows others to see on the outside and everything she conceals internally,” she reveals. “Everyone wears masks and operates from personal motivations; my work was to make hers fully realized yet subtle.”

If *The Beast in Me* explores internal performance, *The Hunting Wives* widens the lens to collective female psychology—power, repression, sexuality and the quiet volatility beneath social perfection. “I believe Sophie embodies the inner beliefs that many women navigate. Meaning, the tension surrounding identity, aging and the pressure to be the perfect mother and partner,” Snow says of her scene-stealing role in the hit show, renewed for a second season. “Women are allowed to be messy, impulsive and... well, bad. Men have been afforded that freedom on-screen without judgment.”

This deep understanding of complex duality—outer polish versus inner unrest—reflects Snow’s own personal growth, particularly in her candid dialogue around mental health. “Prioritizing my mental health has been essential. It’s truly the only reason I’m able to work,” she shares. “There were years when my internal dialogue prevented me from auditioning. ... I would inadvertently sabotage myself.” Over time, recalibration replaced self-criticism. “When I’m more present, I listen to my instinct, and I can genuinely enjoy the process. I trust myself and don’t need to be so hypercritical.”

Saint Laurent by Anthony Vaccarello top and skirt, ysl.com; Tiffany & Co. bracelets, tiffany.com.

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Hair by Marki Shkreli at The Wall Group

Makeup by Charlie Riddle at The Wall Group

Shot on location at Waldorf Astoria New York

That clarity also reshaped her professional boundaries. “In my early 20s, I declined several roles that I believed would have been detrimental to my well-being,” she says. “I was warned that those choices might damage my career... but I knew I had no choice. My health had to come first.”

Off-screen, Snow’s red-carpet presence has evolved in tandem with her inner confidence. “I gravitate toward classic silhouettes and timeless design,” she says, citing early inspirations like Michelle Pfeiffer and Carolyn Bessette-Kennedy. “Now, in my 30s, I have a renewed sense of confidence and understand how clothing can enhance a performance or a moment rather than stir up my perfectionism.”

She collaborates closely with stylist Yael Quint, often favoring archival fashion with narrative depth. Of a recent premiere look, she notes: “The archival Carolina Herrera dress I wore to *The Beast in Me* premiere was particularly beautiful. ... Wearing it felt powerful; it was a powerful dress. And very tight!”

Today, Snow views her sensitivity not as a liability but as artistic currency. “I’ve learned to appreciate my sensitivity and emotions. They are strengths that enrich my work rather than weaknesses to shy away from. My experiences with anxiety have shaped me into someone who leads with empathy. I no longer perceive those traits negatively. ... Today, I love myself. I’ve worked hard. I’m proud.”

Looking ahead, her ambitions extend beyond the frame. “After directing, writing and producing *Parachute*, I’ve developed a desire to spend more time behind the camera. ... The process feels like solving a puzzle. ... Ultimately, my goal is to explore all facets of storytelling.”

It’s a fitting next act for an artist in full command of her voice—one who has mastered the art of expectation reversal while remaining grounded in hard-won self-knowledge. Or, as Snow puts it with quiet clarity: “Always do your best, but extend yourself the same compassion you would offer your best friend. ... Speak to yourself with kindness. You are, after all, the person you will spend the most time with. And yes... you’ll be hanging out with that person quite a lot. Learn to love them.”



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Getting FRESH

Bold hues, sculptural silhouettes and strong statements define the new season's collections, sure to put the spring back in your step.

Gucci printed
quilted twill long
dress and Vittoria
pump, gucci.com.







Saint Laurent by Anthony Vaccarello top, leather skirt and jacket, belt and P.A.R.I.S. 110 slingback heels, ysl.com.
Opposite page: Fendi green organza jacket and skirt and white leather shoe, fendi.com.

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Givenchy by Sarah Burton
mesh stocking fishnet
dress, deconstructed
crystal pendant earrings
and leather Boudoir fringe
thongs, givenchy.com.
Opposite page: Valentino
dress and Garavani pumps,
valentino.com.





Prada skirt, shorts, top, coat, Passage bag, shoes and gloves, prada.com. Opposite page: Bottega Veneta top, trousers and bag, bottegabeneta.com.



Ralph Lauren Collection
jacket, satin pant
and leather pump,
ralphlauren.com.
Opposite page: KHAITE
Mila top and Paige skirt,
khaite.com.





Louis Vuitton floral drape dress, Haven flat open-back mule and Noé trunk, louisvuitton.com.
Opposite page: LOEWE multicolor dress and Grip scarlet red sneakers, loewe.com.









Chanel drap de laine jacket and pants, belt and earrings, chanel.com.
Opposite page: Max Mara top, skirt, belt and heels, maxmara.com.

Models: Mouna Fadiga, Identity Models; Sara Van Der Hoek, Identity Models

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—BARRY DIXON



Barry Dixon’s latest collection with Arteriors (arteriorshome.com) marks a striking new chapter in his ongoing dialogue with the brand—one that feels at once deeply rooted in his design ethos and boldly evolved. Long revered for distilling the poetry of the natural world into interiors, Dixon turns his focus here to nature not merely as inspiration but as sculptural muse. “We’ve curated a worldly assemblage of forms, textures, materials and finishes from around the globe that bring history, culture and romantic exoticism to any modern interior,” says Dixon.

The collection reads as a curated study in organic grandeur. Branching silhouettes; mineral-like surfaces; and fluid, wind-carved forms appear throughout, rendered in luminous finishes and tactile materials that invite both admiration and touch. Lighting fixtures bloom like gilded flora; tables rise with the quiet monumentality of carved stone; decorative objects feel unearthed rather than manufactured. Each piece captures a sense of movement—as though shaped by time and elemental forces rather than the human hand.

Dixon has long been celebrated as a master of natural storytelling, but this collaboration pushes that narrative into more statement-making territory. Materiality is central to the collection’s power. Warm metallics echo sunlit horizons; hand-finished textures recall bark, coral and weathered rock. The interplay of polish and patina creates tension—refined yet raw, sophisticated yet primal. It is this balance that defines Dixon’s genius: the ability to translate wilderness into elegance without losing its soul.

Ultimately, the new collection is less about decor and more about reverence—for landscape, for craftsmanship, for the quiet majesty of the organic world. In Dixon’s hands, nature becomes both artifact and art form. The result is a body of work that doesn’t simply adorn a space—it transforms it, reminding us that the most compelling design stories are often written by the earth itself.

Clean Slate

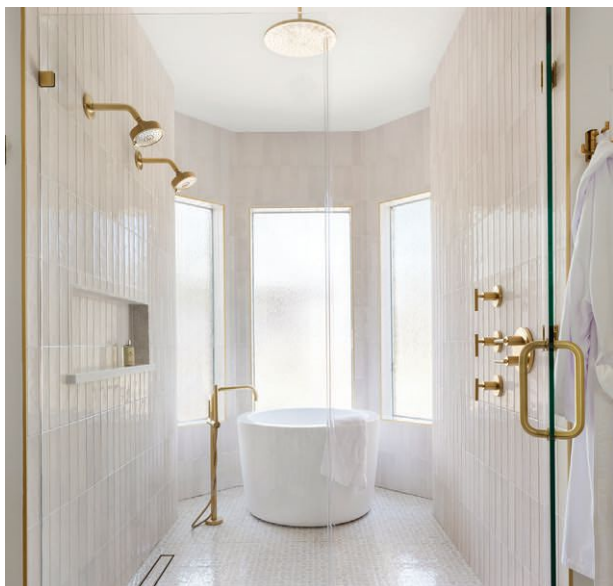
Homeowners tapped Tiny Haven Design for a full renovation in The Woodlands.
by JANE HUMPHREY



Floor-to-ceiling window offerings create optimal light. Opposite: The dining room features wallpaper from Lindsey Cowles.



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“The overall vision was to design an exceptionally functional home for a busy family—one that authentically reflects their personal style,” reflects Tiny Haven Design founder and principal designer, Taryn Leto, regarding the full-scale home renovation she recently completed in the storied Grogan’s Point neighborhood of The Woodlands. The homeowners’ personal style, Leto describes, is modern, minimal, luxe and unexpected. “Every surface was thoughtfully reimaged, ensuring each space was highly intentional—supporting the family’s day-to-day lifestyle while remaining perfectly suited for effortless entertaining.”

The ideal aesthetic for the 5,463-square-foot space, which includes four bedrooms, five full bathrooms and one powder bath, was quiet glam. One extra special moment of the project is that Leto and the client have known each other since middle school; however, they did not connect until years later, when their children ended up in the same class.

“Although the wife grew up in The Woodlands, the years she spent living in cities across the country broadened her perspective and sharpened her eye for design,” notes Leto. “When the couple first walked the property, they immediately saw beyond what was there—recognizing strong architectural bones and the opportunity for something truly special. Fully committed to the vision, they made the deliberate choice to move out during construction, allowing the renovation to unfold without interruption and bringing the home’s full potential to life.”

One standout touch was modernizing the space despite the home’s more traditional bones. They removed the existing columns to open up the home, fully showcasing the sprawling backyard views, including a gorgeous view of Lake Woodlands. Another swoonworthy spot is the powder bath, which features a custom-detailed mosaic tile from Tiles of Ezra, inspired by tiles the clients discovered during a trip to Portugal. “It is small in scale but high in impact,” notes Leto. “The space delivers a bold dose of character, nostalgia and craftsmanship.”

A project that is both personal and passionately executed, the result is a home that feels both cohesive and distinct. “The clients, both accomplished physicians, brought a deep respect for the design process and placed full trust in our expertise,” says Leto. “Their willingness to embrace unexpected details allowed the vision to unfold fully—resulting in a home that feels both distinctive and deeply considered.”

From top: The first phase of the project focused solely on the dining room and office; the primary bathroom features tiling from Tiles of Ezra and appliances from Kohler and Ferguson; special care was taken in selecting finishes and materials, favoring natural textures, layered neutrals and rich accents.

The fluted fireplace is a standout in the family room.



Design Details

Type
Single-family home

Location
The Woodlands

Interior Design
Tiny Haven Design
tinyhavendesign.com

Contractor
Stone Criteria
stonecriteria.com

RESOURCES
Julie Neill Designs
Dining room lighting
julieneill.com

Lee Industries
Family room fireplace
leeindustries.com

Lindsay Cowles
Dining room wallpaper
lindsaycowles.com

Tiles of Ezra
Primary bathroom tile
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Vanguard
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From top: Custom banquette upholstered in luminous patterned fabric with a high scalloped back adds intimacy and architectural drama; the child-sized chair combines rich green leather, linear trim and hand-applied nailhead details.

For the Kips Bay Decorator Show House Dallas, Houston's Nicole Zarr (nicolezarr.com) shakes up a spirited lounge layered in bold color and playful polish.
by HAVEN HATHAWAY

House Blend

Your martini order inspired the concept for The Zarr Bar. How did that idea shape the overall design? Ha, yes, "slightly dirty" was meant to add a bit of mischief to the room, maximalism not taken too seriously, like the bust in my room adorned with a scarf and pearls and hanging a Nick Mele photograph on top of the hand-painted wallcovering. Pretty but not stuffy.

The Pietra Dura wallpaper from de Gournay anchors the room. Why was it the right starting point? When I first saw my room, it was small, so I knew it had to be mighty. I saw Pietra Dura for the first time at the de Gournay Paris Déco Off presentation a year prior and fell in love. I knew the color palette I wanted to use in my space, so when they agreed to let me custom color. The scale of the blocked flowers was a perfect way to make a tiny space feel like a jewel box.

Canary yellow appears throughout the space. Why is that color central to the design? Yellow has always been my favorite color and is now a signature color within my brand. I love chocolate brown and yellow together. I wanted a big wow with the canary-yellow drapes right as you walked in, and since brown was such a hot color for fall, it was my jumping-off point.

The room mixes antiques with modern pieces. How did you approach balancing old and new? That is actually my style >






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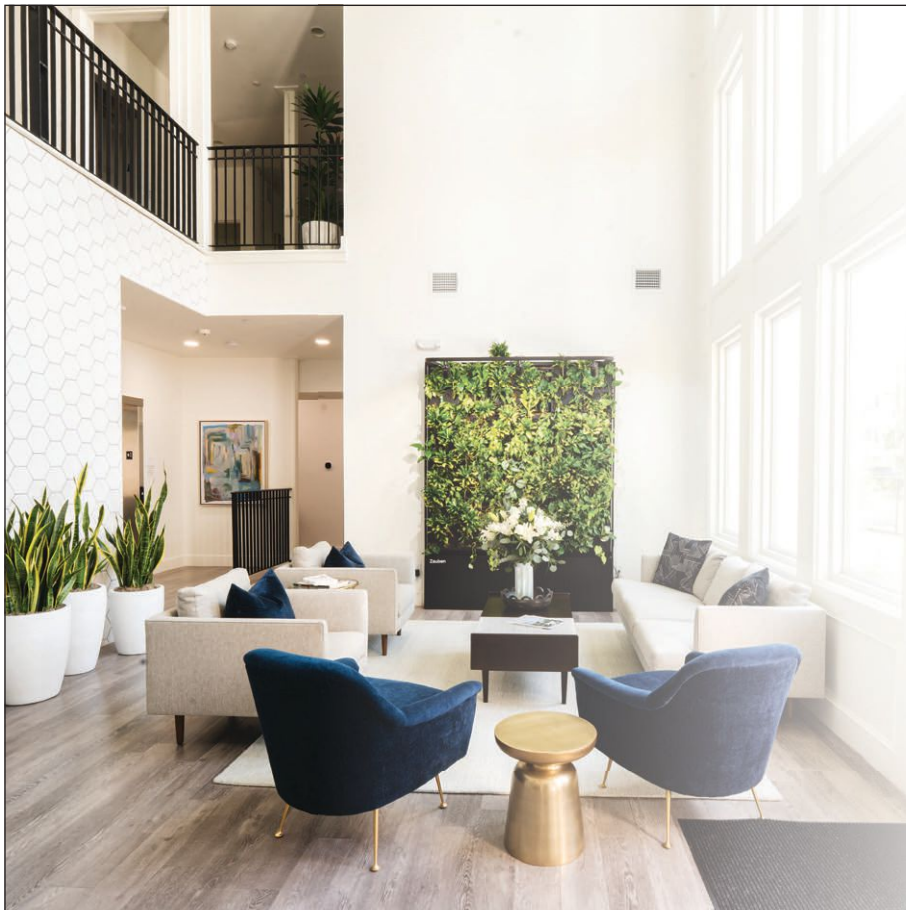
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< in a nutshell and how I always approach a room. That juxtaposition of old and new keeps things fresh and unexpected. I started with the more transitional leather-and-brass bar, then realized I needed an older piece to balance it out. The 18th-century secretary was the perfect complement. It evolved from there. One fabric, piece of furniture and accessory at a time.

The bar is compact but layered with detail. What was most important when designing a small lounge? I was very strategic with furniture placement as I wanted to show how a small space can accommodate several seating areas without feeling too crowded. At any given time during the Showhouse I could have up to 10 to 12 people sitting comfortably as well as serving drinks from behind the bar. It really functioned well for such a small space. Building out a corner, like I did with the banquette, really added more dimension to the room.

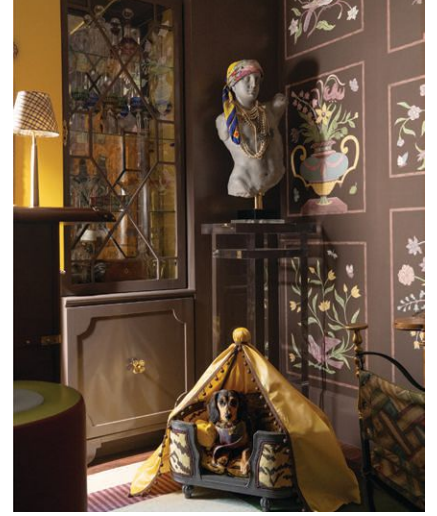
Craftsmanship plays a significant role here, from custom drapery to built-ins. Where did you prioritize investment? So thankful for all the fabulous artisans who have worked with me throughout the years. They were very generous with their products and labor. I can be a textile snob, so I knew I wanted high-quality upholstery. I also splurged on my built-ins and added hardwood floors. It made the space feel more like you were walking into someone's home lounge.

The Zarr Bar feels personal. What does this space say about you as a designer? It shows my attention to detail, my eye for scale and how I incorporate the old and the new. My layering and use of color are intentional. And I hope it sums up my tagline, "Life Is Short, Make It Beautiful"—but make sure you throw some fun on top of it.

"Life Is Short, Make It Beautiful"—but make sure you throw some fun on top of it." —NICOLE ZARR



Zarr's gem-toned de Gournay silk wallpaper creates a shimmering, timeless backdrop.



The custom dog bed, upholstered in tiger-print velvet with a silk canopy and fringe, provides a playful retreat for the household's pup.



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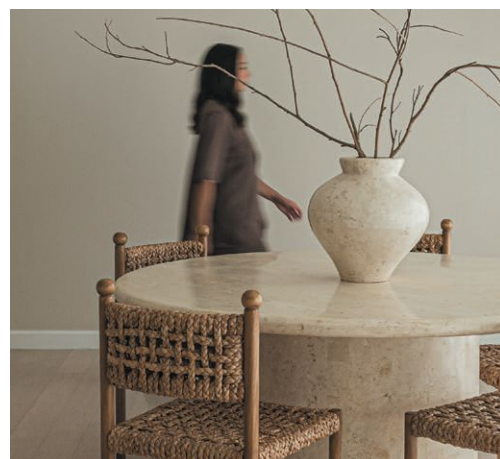


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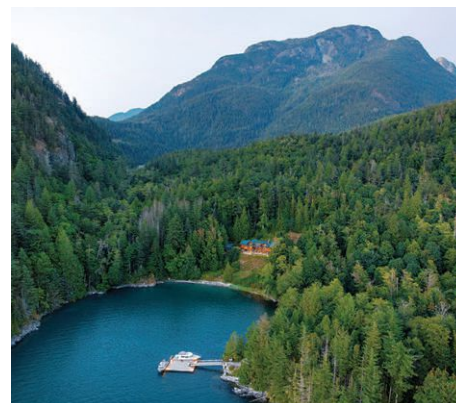
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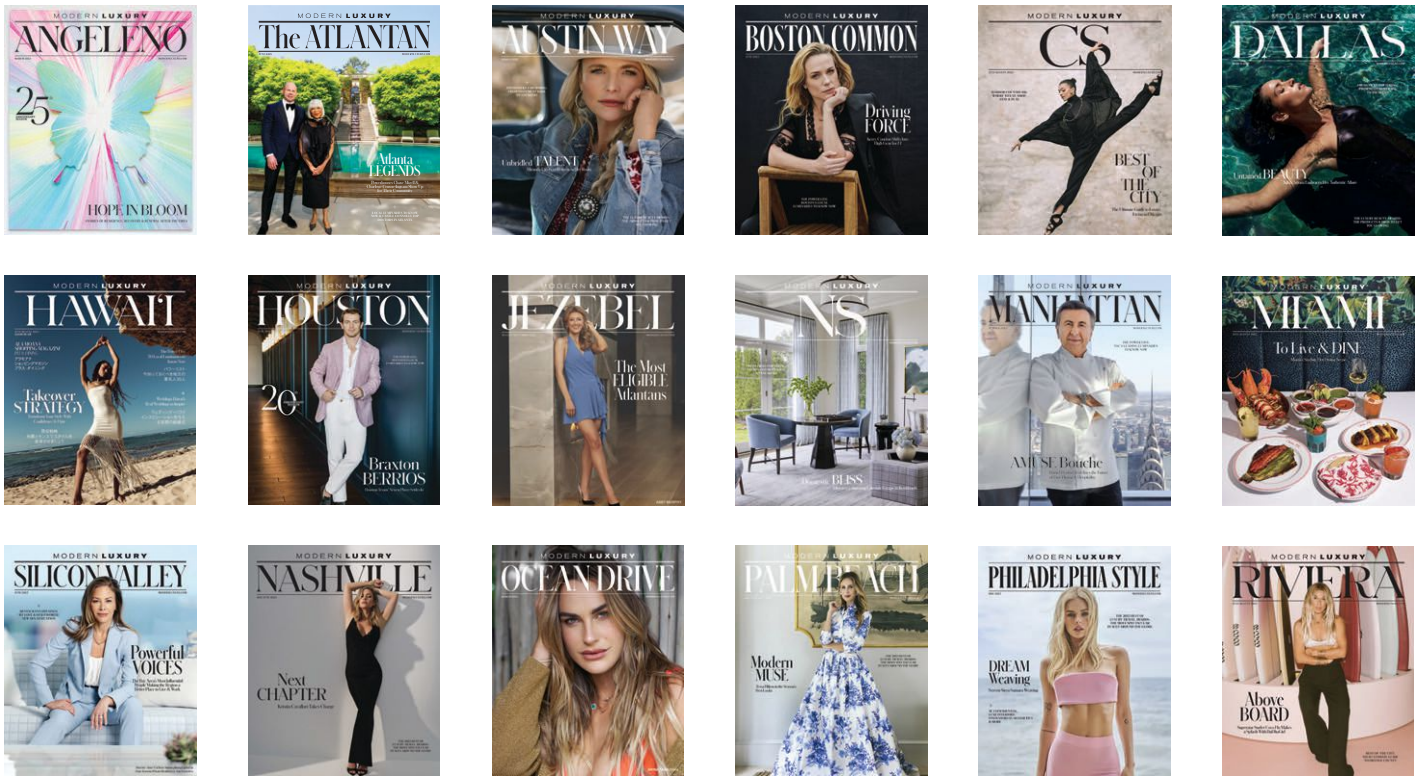
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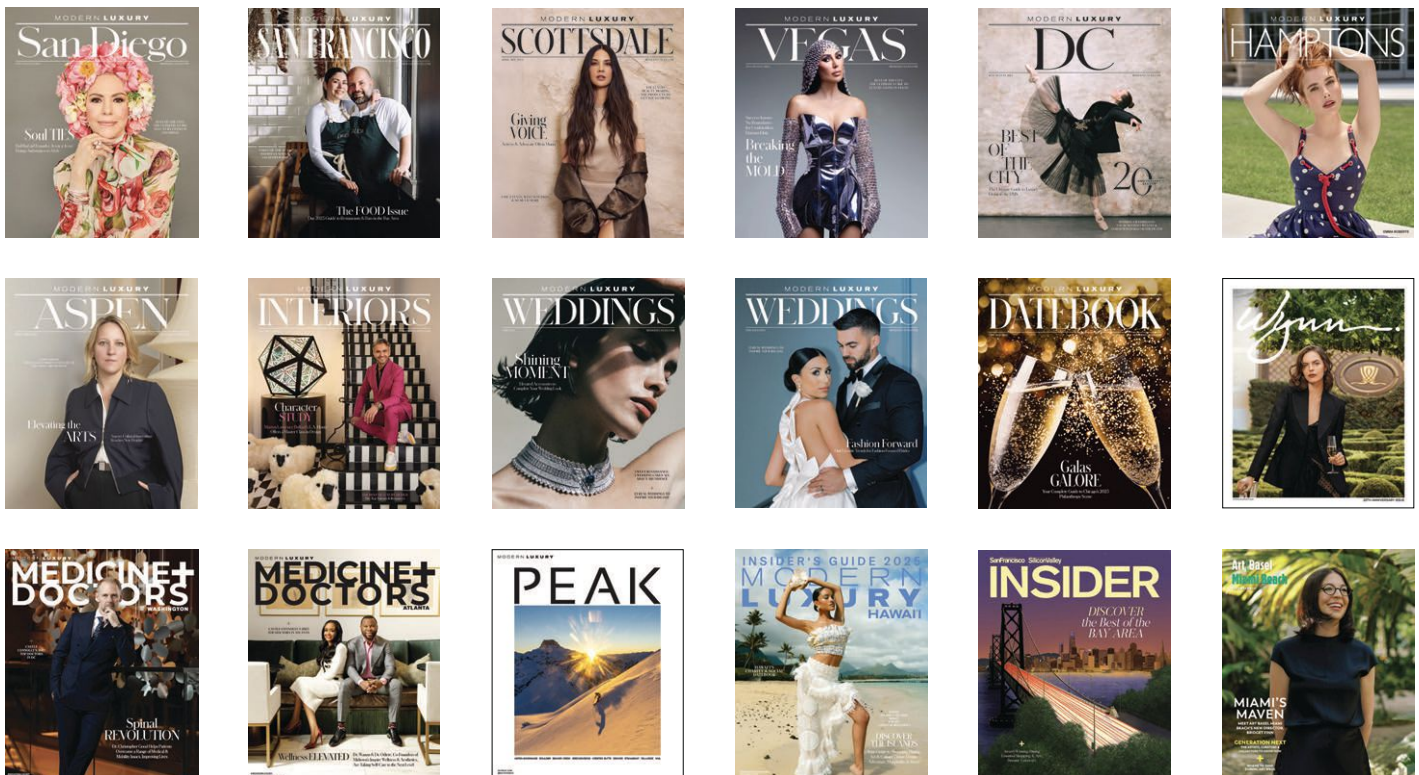
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Over-the-Top Amenity: The four-bedroom private island villa features a private spa, cinema and 25-meter pool overlooking the lagoon. chevalblanc.com



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KOKOMO PRIVATE ISLAND, FIJI

Why We Love It: With five private residences of up to six bedrooms—each with a private nanny—Kokomo is a barefoot-luxury paradise where vibrant reefs, warm hospitality and polished service combine to create a stress-free haven for all ages.

Must-Try Family Outing: Explore the 62-mile-long Great Astrolabe Reef on a snorkeling



PHOTOS COURTESY OF BRANDS

or diving excursion, then enjoy a secluded sandbank picnic for a dose of pure tropical bliss.

Over-the-Top Amenity: The five-bedroom Astrolabe residence boasts a private garden, an expansive outdoor entertaining space and the island's largest private pool. kokomoislandfiji.com

TRISARA, THAILAND

Why We Love It: Boasting private residences with dedicated staff and up to 10 bedrooms, Trisara is a serene oceanfront sanctuary in Phuket where families celebrate milestones amid fragrant gardens, soft waves and timeless Thai elegance.

Essential Outing: A private long-tail boat adventure through hidden coves and limestone cliffs is the perfect setting for unforgettable family photos.

Over-the-Top Amenity: At PRU—Phuket's only Michelin-starred restaurant—families can reserve a privately curated tasting journey using ingredients handpicked from the property's own organic farm. trisara.com

Clockwise from top: Kokomo Private Island's Dravuni grand residence mesmerizes with panoramic ocean views; Trisara offers private residences of up to 10 bedrooms; snorkel with manta rays at Kokomo Private Island.



Indulge in a luxuriously low-key Baja weekend at the new Four Seasons Cabo Del Sol.
by J.P. ANDERSON

Cabo Calling



Clockwise from top: Poolside cabanas allow guests to lounge in luxury; shrimp aguachile is among the fresh seafood options at Coraluz; savor cocktails and bites at the living room-esque La Casona.

THE PROPERTY

The Golden Corridor of Los Cabos, Mexico, is a serious vibe. With its pristine beaches, freshly caught seafood and uberchill atmosphere, this 20-mile stretch along the shimmering Sea of Cortez makes for the ultimate Baja getaway. Now, there's a luxe new reason to visit: Four Seasons Cabo Del Sol ([fourseasons.com/cabosanlucas](https://www.fourseasons.com/cabosanlucas)), whose recent opening has leveled up the local hospitality scene.

Arriving at the hotel, whose manicured grounds reveal themselves at the end of a winding road lush with swaying palms, feels like stepping into a chic homage to Mexico, equal parts Riviera chic and warm hacienda



Clockwise from top left: Tierra Mar Spa features private treatment casitas in lush surroundings; rooftop lounge Sora is a must-stop for sunset viewing and sultry vibes; the property is perched on a prime stretch of beachfront; sushi is a specialty at Nikkei hot spot Cayao.

soul. Designed as a contemporary hacienda village, the low-slung property centers around La Casona, a living room-style gathering space that replaces the traditional lobby with cozy sofas, locally sourced art and a warm, welcoming energy. Simply put, it felt like home at first sight.

That coziness extended to our suite (one of 96 rooms and 61 residences, villas and estates on-site), where handwoven textiles, artisan ceramics and warm wood accents created an easy blend of authenticity and sophistication. Through retractable glass doors, our private terrace beckoned with views of the Sea of Cortez and one of the property's three pools. Add on a swimmable beach and artisan studio El Taller, where guests can create alongside local makers, and the property's mood is a Riviera-style village brought to life—glam yet grounded, all of it begging to be explored.

THE EXPERIENCE

Given Four Seasons' reputation for world-class wellness offerings, we made Tierra Mar Spa our first adventure. It didn't disappoint: Past a serene swimming pool and cold plunge, a lushly landscaped, winding path led me to one of the spa's 10 private treatment casitas for a signature Olas Del Mar massage using silk oil infused with relaxing Baja-inspired scents. Utterly relaxed and lazing on a lounge post-massage, I could imagine an indulgent spa weekend spent exclusively at Tierra Mar. For the more adventurous, the property offers activities of every ilk: swimming with gentle whale sharks, off-roading through desert dunes, horseback rides along the surf, sunrise hikes with panoramic vistas, or rounds on the Jack Nicklaus-designed Cabo Del Sol golf course—resort staff can arrange all, making for the ultimate choose-your-own-adventure experience, Cabo-style. Or treat yourself to a private cabana complete with butler service and laze the rest of the day away poolside, mezcalita



(Bar Brisal's roasted pineapple mezcal margarita) in hand and the ocean shimmering just beyond the infinity edge.

THE CUISINE

The property's culinary concepts led us on just as much of an adventure, from our first lunch at lively beachfront spot Coraluz (think Baja tuna tostadas and freshly made guacamole with crispy rib-eye) to sultry Riviera-style dining at Palmerio, with dishes like octopus carpaccio and tagliatelle with lobster tail served under the stars. But it was Cayao that wowed us: Chef Richard Sandoval's chic Nikkei restaurant served up one wildly flavorful Japanese-Peruvian-inspired plate after another, from succulent scallop ceviche to decadent maki and nigiri, signature gochujang karaage-style fried chicken and showstopping short rib fried rice. For after-dinner drinks, rooftop lounge Sora is a must: With DJ-spun tunes, club-ready vibes and sensational sunset-viewing, it's the ideal spot to raise a chile-spiced guava margarita to the Cabo lifestyle.

THE TAKEAWAY

Whether it's for a languorous spa weekend or adrenaline-fueled action in the turquoise waters of the Sea of Cortez, Four Seasons Cabo Del Sol makes for a luxurious base from which to explore Cabo's Golden Corridor in authentic Baja style. Whatever your idea of sun-kissed paradise, you won't have to look far to find it here.



Whether seeking a romantic getaway, a family adventure or a peaceful retreat, The St. Regis Longboat Key Resort presents an unmatched destination where every experience is crafted to create lasting memories. *by ELA SATHERN*

High Tide, High Style



A new jewel has emerged along Florida's Gulf Coast. As I stepped out of the Bentley house car and onto the grounds of The St. Regis Longboat Key Resort (st-regis.marriott.com), I was taken by the atmosphere. From the soaring palms that frame the entrance to the gentle sound of waves at the private beach spanning 18 acres of shoreline, this new beachfront haven embodies bespoke beachside luxury.

My journey began in one of the resort's ocean-view suites, where the spacious private terrace served as my personal retreat. Complete with the legendary St. Regis Butler Service that anticipates every desire before it

Clockwise from top: Savor handcrafted Italian delicacies alfresco at Riva's; dive into the Under the Sea Lagoon, where stingrays glide effortlessly through crystal-clear waters; indulge in Champagne delivered with elegance by a poolside butler.



is voiced, each of the 168 rooms and 26 suites features floor-to-ceiling windows and opens to ocean vistas, while the Presidential Suite offers panoramic views across the horizon.

The pools became my daily escape—from the family-friendly resort pool, featuring a hidden grotto in the winding river where Champagne service arrives at the touch of a button, to the serene adults-only Vilebrequin pool. The Aqua Butler Service—a first for the brand—elevates the experience with attentive care, whether you choose a private cabana or luxury lounge. For those drawn to adventure, head to the resort's Under the Sea Lagoon for an extraordinary snorkeling encounter with marine life. This 500,000-gallon habitat, home to graceful stingrays and vibrant reef fish, provides an intimate connection under the guidance of expert marine biologists. Nearby, visit the home of two majestic Aldabra tortoises, Jack and Rose.

Culinary delights became a highlight of each day. At CW Prime, premium steaks and seafood are prepared on the coveted Jospet grill. Adjacent, the exclusive Spirit Room beckons—ask for The 400 Experience, boasting a sprawling collection of rare spirits and artisanal cocktails at your fingertips. Get a taste of Italy at Riva's



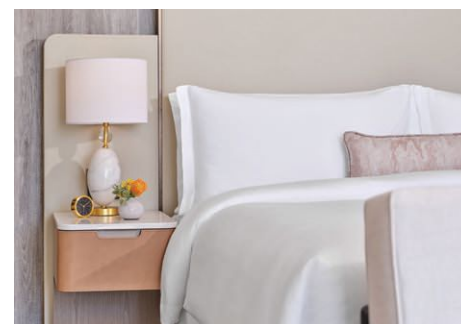
Clockwise from top: Sip on The Monkey Bar's tiki cocktails by the beach; explore the Vilebrequin boutique; sink into the plush comfort of a St. Regis suite bed; savor Latin American cuisine at Aura.

interactive pasta bar, where skilled artisans craft fresh Italian delicacies. Enjoy vibrant Latin American flavors at Aura. Reserve a table during sunset hour at Oshen's rooftop, which presents an elevated experience of Japanese-Peruvian fusion.

For the social scene, head to The St. Regis Bar, where local artist William Savarese's mural sets the stage for afternoon tea traditions, signature cocktails, and nightly live music and entertainment—and take part in The St. Regis Champagne sabering ritual every evening at 6 p.m. At The Monkey Bar, toast to local heritage with creative tiki drinks and innovative Polynesian culinary flavors by the beach.

Here, on Florida's Gulf Coast, a Vilebrequin boutique found its home. The luxury French swimwear brand offers an exclusive capsule collection featuring whimsical prints that pay homage to the property's Under the Sea Lagoon and Sarasota's ties to the Ringling Bros. Its signature pattern is also woven throughout the resort, from beach umbrellas to floaties at the pool.

My most transformative moments were found within the 20,000-square-foot St. Regis Spa. A partnership with La Mer ties exclusive treatments with skincare indulgence, while the outdoor vitality pool with its specialized hydrotherapy pods provides therapeutic relief. If you're traveling with children, take advantage of the Reef Rangers Club, where little ones are entertained—and can feed Jack and Rose!—while you bask in wellness with peace of mind.



Summoning those enchanted by the lasting legacy of Frida Kahlo, the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston (mfah.org) awaits with its latest exhibition. *by* JANE HUMPHREY

LAST LOOK

FINDING FRIDA

Frida Kahlo, "Self-Portrait (in a Velvet Dress)," 1926, oil on canvas



Summoning patrons with spectacular self-portraits, still lifes and photography, the highly anticipated exhibition heralding one of the most prolific artists of the 20th century, the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston (MFAH) celebrates the opening of *Frida: The Making of an Icon*. Patrons can pour over 30 paintings from the storied visionary and her own life captured through the works of those who surrounded her. Running through Jan. 19, the museum explores the compelling life of the artist who has captivated patrons

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—MARI CARMEN RAMÍREZ

throughout time. "The exhibition reveals how the different facets of Kahlo's complex persona(lity), which she so carefully crafted and projected, were adapted again and again over her decades-long transformation into an icon," notes the museum's Wortham Curator of Latin American Art at the MFAH and founding director of the Museum's International Center for the Arts of the Americas, Mari Carmen Ramírez, who conceived and organized the exhibition. "The exhibition re-establishes Kahlo's own identity, and asserts her persistent relevance to contemporary art as well as activism over the past 70 years."

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