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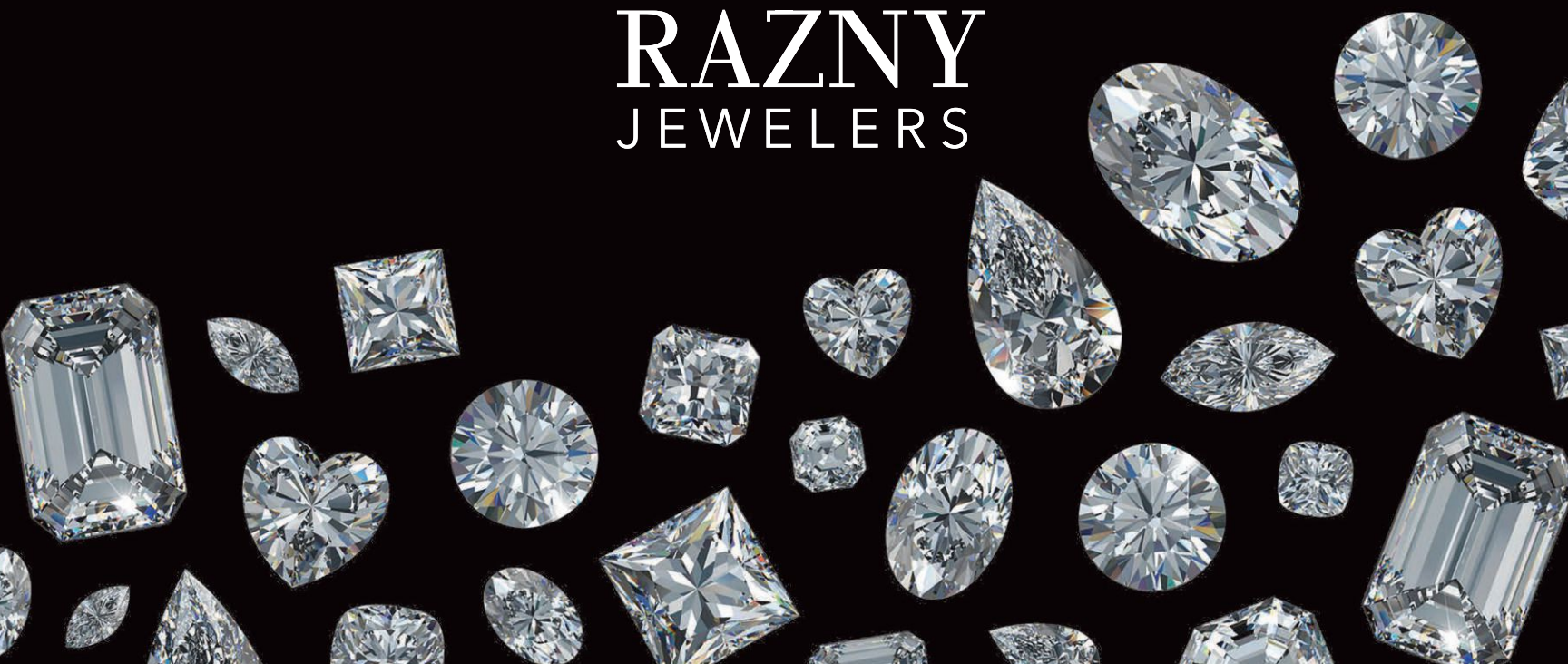
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## A letter from the PUBLISHER

# Easing Into Fall

**W**elcome to our annual Style Issue, where we celebrate the sophistication and charm of the North Shore. As the leaves begin to turn and the air crisps, this season brings a renewed sense of community and culture to our beloved community.

In this issue, we are thrilled to showcase our “Women of Style” feature, spotlighting the inspiring women who are the true movers and shakers in our community. From entrepreneurs breaking new ground to artists enriching our cultural tapestry, these individuals reflect the spirit of innovation and creativity that defines the North Shore.

As we enter into the fall season, our pages are brimming with exciting events and happenings. Explore Highland

Park's top destinations and dive into Lake Forest with our curated list of must-visit restaurants. Plus, don't miss our insider's guide to the hottest parties and events, keeping you connected to the pulse of the city.

Thank you for being part of the journey. Enjoy the issue!

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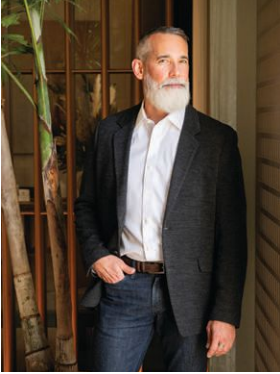
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# Always In Style

**F**ashion trends come and go—and often come back around again (I'm looking at you, baggy jeans)—but some things are timeless: a crisp white shirt, a cashmere sweater, a pair of sharply tailored pants, a black dress, a tuxedo...and, I'd like to think, *NS* magazine. For the past 12 years, *NS* has strived to be a beacon of sophistication, chronicling the vibrant, ever-evolving tapestry of the North Shore, from its buzzing restaurant scene and first-class cultural offerings to the dynamic entrepreneurs and personalities making a major impact on the area, on Chicago and on the world.

Dynamic personalities are always in abundant supply in our Style Issue, and this year is no exception. Just turn to the always-anticipated Women of Style feature, which showcases four moving-and-shaking fashionistas who are making a difference on the North Shore and doing so with serious flair, from business owner



This year's Women of Style feature spotlights super-stylish North Shore denizens like fashion influencer Kayleigh Li, who keeps her social media followers enraptured with chic shots from across the globe.

and entertainer extraordinaire Colette May to fashion influencer Kayleigh Li.

Elsewhere in the issue, we get a taste of Highland Park's elevated new Indian restaurant Indus; share our ultimate guide to the Mag Mile; reveal some top picks for the coming cultural season; and so much more. It all adds up to another stylish celebration of the North Shore that is each issue of *NS*. Enjoy!

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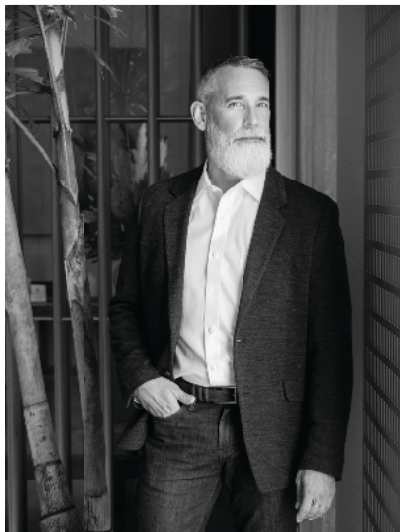
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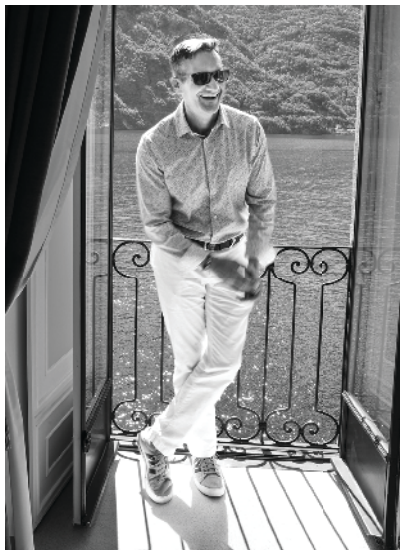
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New Highland Park restaurant Indus brings a refined approach to Indian cuisine, adding a fresh perspective to the North Shore's culinary scene.

*by* KAILA STANG

Indus tempts with an array of small plates like Kurkuri bhindi, which features crisp okra with onions, tomatoes and dried mango.



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With Indus, the Kalras aim to offer a sophisticated dining experience, emphasizing premium ingredients like wagyu steak, heritage pork, morel mushrooms and Margra lamb. From dishes like Mamma's Chhole (Sukhu's mother's recipe for chickpeas served with

crispy whole-wheat poori bread) to Masala brisket, which features an 18- to 22-hour house-smoked hand-trimmed prime brisket with an Indian spice rub, plus Indus BBQ chutney and Bengal mustard coleslaw, Indus offers a dining experience centered on quality flavors and creativity. The cocktails complement these dishes with uniquely Indian ingredients such as kokum—a fruit from Goa known for its tartness, sweetness, savory notes and floral undertones—which features prominently in their Kokum Mezcal cocktail.

"We are a product of two distinct yet interrelated cultures—the US and India," says Ajit, who originally hails from New Delhi while Sukhu was raised in the northern Indian city of Chandigarh. "We wanted Indus to give

a nod to both aspects of our history, and in that way, present Indian flavors boldly through classic dishes and culinary techniques while also advancing progressive ideas that present foods that are familiar to our US palate—like brisket, steak, and pork belly—with vibrant Indian flavors but in many instances, accented by an elegant, modern presentation."

This husband and wife duo has an unwavering love for Haute dining, and it has been their lifelong passion to spread the flavors of Indian cuisine across Chicago and beyond. With Indus, they celebrate their Indian heritage and its savory cuisine, presented with polished style and elegance. *617 Central Ave., Highland Park, eatindus.com*



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Visual artist Federico Solmi's 2017 media work *The Great Farce* blurs the boundaries between past and present, history and amusement, and reality and spectacle across nine immersive video projections at Northwestern University's Block Museum. Solmi's animation showcases power-hungry, time-traveling world leaders, providing a frenzied, fun-house mirror reflection of grandstanding historical figures. 40 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston, [blockmuseum.northwestern.edu](http://blockmuseum.northwestern.edu)

## 10/24 - 11/17 LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS

Wilmette-based Music Theater Works presents the zany hit musical *Little Shop of Horrors*, a sci-fi horror-comedy-meets-love-story created by the acclaimed duo Howard Ashman and Alan Menken (known for Disney's *The Little Mermaid*, *Beauty and the Beast* and *Aladdin*). Showing at the North Shore Center for Performing Arts, the production follows Seymour, a florist whose life undergoes a dramatic and perilous transformation upon encountering a carnivorous plant from outer space. 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie, [musictheaterworks.com](http://musictheaterworks.com)

## 10/25 MARC MARON: ALL IN

Following his acclaimed HBO special *From Bleak to Dark*, the comedian and *WFT with Marc Maron* podcaster is set to bring his sharp wit and insightful humor to the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts. From introspective storytelling to blunt commentary on life, Maron explores a spectrum of topics with a humorous edge. 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie, [northshorecenter.org](http://northshorecenter.org)

## 9/7 - 9/8 EVANSTON FOLK FESTIVAL

The inaugural Evanston Folk Festival celebrates the beloved musical genre across two days on the lakefront of Dawes Park. Attendees can enjoy three stages featuring over 30 artists, an engaging In Conversation tent hosting speakers, panels and interviews, dynamic pop-up performances and more, all with sweeping Lake Michigan views. 1700 Sheridan Road., Evanston, [evanstonfolkfestival.com](http://evanstonfolkfestival.com)

## 9/14 - 9/15 DEER PARK ART SHOW

This must-visit event for art lovers transforms Deer Park Town Center into a vibrant showcase with thousands of original artworks from 75 artists. Explore a variety of activities for all ages, including live painting classes, live music and art projects in the Kids Art Zone. 20530 N. Rand Road, Deer Park, [amdurproductions.com](http://amdurproductions.com)

## SAVE THE DATE

Embrace the best of the fall season with these six must-attend North Shore events.

by GAVIN LIPINSKI

## 9/5 - 10/27 NATASHA, PIERRE, & THE GREAT COMET OF 1812

With an innovative electro-pop opera score, this 2012 musical made waves on Broadway, earning 12 Tony Award nominations. Now, making its Chicago debut at Writers Theatre, this contemporary adaptation revisits a scandalous chapter from Leo Tolstoy's epic, *War and Peace*. 325 Tudor Court, Glencoe, [writerstheatre.org](http://writerstheatre.org)

Federico Solmi's 2017 video installation *The Great Farce* highlights the Block Museum's fall programming.

# FALL 2024

# Highland Park Highlights

From essential eats to chic shopping destinations and world-class entertainment, discover some of the North Shore's top destinations in Highland Park. *by* FIONA GOOD-SIROTA

## WHERE TO EAT



From left: Pan-seared branzino with grilled asparagus and romesco sauce is a crowd-pleaser at Abigail's American Bistro; Razny Jewelers' Highland Park location.

### Abigail's American Bistro

This New American hub is the place to go for luxe wine pairings and dinnertime staples like pan-seared branzino, NY strip steak and lemon truffle vinaigrette-topped duck confit salad. *493 Roger Williams Ave., Highland Park, abigails493.com*

### Bluegrass

Get your fill of American fare with a Southern twist at this west side joint. Dig into specials like tempura-battered Maryland soft-shell crab, pit-smoked barbecue ribs and slow-simmered Cajun shrimp jambalaya. *1636 Old Deerfield Road, Highland Park, bluegrasshp.com*

### Cafe Dacha

Try Eastern European staples like pierogi, kebabs, blintzes and borscht at this Ukrainian spot, complete with a sun-drenched patio for outdoor seating. Don't miss out on chef-led favorites, including beef stroganoff, grilled

Alaskan salmon and pan-roasted chicken tapaka. *675 Central Ave., Highland Park, cafedacha.com*

### Once Upon A Bagel

A local staple since 1982, this deli and bakery touts New York-style bagels, latkes, matzoh ball soup, sweet treats (think rugelach, mandel bread and kiddush cakes) and more. Diners can dig into daily breakfast—featuring omelets, blintzes, pancakes and, of course, bagels and lox—and stock up on favorites like corned beef, pastrami, salami and kugel. *1888 1st St., Highland Park, highlandpark.onceupononline.com*

### Pixca Restaurant

Sit on the patio and try popular staples from this farm-to-table spot, including Faroe Islands salmon, black truffle burrata and braised jus short ribs. Linger for dessert to satisfy your sweet tooth. *455 Central Ave., Highland Park, pixcarestaurant.com*



**Viaggio Highland Park**

Dine family-style or pop in for apps and libations at this Italian fave, which boasts housemade eight-finger cavatelli, creamy rigatoni vodka, lightly breaded eggplant parmesan and more. The skirt steak Viaggio is a can't-miss, crafted with caramelized onions, grilled whole artichokes, roasted red peppers and Chianti wine sauce. 581 Roger Williams Ave., Highland Park, [viaggiohighlandpark.com](http://viaggiohighlandpark.com)



join for events like beach yoga, fishing excursions and more. 883 Sheridan Road, Highland Park, [pdhp.org/rosewood-beach](http://pdhp.org/rosewood-beach)

**Sunset Valley Golf Club**

With a freshly completed \$7 million renovation and a British Heathland design, this upscale golf club is one to hit up for tee times, leagues, clubhouse eats, tournaments and merchandise, including apparel and accessories. 1390 Sunset Road, Highland Park, [sunsetvalleygolfclub.org](http://sunsetvalleygolfclub.org)

**The Art Center Highland Park**

Visitors can explore museum-grade exhibitions, partake in art classes and join for upcoming events at The Art Center Highland Park (TAC). 1957 Sheridan Road, Highland Park, [theartcenterhp.org](http://theartcenterhp.org)

**Ravinia Festival**

Every year, from June through November, this acclaimed outdoor music venue hosts live music performances, events and musical masterclasses. 200 Ravinia Park Road, Highland Park, [ravinia.org](http://ravinia.org)

From top: Ravinia Festival favorites Alison Krauss and Robert Plant; roasted Brussels sprouts are served with capers, bacon, red onion, Parmesan and fresh lemon at Viaggio; catching a concert in the open-air Pavilion at Ravinia is a treasured rite of summer.

**WHERE TO SHOP****Razny Jewelers**

This Chicago-based, family-owned retailer carries uber-luxe brands like Rolex, Patek Philippe, Cartier, Breitling and more. Visitors can shop for timepieces and fine jewelry, including diamond-inlaid earrings, 18-karat solid gold bracelets and Deepsea, Air-King and Oyster Perpetual Rolex watches, among many other offerings. 1700 Green Bay Road, Highland Park, [razny.com](http://razny.com)

**Adesso**

This boutique is the perfect spot to hit up for your next celebration or hosting occasion. Peruse their selection of chic

bowls, dinner plates and flatware or elevate your space with lush wool throws, statement vases and inspired glass candle holders. 1813 St. Johns Ave., Highland Park, [shopadesso.com](http://shopadesso.com)

**Central**

With men's and women's boutiques just doors from one another, this on-trend shop is the place to go for activewear, accessories, jeans, tops and more. 662 Central Ave.; 678 Central Ave., Highland Park, [centralontheblock.com](http://centralontheblock.com)

**Style Shack**

Freshen up your home and your style with decor, accessories and apothecary goodies from this designer boutique in the heart of Highland Park. Browse items like salt reed diffusers, aesthetic coffee table books and gold-filled bracelets. 1839 2nd St., Highland Park, [styleshacklife.com](http://styleshacklife.com)

**WHAT TO SEE & DO****Rosewood Beach**

Relax and rejuvenate at this award-winning private beach, free to residents and accessible to non-residents with daily or seasonal passes. Visitors can also



# Lake Forest Faves

The culinary scene in Lake Forest offers a wealth of enticing options for decadent dining—including these 11 favorites. *by THE EDITORS*



The English Room's dining area boasts an inviting atmosphere with floor-to-ceiling windows that fill the space with natural light.

#### **Authentico Mexican Restaurant & Bar**

This trendy hot spot serves authentic Mexican cuisine with a modern twist. Favorites like guacamole and fajitas share the menu with a fresh mango salsa and creative seafood dishes. Don't miss the inspired flight of three margaritas, as well as a gluten-free menu. 770 N. Western Ave., [authenticorestaurant.com](http://authenticorestaurant.com)

#### **Chief's Pub**

At this spot (which honors the nation's firefighters), regulars love the sports bar atmosphere—think plenty of pub grub, beer and games on TV—and the opportunity to run into a neighbor or two. It's family-friendly, too, with a separate dining area. Kids will enjoy the firefighter artifacts that serve as decor. 502 N. Western Ave., [chiefspub.com](http://chiefspub.com)

#### **The English Room**

In a cozy corner of the Deer Path Inn is the inviting fine dining offered by chef Kehlil at

The English Room. The lavish Sunday brunch buffet has long been a favorite of Lake Forest families, and in pleasant weather, the outdoor space is a special treat. 255 E. Illinois Road, [thedeerpathinn.com](http://thedeerpathinn.com)

#### **Francesca's Intimo**

This downtown Lake Forest restaurant—part of restaurateur Scott Harris' beloved Francesca's empire—boasts zesty, earthy cuisine and friendly service in a space filled with photos of rural Italian life. Delicious and chic! 293 E. Illinois Road, [miafrancesca.com](http://miafrancesca.com)

#### **The Gallery**

Expect the unexpected with creative cuisine that is inspired by the artwork on display at this full-service restaurant and fine art gallery. Menus and exhibits change every six to eight weeks. 202 Wisconsin Ave., [thegallerylf.com](http://thegallerylf.com)

#### **Gerhard's**

Owner Mary Greub does European desserts right at this

French bakery just off Market Square. Stop in for coffee in a porcelain cup with a pastry, tart or cookie—all prepared with fresh, high-quality ingredients. The bakery is famous for its showstopping signature dessert, the marjolaine. 720 N. Western Ave., [gerhardsdesserts.com](http://gerhardsdesserts.com)

### Le Colonial

Set in Lake Forest's historic former police and fire department building in the center of town on Market Square, this outpost of the downtown Chicago classic boasts a serious personality of its own. With interiors completely renovated and decked in signature Le Colonial style and the restaurant's signature menu of French-Vietnamese fare, it's one of the hottest restaurants in town. 655 Forest Ave., [lecolonial.com](http://lecolonial.com)

### Lf Juice

Cold-pressed, handcrafted and healthy libations are easy to find at Lake Forest's own juice bar. We're also partial to the smoothies and acai bowls. 647 N. Bank Lane, [lfjuiceshop.com](http://lfjuiceshop.com)



### Oaken Bistro + Bar

Inspired by the ancient white oak heritage trees found in Lake Forest, Oaken Bistro + Bar serves a classic, comforting menu of plates like smoked wings, flatbreads, burgers, salads and pastas. The lounge-style interiors are laid-back and luxurious, and there's an eclectic list of cocktails, wine and beer. 200 N. Field Drive, [oakenbistro.com](http://oakenbistro.com)

### Sophia Steak Lake Forest

As the co-founders of Ballyhoo Hospitality, husband-and-wife team Ryan and Anna O'Donnell are known for beloved downtown concepts like Gemini Bistro and Coda di Volpe. Now, they're just as notable for their North Shore restaurants, including this sophisticated steakhouse. 181 E. Laurel Ave., [sophiasteak.com](http://sophiasteak.com)

Lf Juice Shop offers health-conscious options like smoothies and cold-pressed juices in an elevated environment.

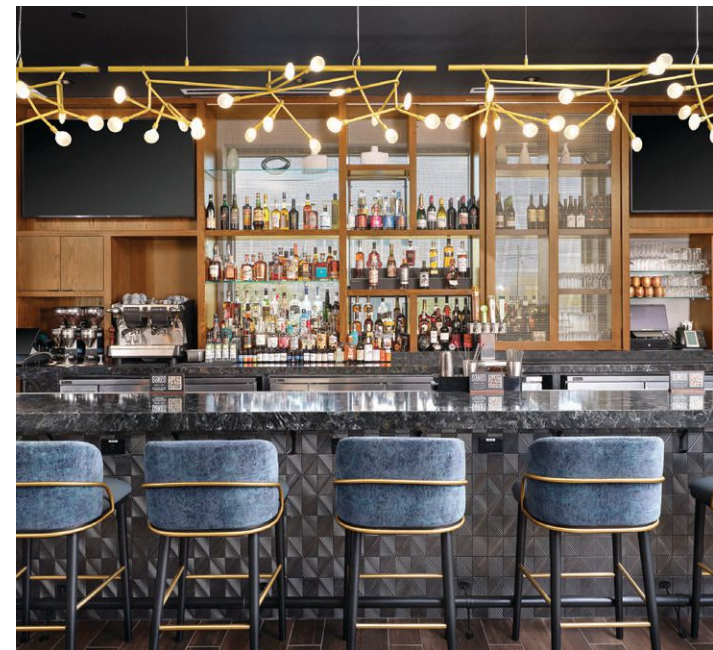
### Sushi Kushi Toyo

Since 1993, Sushi Kushi has been serving traditional Japanese cuisine for lunch and dinner. The menu offers appetizers from the sushi bar (think salmon carpaccio and oyster shooters), sushi, sashimi and cooked entrees. Check out the list of 40-plus specialty rolls. 825 S. Waukegan Road, [sushikushitoyo.com](http://sushikushitoyo.com)

Wet-aged and served with a signature sauce, Sophia Steak's 8-ounce Black Angus filet is a menu standout.

At Oaken Bistro + Bar, a wild mushroom and sausage penne features fennel sausage, wild mushrooms and a truffle cream sauce topped with fontina cheese.

Oaken Bistro's bar offers a sleek design with gold accents and a diverse selection of premium spirits.





01/ Sara and Christopher S. Pfaff 02/ Linda and Craig Umans 03/ Donna and David Tropp with Pam Conant 04/ Sonia Smith-Evans poses with friends and family. 05/ Jim Rauh and Alexandra Nichols 06/ Chicago musician Matthew Yee performed for the crowd.

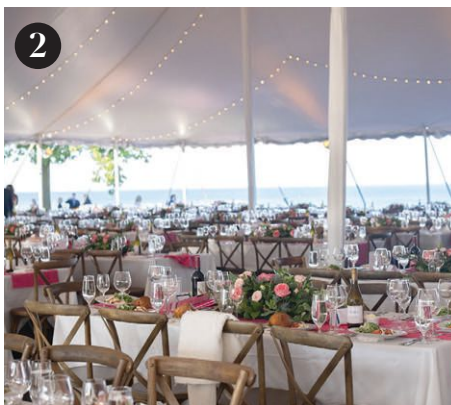
## THE SCENE

# Play It Forward

**THE PARTY** Writers Theatre hosted its annual WordPlay Gala at the Four Seasons Chicago with the theme “You Ain’t Seen Nothing Yet!” Guests savored an elegant dinner (think grilled beef tenderloin and seared scallops with brown butter and lemon sauce) and enjoyed performances by a diverse array of Chicago artists, directed and choreographed by Writers Theatre alum **Katie Spelman**. **THE PEOPLE** Over 200 of Chicago’s corporate and civic leaders attended the gala, which was co-chaired by **Donna and David Tropp** alongside **Pam Conant**. The evening

honored **Christopher S. and Sara Pfaff**, who were presented with the 2024 Spirit of Writers Theatre Award for their steadfast commitment to the arts.

**THE PINNACLE** The gala raised \$570,000 through live auctions and paddle raises, with VIP tickets to a Pearl Jam concert and a Montana getaway contributing nearly half of the total. The proceeds will support Writers Theatre’s performances and educational initiatives, benefiting approximately 10,000 students annually. *by Juliana Parisi*



01/ Amy Brock, Margie Stineman and Mia Sachs 02/ Elegantly set tables overlooked the water. 03/ Roshni and Parag Bordia with Krina and Dr. Mehuel Raval 04/ Tyson and Kathleen Brill with Jenny and Tim Walsh 05/ Cammy Hines, Jackie Magner, Maureen Seaman, Margie Block, Katie Wilhelm and Kay Murphy 06/ Maureen Seaman and Margie Stineman

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## THE SCENE In The Swing

**THE PARTY** The 64th Annual Dinner on the Bluff and Pro-Am Golf Championship honored the contributions of the Lurie Children’s Heart Center. Held at Shoreacres in Lake Bluff, the evening featured cocktails, dinner and the inspiring story of patient family **Tim and Lindsey Brach**. The previous day featured the Pro-Am Golf Championship at Onwentsia Club in Lake Forest.

**THE PEOPLE** Hosted by the Founders’ Board of **Ann and Robert H. Lurie** Children’s Hospital of Chicago, both events were overseen by co-chairs **Jackie Magner** and **Katie Wilhelm**. **Stuart Lansing** and members of the Men’s Golf Committee spearheaded the Pro-Am Golf Tournament, while **Kay Murphy** and **Cammy Hines** organized Dinner on the Bluff for 540 guests.

**THE PINNACLE** The events raised more than \$2 million in support of the Founders’ Board’s new \$4 million commitment to Lurie Children’s Heart Center, which will benefit young congenital heart disease patients and their families. *by Kaila Stang*





01/ Rohit Chandra and Ranjana Rajendran  
 02/ Brandon Lampkin passionately sang to the crowd. 03/ Uniting Voices Chicago member Christian Hampton delivered a compelling performance. 04/ Conley Pollard, Lauren Carey, Matt Roan and Katie Ashcroft posed with Uniting Voices Chicago. 05/ Tanya D. Woods, Kyra Woods and Madeline Dowling 06/ Ellen-Blair Chube and Uniting Voices president and artistic director Josephine Lee

## THE SCENE

# Lifting Voices

**THE PARTY** Uniting Voices Chicago (formerly Chicago Children's Choir) presented a musical showcase called SoundBites at Walden Chicago. The fundraiser featured the talents of its world-renowned high school ensemble and alumni-led band.

**THE PEOPLE** DJ **Matt Roan** emceed the fundraiser, which was attended by board chair **Ellen-Blair Chube**, **Rohit Chandra**, **Ranjana Rajendran**, and nearly 250 young professionals who savored cocktails and hors d'oeuvres provided by the venue while taking in the music.

**THE PINNACLE** The event raised over \$100,000 in support of Uniting Voices' youth empowerment and music education programs, benefiting more than 3,000 Chicago youths. —JP



01/ Holly Buckendahl delivered a captivating address to the audience. 02/ Vince and Dee Brown 03/ John and Maribeth Ulrich 04/ Brian and Marion Gross with Matt Weisz 05/ Russ Smyth, Marion Gross, Jen and Mark Landolt and Dawn Smyth 06/ Kevin Ozan, Chandler Dimberg, Holly Buckendahl and Bob McGonigle



THE SCENE  
**Lighting  
 The Way**

PHOTOS BY HILARY HIGGINS

**THE PARTY** The Ronald McDonald House Charities of Chicagoland & Northwest Indiana (RMHC-CNI) hosted its annual gala, themed “Light the Way, Together,” at The Geraghty. The gala celebrated 47 years of supporting families with hospitalized children, as guests donned their favorite red shoes and enjoyed live music, live and silent auctions, and late-night McDonald’s snacks.

**THE PEOPLE** **Holly Buckendahl**, CEO of RMHC-CNI, and board chair **Marion Gross** emphasized the charity’s impact and expressed gratitude to the 800 attendees for

their ongoing support. The event honored the **Molleda** family, sharing their touching story of how RMHC facilities aided their son **Zadakiel’s** medical journey and recognized the top 10 McDonald’s general managers for their contributions to the charity.

**THE PINNACLE** The philanthropic evening raised more than \$1.7 million, ensuring RMHC-CNI’s ongoing support for families with hospitalized children through various programs, including the Ronald McDonald House, Ronald McDonald Family Room and Ronald McDonald Care Mobile. —JP



01/ Cortney Hall and Dane Melick 02/ Corey Hendrix 03/ A sumptuous spread of artisanal cheeses and charcuterie greeted the evening's guests. 04/ Chef Evan Funke 05/ Sharp-dressed bartenders mixed cocktails for the gathered attendees. 06/ Jim Belushi

## THE SCENE A Tuscan Toast

**THE PARTY** New St. Regis Chicago hot spot Tre Dita celebrated its grand opening with a night that featured both the delicious flavors of Tuscany and a celeb-filled, see-and-be-seen crowd. Guests sipped select wines and indulged in cheeses, salumi and signature bites from chef **Evan Funke** while enjoying sweeping views of the Chicago River and Lake Michigan through the restaurant's floor-to-ceiling windows. **THE PEOPLE** Esteemed Chicagoans in

attendance included actor **Jim Belushi**, **Corey Hendrix** from *The Bear*, and former Mayor of Chicago **Lori Lightfoot**. **THE PINNACLE** Befitting the festive mood, in style, the evening featured espresso martinis set on a Pegasus ice sculpture, an artist who live-illustrated a Roman neoclassical scene, and chef Funke personally hand-carving the restaurant's signature steak dish, bistecca alla Fiorentina. —JP



# TRENDING.

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## Sound Check

Leave it to the House of Chanel ([chanel.com](http://chanel.com)) to deliver the must-have accessory we didn't even know we needed: the Première Sound watch, featuring a long sautoir necklace and wired headphones that connect to a smartphone (or any audio device). Hands-free never looked so chic. *by* JAMES AGUIAR

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From left: Fendi burgundy leather Peekaboo Soft handbag; dove gray leather Peekaboo Soft handbag.

Something felt a little different on Fendi's (fendi.com) autumn/winter 2024 runway. The now famous Peekaboo ISeeU bag seemed a little lighter and less rigid. The ultimate icon has been reinvented yet again into the Peekaboo Soft. If the previous version was all buttoned-up propriety, the latest incarnation is languid and sensual, allowing the wearer the option of a longer handle to not only wear it on the shoulder but cradle it closer to the body. Don't worry about losing that now celebrated trapezoidal shape either; with the utmost in craftsmanship, the bag's original design stays intact and the signature metal bar is lightened up and covered in leather. The bag is available in medium and large sizes with a host of materials including exotic skins and the highest quality of calf leather, and even comes in a printed version of a rendition of the "Testa colossale di divinità" statue from the Galleria Borghese. If a trip to Rome isn't in the cards for you this fall, this bag is sure to take you there in spirit and won't weigh you down in the process.

FROM LEFT, PHOTOS: COURTESY OF FENDI; BY ELLEN FEDORS/COURTESY OF FENDI



## A Soft Touch

Fendi's main attraction gets lighter to the touch.  
by JAMES AGUIAR



Ferragamo Secret watch, ferragamo.com



Rolex Day-Date 36 yellow gold, rolex.com



Versace Reve watch, versace.com



Cartier 18K yellow gold Tank Louis Cartier watch, cartier.com



Philipp Plein Plein Chrono Royal bracelet watch, nordstrom.com



OMEGA Speedmaster 38, 38 mm, in Moonshine Gold on alligator strap, omegawatches.com

*“Make sure the green and gold stand out by pairing them with outfits in neutral colors like black, white or beige.”*

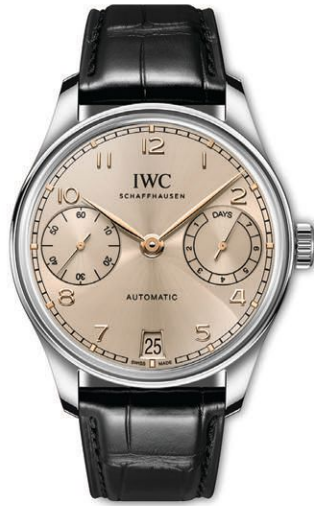
—FAYE POWER VANDE VREDE, FASHION DIRECTOR OF CUSTOM PUBLISHING AND BRANDED CONTENT

## Seeing Green

This season, be green with envy with these emerald watches perfectly paired with sleek, metallic golds to create a timeless and contemporary look.  
by FAYE POWER VANDE VREDE



Breitling Avenger B01 Chronograph 44, [breitling.com](http://breitling.com)



IWC Portugieser Automatic 42 Dune, [iwc.com](http://iwc.com)



Panerai Radiomir Tre Giorni PAM01350, [panerai.com](http://panerai.com)



OMEGA Seamaster Aqua Terra Shades 38, [omegawatches.com](http://omegawatches.com)



Piaget Polo Date 150th Anniversary Edition, [piaget.com](http://piaget.com)



Girard-Perregaux Laureato Signature Chronograph, [wempe.com](http://wempe.com)



Parmigiani Fleurier Tonda PF Sport Chronograph, [parmigiani.com](http://parmigiani.com)

# Oh, Sandy

Ready to evoke windswept dunes and cloudless beaches, a curated collection captures the beauty of simplicity and nature's quiet dignity, making the sand-inspired watch a refined, timeless statement. *by* STEPHEN WATSON



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**B Cellars**  
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bcellars.com

Featuring coastal grapes from one of Andy Beckstoffer's vineyards, expect flavors like baked pineapple, lemon zest with hints of brioche and vanilla for a long finish.



**Jordan**  
2018 Cabernet Sauvignon  
jordanwinery.com

With extended bottle aging in magnum, the tannins have integrated beautifully. The release's lively fruit profile and silky texture make this wine an ideal pairing with fall fare.

# Mix & Match

With a nod to our Style Issue, our wine and spirits editor offers four great accessories to refresh bar carts and autumn soirees.  
by MICHAEL MCCARTHY



**The Macallan**  
The Harmony Collection, Third Edition  
themacallan.com

Scotland's natural wonders are near and dear to sisters Stella and Mary McCartney, so collaborating with the famed distillery for limited-edition whiskies was a natural fit. Amber Meadow, the latest release, is a single malt reminiscent of warm meadows and mature barley fields. Expect classic scone and almond notes with green tea, followed by a sweet, long finish.

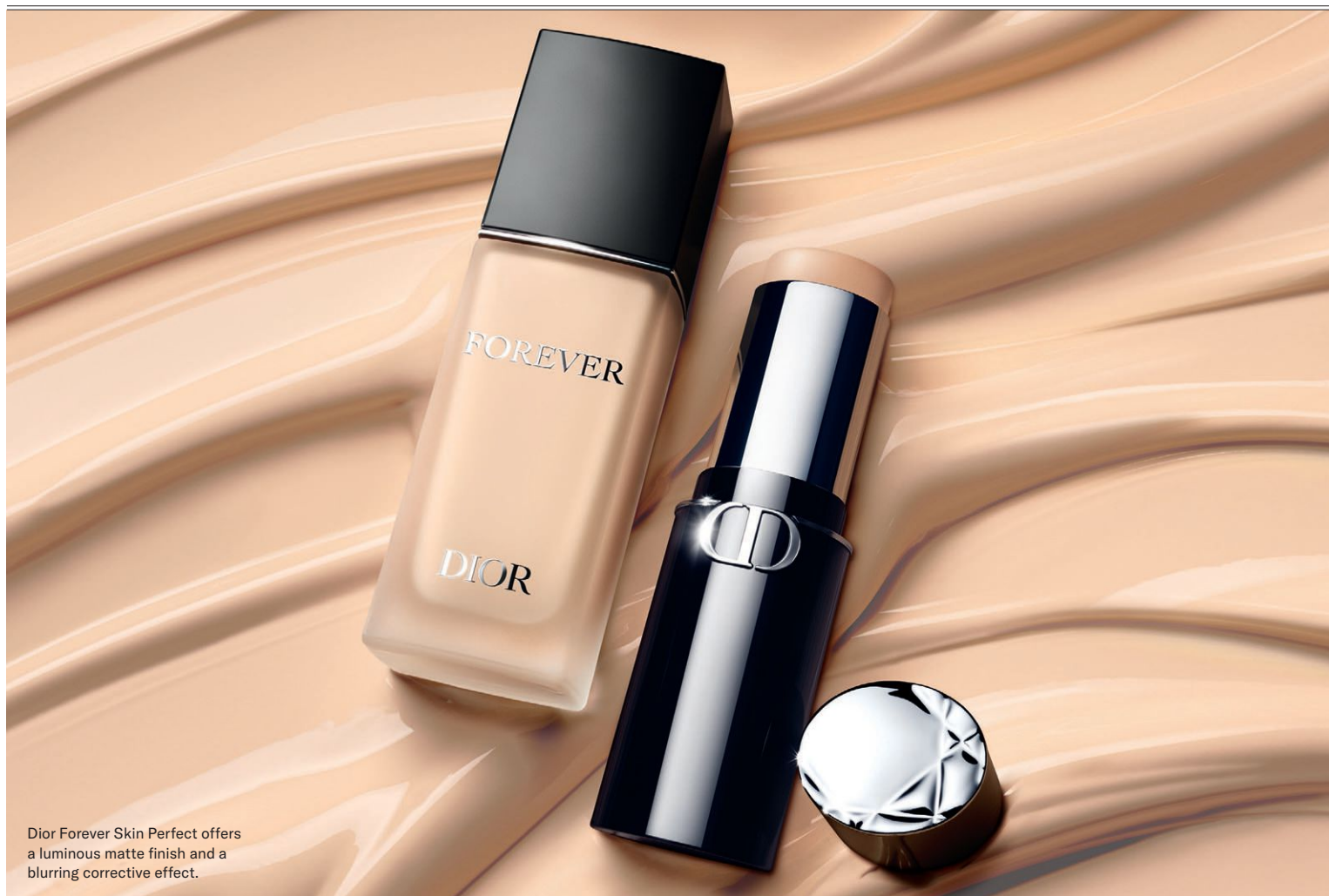
# Beauty Is Forever

Dior debuts new foundation and contour sticks—and the results have serious staying power. *by PHEBE WAHL*



The Rouge Dior Contour lip liners are offered in seven new shades of nude.





Dior Forever Skin Perfect offers a luminous matte finish and a blurring corrective effect.

From backstage beauty during fashion month to get-ready-with-me tutorials, the Dior ([dior.com](http://dior.com)) Forever collection has undeniable staying power. The beloved beauty brand has added new stars to the roster with the Dior Forever Skin Contour and Dior Forever Skin Perfect Foundation.

The brand's first stick foundation offers a streak-free, long-lasting hold and skin hydration, while the contouring stick is easy to apply and blend for a natural-looking sculpting or bronzing effect. Whether you're aiming for a full-coverage finish for a glamorous evening out or a lighter, more natural look for daily wear, both sticks offer perfectly modifiable coverage. "You can combine both to do contouring and highlighting," explains Peter Philips, creative and image director of Christian Dior Makeup.



Rouge Dior offers the widest range of nudes with over 40 shades available in satin and velvet finishes.

On lips: Rouge Dior Contour in No. 303 Greige Attitude; Rouge Dior in No. 100 New Look Velvet.

"It's a beautiful, cream powder-based formula," explains Philips. "It's not glowy or matte. It's beautifully blurry and long-lasting." Philips suggests blending with a damp blender sponge for a flawless finish—and offers the pro tip to pop the

blender in a zip-close bag for touch-ups as needed throughout the day. "There's still some leftover foundation on it... so you can pop it in your handbag and touch it up throughout the day," he shares, noting it is a trick he often uses on set.

To complement this flawless finish, the maison also unveiled an array of six new Rouge Dior nudes for the perfect pout. "A nude lipstick is the shade that completes and enhances your natural beauty," says Philips. "This means that nude isn't colorless; on the contrary, your nude shade is like the petals of a flower—it's the shade that makes you bloom."

From the perfect nude lip to flawless skin, Philips is clearly in his element. "Doing makeup in the late '90s (the no-makeup makeup), there was this one product I loved," he reflects, referencing a stick foundation he often employed in his kit that served as the initial inspiration for this launch. "It was a natural look that didn't look made up," he shares. In other words, consider the new stars of your makeup kit reborn.

Fendi's debut fragrance collection gets personal as each member of the maison crafts unique scents that poetically express special memories and moments. *by PHEBE WAHL*

# A Family Legacy



Clockwise from top: For Prima Terra, Kim Jones worked with perfumer Quentin Bisch to encapsulate the essence of southern and eastern Africa, where Jones spent much of his childhood; Delfina DeleTTrez Fendi; Silvia Venturini Fendi.



“Fendi has this beautiful sense of family,” muses Delfina Delettrez Fendi as we sit on the terrace of the brand’s iconic headquarters overlooking the hills of Rome. I have gathered with multiple generations of the Fendi (fendi.com) family to toast the Italian luxury fashion house’s launch of its first fine fragrance collection. “We are at the door of a very important celebration, as next year, we will celebrate 100 years of this incredible family and enlarged family history that is Fendi,” Delfina explains with her mother, Silvia Venturini Fendi, and other family members nearby. “And so what is better than creating a new and celebratory project with seven scents? It is like entering into the Fendi universe with all of your senses.”

“The process was incredible—so emotional, so precise,” says Delfina. “We really went deep into things. ... And it was emotional because, in a way, it was bringing me back to a lot of olfactory memories,” she shares. “But also, it was emotional because I could finally give them a scent to my grandmother, who I never met. So being able finally to smell her perfume... and give a sense to her face, it’s really incredible.”

“The fragrance collection tells the story of Fendi from another point of view,” notes Silvia. “It expresses the essence of the maison in a different way by telling its story in a different language. Today, at Fendi, we can readily say that we have explored and used all the senses.”

The storied luxury fashion house is known for its exceptional craftsmanship in fashion. Fendi’s foray into fragrances promises a new layer of allure to its brand, offering a sensory journey through a lineup of seven unique scents. Each fragrance in this meticulously curated collection is inspired by the Fendi family’s vibrant personalities and shared memories—a testament to the deep-rooted heritage and creative spirit that has fueled the brand for generations. At the heart of the collection is the essence of Fendi’s identity, woven into the olfactory experiences created by some of >

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Each fragrance offers a unique story and an intimate glimpse into the world of one of fashion’s most revered families.

The collection is available exclusively at fendi.com and in select Fendi boutiques including the 57th Street and Saks locations in Manhattan, Miami Design District and Bal Harbour Shops, Rodeo Drive in Beverly Hills, The Shops at Crystals in Las Vegas, Royal Hawaiian Center in Honolulu, South Coast Plaza in Costa Mesa and The Galleria in Houston.





Casa Grande



Ciao Amore



Dolce Bacio



Sempre Mio



Prima Terra



Perché No

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—DELFINA DELETTREZ FENDI



La Baguette

< the most talented perfumers in the industry.

The collection opens with Casa Grande, a tribute to Adele Casagrande Fendi, the matriarch whose vision and name set the foundation for Fendi's destiny. This fragrance symbolizes the grandeur and elegance of the Fendi maison, encapsulating the spirit of a legacy that has flourished over the decades.

Dolce Bacio honors Anna Fendi. This scent resonates with the tenderness of a mother's kiss, reflecting the sweet and enduring bond within the Fendi family. It's a fragrance that captures the essence of familial love and artistic passion that Anna embodies.

Silvia, the creative mind behind Fendi's iconic Baguette and Peekaboo bags, is represented by Perché No. This fragrance embodies her philosophy that nothing is impossible at Fendi, offering a scent that is as bold and adventurous as her designs.

The fourth and fifth scents, Ciao Amore and Sempre Mio, are inspired by Silvia's daughters, Leonetta Luciano Fendi and Delfina Delettrez Fendi, respectively. Ciao Amore celebrates a spontaneous and heartfelt greeting, while Sempre Mio honors the continuous thread of heritage that Delfina weaves through her work.

The collection also features a playful nod to the younger generation with La Baguette, inspired by Tazio and Dardo Vascellari Delettrez Fendi. This scent merges the simplicity of youth with the iconic status of the Baguette bag, blending tradition with modernity.

Completing the collection is Prima Terra by Kim Jones, which narrates the landscape of his childhood. This fragrance invites one to explore the earthy tones and textures that have shaped his creative vision, adding a poignant touch to the overall narrative.

Prima Terra resonates with me so deeply and profoundly that the response is emotional. Like any great work of art, music or poetry, I am moved to tears. Jones worked with perfumer Quentin Bisch to encapsulate the essence of southern and eastern Africa, where Jones spent much of his childhood, through tangerine from Calabria and Sicily, rosemary from Tunisia and Morocco, and an earthy element that exudes the tranquility and grounding smells of the soil after a storm. "When we created the fragrance, my desire was to bring together all the scents that made up this chapter of my life: my youth in Africa," Jones says. It is a work of pure poetry that hits me right in the heart—and, like all of these olfactory compositions, a love song to the sacred memories of the past.

A woman with dark hair pulled back, wearing dark sunglasses, a pearl necklace, and a white lace two-piece dress with a circular cutout at the waist. She is standing on a stone path in a lush, green garden filled with various tropical plants. The lighting is bright, suggesting daytime.

Sophisticated with a dash of swagger—these North Shore trendsetters prove that style is indeed a state of mind.  
*by J.P. Anderson*

# WOMEN OF STYLE.

**Breakfast:**

Iced latte

**Wake-Up Time:**

8 a.m.

**Diet:**Low-carb, high-protein,  
lots of veggies**Escape:**

Travel

**Workout:**

Hot yoga, swimming

**Last Meal:**A traditional Chinese  
dinner cooked by my dad**Supplements:**

Iron, multi-vitamin

**Go-To Luxury Brand:**

Bottega Veneta

**Bag:**Hermès, Bottega Veneta,  
Chanel**Watch:**

Rolex

**Workout Shoes:**

On

**Workout Playlist:**

Mix

**Workout Buddy:**

Myself

**Best Advice:**

Believe in yourself.

**Dinner:**

Fruits, vegetables

**Bedtime:**

11 p.m.

**On My Nightstand:**

Perfume, books

**Gym Bag:**Random totes from  
different museums/brands**Desert Island Essentials:**

Phone, sun hat, maxi dress

**Zodiac:**

Sagittarius



From top: Chanel Classic 11.12 lambskin quilted mini rectangular flap bag in burgundy; Bottega Veneta sterling silver triangle hoop earrings.



“Always changing” is how Kayleigh Li describes her personal style, and that chameleon quality has certainly struck a chord: With her gamut of chic looks posted in exotic locations the world over, the Highland Park resident and fashion/style influencer has racked up more than 100K followers on the 'gram. Drawing inspiration from “the vast tapestry of life and the unexpected”—including her travels, which will take her to Thailand and Japan this fall—Li is one North Shore fashionista with a truly global perspective. Here, she shares some of her personal passions that keep her stylishly inspired.

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# KAYLEIGH LI

Fashion/style influencer, @itskaykayleigh

From left: Bottega Veneta Intrecciato leather mules; Rolex 1908 wristwatch in platinum with ice-blue dial; double-breasted croc-embossed leather coat by Bottega Veneta.



**Breakfast:**

A banana, date, almond milk and peanut butter smoothie

**Wake-Up Time:**

Between 5 and 6:30 a.m.

**Diet:**

Moderation

**Doppelganger:**

Audrey Hepburn (I'd like to think)

**Nemesis:**

People who are late

**Escape:**

My bed or my garden

**Uniform:**

A cotton dress

**Hotel:**

The Four Seasons in Florence, Italy

**Workout:**

Barre and strength at Salt in Kenilworth and Pilates at Reform in Wilmette

**Last Meal:**

Pasta

**Mentor:**

God

**My Style In Three Words:**

Feminine, elegant, timeless

**Go-To Brand:**

The Row

**Watch:**

Cartier Baignoire

**Jewelry:**

Van Cleef & Arpels, Sidney Garber and Buccellati

**Workout Outfit:**

Alo or Splits59

**Best Advice:**

Don't worry about something before it happens.

**Philanthropy:**

PAWS and Clearbrook

**Mantra:**

What stands in the way becomes the way.

**Streaming Now:**

*The Gentlemen*

**Dinner:**

Tocco or RL

**Bedtime:**

Too early to admit

**Theme Song:**

"Tall Trees in Georgia" by Eva Cassidy

**Desert Island Essentials:**

My daughter, my husband and flowers

**Zodiac:**

Cancer



From top: Loop link bracelet in 18K yellow gold by Sidney Garber; Buccellati pendant in silver with diamonds and light blue agate.

A passion for fashion and design fuels Evanston resident and Kindle Communications owner Colette May (@colettemmay), who lived in the Gold Coast before falling for her current abode, an Italianate-style property that she redesigned herself. A fan of labels like The Row, Chanel and Gucci, May keeps her fashion game on point by regularly attending fashion weeks in New York, Paris and Milan. Looking ahead to fall, May shares, "I'm looking forward to continuing to grow my company, and most importantly, mentoring the up-and-coming leaders within our company. I'm also excited to continue following my passion for interiors and making spaces more beautiful."

WOMEN OF STYLE

## COLETTE MAY

Owner, Kindle Communications, [kindlecommunications.com](http://kindlecommunications.com)



From left: Cartier Baignoire mini model watch in 18K yellow gold with black varnished calfskin strap; Isora cotton-silk oversized midi dress by The Row; Dolce & Gabbana polka dot poplin A-line midi dress.







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PHOTO BY LUCY HEWETT

**Diet:**  
High-protein

**Doppelganger:**  
Amanda Peet

**Nemesis:**  
Humidity

**Escape:**  
My closet

**Weakness:**  
Chocolate

**Uniform:**  
All-black athleisure

**Hotel:**  
Deer Path Inn Lake Forest

**Workout:**  
Tabata at Midtown with Lindsay Borkan

**Last Meal:**  
Turkey burgers

**Supplements:**  
Multivitamin with extra vitamin D

**Mentor:**  
My late grandmother Fay

**My Style In Three Words:**  
Classic, tailored, thrifted

**Go-To Luxury Brand:**  
Prada

**Bag:**  
Olympia Le-Tan

**Watch:**  
Cartier

**Last Item I Splurged On:**  
Yves Saint Laurent belt via North Shore Exchange

**Workout Outfit:**  
Alo

**Best Advice:**  
Be your own boss.

**Philanthropy:**  
Cycle for Survival

**Mantra:**  
Be yourself.

**Streaming Now:**  
*The Bear*

**Dinner:**  
Out at Pomeroy in Winnetka

**Soulmate:**  
My husband, Cory

**On My Nightstand:**  
*The Anxious Generation* by Jonathan Haidt

**Theme Song:**  
“Beautiful” by Carole King

**Gym Bag:**  
Marc Jacobs

**Desert Island Essentials:**  
Sunscreen, toothbrush and Aquaphor

**Zodiac:**  
Leo

From top: Prada women's boot; small Tank Louis Cartier watch with 18K yellow gold case, beaded crown set with a sapphire cabochon and alligator-skin strap.



At the helm of not one but two style initiatives—men’s custom clothing company Gents Custom Clothiers and her children’s fashion education program Fashion and Friends (@fashionfriends)—Highland Park resident Genna Friedman is delving into all sides of the industry. Whether it’s helping gentlemen clients looks their best or leading classes, workshops and private lessons for the next generation of budding young North Shore fashionistas, the devoted mother of two always has her eye out for fresh new looks. Her excitement for the coming season? The launch of her first fall fashion class, where she will teach first through fifth graders the fundamentals of fashion design and guide them in creating their own portfolios.

WOMEN OF STYLE

GENNA FRIEDMAN

Owner, Gents Custom Clothiers, @gentscustom

Clockwise from top left: Marc Jacobs large Traveler tote; Olympia Le-Tan clutch featuring “Gazing Beyond” by Ninon Réo; Saint Laurent folk buckle belt in shiny leather.



**Breakfast:**

Smoothie with collagen, kale, walnut milk and protein powder

**Wake-Up Time:**

Weekdays 5:01 a.m., weekends 6:30 a.m.

**Diet:**

No alcohol, limited sugar

**Escape:**

Our place in Wisconsin

**Hotel:**

The Whitby Hotel, NYC

**Workout:**

Pilates, walking, yoga and my Bellicon rebounder

**Mentor:**

My husband

**Go-To Luxury Brand:**

I tend to pick up vintage luxury items—Gucci, Prada, Balenciaga—at my friend Melissa Carter's showroom, Kameo Vintage.

**Bag:**

Summer: Sézane straw market bag; fall/winter: Hermès crossbody bag

**Watch:**

Shinola

**Denim:**

Celine, Frame, Mother, vintage Levi's

**Last Item I Splurged On:**

La Ligne cashmere sweater from SPACE 519

**Workout Playlist:**

*Wiser Than Me* podcast, *Smartless* podcast, silence

**Workout Buddy:**

Birds and suburban wildlife

**Best Advice:**

Advice given to me: Your job is to love. Advice I give: Look at what is right in front of you.

**Mantra:**

The Serenity Prayer

**Streaming Now:**

Chicago Sky, Chicago Cubs, *Presumed Innocent*, street style videos

**Dinner:**

Miso black cod or steak frites

**Theme Song:**

"Roar" by Katy Perry

**Desert Island Essentials:**

Water, sunscreen and online library access

**Zodiac:**

Leo



From top: La Ligne mini Marin sweater in olive/black; Hermès Herbag zip cabine bag.

Style has deep meaning for filmmaker and visual artist Maggie Meiners, whose compelling work highlights feminism and contemporary notions of gender, domesticity, beauty, consumption and body image. A Winnetka native and resident, she uses everything from photography to film stills, cultural artifacts and magazines, often incorporating bright colors in frenetic ways to create works that now reside in the Montclair Art Museum, Wheaton College and more as well as multiple private collections. Currently in post-production for *That Old Beautiful Love*, a short film she produced and directed from an original story by Glencoe resident Kelly Q. Anderson, Meiners is focused on submitting to film festivals and hosting a variety of local events—all with a one-of-a-kind personal style she labels “laid-back power clash.”

## WOMEN OF STYLE

## MAGGIE MEINERS

Filmmaker and visual artist, [maggimeiners.com](http://maggimeiners.com)



From top: Gucci's Sylke leather creeper-style loafers in Mystic White; Le High flare jeans from Frame.



From top: Balenciaga Le City leather handbag; the Canfield sport stainless steel and ceramic chronograph watch in pink by Shinola.



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MODERN LUXURY



Chanel High Jewelry  
Tweed Chaîne necklace  
in 18K yellow gold and  
platinum with diamonds,  
tsavorite garnets and  
cultured pearls; and N°5  
drop yellow gold earrings  
in 18K yellow gold with  
diamonds and yellow beryl,  
[chanel.com](http://chanel.com).

THIS SEASON'S HIGH JEWELRY BRINGS  
SERIOUS SPARKLE, TRANSFORMING ANY LOOK  
INTO A SOPHISTICATED SHOW OF STRENGTH.

PHOTOGRAPHED BY LARA JADE  
STYLED BY FAYE POWER VANDE VREDE

LET IT  
SHINE



Chanel High Jewelry Soleil Talisman ring in 18K yellow gold with diamonds and yellow sapphires; Tweed Byzance open ring in 18K yellow gold with diamonds and beryls; and Brilliant ring in 18K white gold and 18K yellow gold with diamonds, sapphires, garnets and Japanese cultured pearls, [chanel.com](http://chanel.com).





McQueen by Seán  
McGirr double-  
breasted tailored coat,  
[alexandermcqueen.com](http://alexandermcqueen.com);  
Cartier High Jewelry 18K  
white gold and diamonds  
necklace and 18K white  
gold and diamonds ring,  
[cartier.com](http://cartier.com).



Kwiat Moonlight 15-row bracelet with pavé diamonds in 18K white gold, Ashoka diamond shared prong eternity band in platinum, Ashoka diamond line necklace in 18K white gold, and radiant-cut diamond drop earrings in platinum, [kwiat.com](http://kwiat.com).



Balmain trench coat, headband  
and belt, [balmain.com](http://balmain.com); Mikimoto  
M Collection Golden South Sea  
cultured pearl earrings with  
diamonds in 18K yellow gold,  
[mikimotoamerica.com](http://mikimotoamerica.com).



McQueen by Seán McGirr double-breasted tailored coat and Hoof boot, alexandermcqueen.com; Cartier High Jewelry ring in 18K white gold with diamonds, cartier.com.



Chloé Iconic Milk long ruffled floral lace embroidery organic silk dress, [chloe.com](http://chloe.com); Tiffany & Co. Jean Schlumberger by Tiffany Lune Galet necklace in 18K yellow gold with lavender pailonné enamel, moonstones of over 87 total carats and turquoise, and Jean Schlumberger by Tiffany Lune Galet earrings in 18K yellow gold with moonstones of over 17 total carats and turquoise, [tiffany.com](http://tiffany.com).

Chloé Foggy Khaki  
boxy flowy gathered  
lavalliere shirt with front  
slit, chloe.com; Cartier  
Nature Sauvage High  
Jewelry necklace in  
platinum with diamonds  
and Nature Sauvage  
High Jewelry earrings in  
platinum with diamonds,  
cartier.com.





BVLGARI High Jewelry Serpenti necklace in yellow and white gold with two pear emeralds, 52 marquise diamonds and pavé-set diamonds, and Serpenti earrings in yellow and white gold with 36 marquise brilliant-cut diamonds, four pear-shaped emeralds and pavé-set diamonds, [bulgari.com](http://bulgari.com).



Tiffany & Co. Jean Schlumberger by Tiffany Lune Galet necklace in 18K yellow gold with lavender paillonné enamel, moonstones of over 87 total carats and turquoise, and Jean Schlumberger by Tiffany Lune Galet earrings in 18K yellow gold with moonstones of over 17 total carats and turquoise, [tiffany.com](https://www.tiffany.com).



Dior cape and skirt; Dior Fine Jewelry Archi Dior necklace and bracelet, Galons Dior earrings and Tête de Mort ring, dior.com.



LOEWE black wool tail jacket and white/multicolor viscose draped shoe trousers, loewe.com; Van Cleef & Arpels Snowflake necklace featuring diamonds set in 18K white gold, Aladdin solitaire featuring diamonds set in platinum and Dôme de diamants ring featuring diamonds set in 18K white gold, vancleefarpels.com.





Gucci blue double-breasted wool caban with dégradé sequins embroideries and fringes, [gucci.com](http://gucci.com); Tiffany & Co. Jean Schlumberger by Tiffany Hummingbird brooch in 18K yellow gold and platinum with black enamel, yellow sapphires, spessartines, rubies and diamonds, and Jean Schlumberger by Tiffany Hummingbird brooch in 18K yellow gold and platinum with black enamel, fancy sapphires, sapphires, tsavorites and diamonds, [tiffany.com](http://tiffany.com).

Hair by Niko Weddle for Judy Casey using L'Oreal Matrix

Makeup by Deborah Altizio at Creative Management using Clé de Peau Beauté

Manicure by Elina Ogawa at BRIDGE Artists

Models: Ayuol Manyok, The Industry Model Management; Hsu Chen, Supreme Management



MODERN LUXURY SPOTLIGHT

# about town

## Women in Wellness

Porsche Lincolnwood  
June 23, 2024

Chicago's leading women in wellness gathered at **Porsche Lincolnwood** to celebrate *The Wellness Issue* with a healthy Sunday morning in the North Shore suburbs.

Upon arrival, guests were welcomed with cold-pressed juice shots by Suja and mood-boosting music by **The DJ Firm**. In partnership with **Chi-Society**—Chicago's leading health & wellness authority—guests later enjoyed a mat Pilates class led by Dr. Meg Moore of **Reform PT + Pilates**. Following class, Chef Jason Melamed of **Ambrosia Foods** created an impressive brunch spread of coffee, juices, pastries, and more for all to enjoy.

Thank you to our guests and partners for an inspiring morning of Porsche and Pilates.

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*Women*

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**R**enowned for her exceptional leadership in family law, Kathryn Homburger Mickelson is an esteemed equity partner at Beermann LLP. Mickelson's journey to success is marked by her unwavering calm in the face of adversity, her ability to level with clients during tough times and her foresight in navigating complex legal landscapes.

Leaving a flourishing career in marketing and public relations, Mickelson found her true calling in law. "I did not know what type of lawyer I would eventually be, but this career path felt more like what I was intended for," she recalls. "People were shocked to find out that I was attending law school full time, considering my age and station in life, but I persevered, and the decision was the right one."

Today, Mickelson is one of four female equity partners at Beermann LLP, leading a formidable team of award-winning and industry-recognized family law attorneys. Her accolades speak volumes about her expertise and dedication. She has consistently been named a Super Lawyer, Best Lawyer and Leading Lawyer in Family Law. Recognized by Crain's Media as one of the Most Notable Women Attorneys and by Best Lawyers as a Woman of Influence, she is a fellow of both the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers and the International Academy of Family Lawyers.

In her community, Mickelson is a staunch supporter of local journalism and an active member of the Economic Club of Chicago, contributing to vital political, social, civic and economic dialogues.

Mickelson's advice to the next generation of female leaders is clear: "Never apologize for who you are. Be authentic and yourself. Listen to your clients and never lose yourself in the process."

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White Shirt, Leather Blazer, Denim Pant by Lafayette 148 (33 East Oak Street)  
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# VIVIANA MARIN

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Starting her career as a licensed psychologist in Puerto Rico, Viviana Marin, owner of Bella Bleu Bridal in Winnetka, knew that it would take passion and perseverance to become acknowledged as the owner of one of the top bridal salons in the Chicagoland area.

Leaving behind her psychology practice in Puerto Rico to pursue medical treatment for multiple sclerosis in Chicago, Marin's path took a significant turn, marking the beginning of a transformative journey.

"A Dynamic Woman embraces challenges, adapts to change, continuously strives for growth and never makes excuses," says Marin. And she's done just that: since taking over Bella Bleu Bridal, Marin has been committed to creating a unique and welcoming experience for brides. Her empathetic leadership style prioritizes the well-being of her team, ensuring that they feel supported and valued. This approach has not only fostered a positive work environment but also contributed to the salon's prestigious reputation.

"By taking on diverse roles and experiences, you'll develop a well-rounded skill set and the resilience to navigate the complexities of leadership," says this Dynamic Woman. "Success is not a destination but a continuous journey of learning and growth."

Marin draws inspiration from resilient and driven women, such as single mothers who work tirelessly to provide for their children and women like herself, who continue to grow and succeed in their careers despite battling invisible illnesses. These examples of strength and determination fuel her own drive to continuously strive for growth and inspire others.

Outside of work, Marin enjoys spending time with her family while also cherishing the close proximity to Lake Michigan. As an islander, she deeply appreciates being near the water for the tranquility and joy it brings to her life.

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# HAIRLAB CHICAGO

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**T**he visionary founders of the Asian-American and 100% female-owned business Hairlab Chicago, Filipina-American Debbie Ansay-Martinez and Korean-American Chanel Kwak, are dedicated to restoring their clients' confidence and revitalizing their lives.

In navigating their own experiences with hair loss, they saw a glaring void in effective solutions. "We have both experienced the devastating effects of hair loss," they share, "battling the physical and emotional trauma of Alopecia. As we were searching for help, we realized the lack of quality options available."

Hairlab specializes in hair rejuvenation and its founders are relentless in their pursuit of the latest research, technologies and trends, traveling across the country and Europe to expand their knowledge and bring innovative solutions to their clients. For these Dynamic Women, success is measured in a client's confidence. "When our clients look in the mirror and say they have found themselves again, there is no greater gift," they emphasize.

Hairlab Chicago's dedication has earned it a prestigious place among the Top 10 CRLAB Centers in the U.S. The newly conceptualized 2,200-square-foot medical hair loss salon and spa in Deerfield has redefined client experiences with services that include trichology, head spa treatments, alternative hair options and cutting-edge 3D hair prosthetics.

Continuing to push the boundaries of innovation, Hairlab Chicago has recently introduced the latest technology from Korea—Bioenergy treatments. These treatments not only promote hair growth but also widen the scope of their services to include more holistic approaches, rebalancing the body's bio-current and unlocking its full potential.

Beyond their work, these Dynamic Women extend compassion and understanding to those with Body-Focused Repetitive Behaviors and trichotillomania as members of the TLC Foundation. "We are here to show them they are not alone," they say.

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 Left: Jacket, Pant, and Tank by Lafayette 148 (33 East Oak Street)  
 Right: Wrap, White Shirt, Pant, and Belt by Lafayette 148 (33 East Oak Street)  
 Onsite Styling by The LAB Artists*







# IMAGES MED SPA

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Meet the inspiring women shaping the future of Images Med Spa: Yvonne Pietz, RN, the dedicated and talented nurse injector, and Kat Walsh, the energetic and enthusiastic esthetician. This powerful duo brings a unique blend of expertise and passion, transforming the aesthetic experience for their clients and setting new standards in the industry.

“Leaving my secure job for aesthetics was a big risk. It took years to go part-time, but in six months, I fully committed, leaving the hospital behind. Since then, it’s been an exhilarating journey with no regrets,” says Pietz.

For her hard work and commitment to delivering fantastic results through her full-face assessments, Pietz was honored with the Hustle Award. As a lead injector for the Wilmette location, Pietz teaches aesthetic mentor courses and co-founded Lip Lab to enhance lip filler skills.

Kat Walsh, voted Best Esthetician in 2009 by North Hawai’i News, brings a wealth of experience, boundless energy and a guarantee of excellence that has marked her journey from the start. Her ability to connect with clients and provide exceptional care is a cornerstone of Image Med Spa’s success.

“My positive attitude and individual attention ensures every client feels special and genuinely cared for. I listen to their concerns, set realistic expectations and strive to go the extra mile for them with enthusiasm,” shares Walsh.

For these Dynamic Women, confidence in themselves, the pursuit of excellence and the practice of uplifting the successes of women around them are paramount – values they both treasure in their hard-working mothers. “Embrace bravery and boldness in your pursuits, uplifting yourself and those around you,” they exclaim. “Never stop learning and challenging yourself to inspire personal growth and others’ success.”

*Photography by: Belen Aquino for Gerber + Scarpelli Photography  
Shot on Location at The Ritz-Carlton, Chicago (160 East Pearson Street)  
Left: Tunic and Pant by Lafayette 148 (33 East Oak Street)  
Right: Blouse and Skirt by Lafayette 148 (33 East Oak Street)  
Onsite Styling by The LAB Artists*



# CHLOE COLNON

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Chloe Colnon, the founder and CEO of Method Moving and Bestowal Gifts, embodies determination, adaptability and relentless drive. After a successful 13-year career in commercial real estate, this two-time entrepreneur shifted her focus to create Method Moving, a company dedicated to making life transitions smooth and stress-free. Through Method Moving, she provides seamless moving coordination services, helping clients navigate their moves with ease and confidence.

A Dynamic Woman, according to Colnon, is one who adapts, learns and evolves through life's challenges while mentoring young women in business. "I've been fortunate to benefit from mentoring by other women who inspired and guided me," says Colnon, "and it's important to carry on that tradition." Colnon's journey is marked by numerous awards in commercial real estate. Among her proudest achievements is chairing the Greater Chicago Food Depository Commercial Real Estate Awards, helping raise over \$1.3 million.

Despite running her growing business, Colnon supports her local community by promoting mental health awareness and aiding women in transition. She has cemented her place in the North Shore, collaborating with local businesses and service providers to ensure top-notch luxury relocation support for clients.

"Born and raised in the city, I initially hesitated moving to the North Shore because it is such a big transition," she says. "Now, I absolutely love it. It's a wonderful place where I can watch my children flourish."

This Dynamic Woman understands the importance of surrounding oneself with supportive people, staying true to one's values and believing in one's strength. "Your journey can inspire others, and perseverance is key to achieving your goals."

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# HEALTHYSTART BY ORTHO-TAIN AND MOMSY'S CAFE

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Meet the inspiring duo behind HealthyStart and Momsy's Cafe: Leslie Stevens and Lauren Smith. This team of sisters merges innovative dental solutions with a heartwarming tribute to their family legacy.

Leslie Stevens, the visionary president and owner, has propelled HealthyStart to the forefront of dental innovation. The company manufactures and distributes revolutionary dental devices that address breathing and sleeping issues while straightening teeth without braces. At the core of their work is a "commitment to holistic health solutions," says Stevens.

Together, Stevens and her sister Lauren Smith opened Momsy's Cafe in Winnetka as a heartfelt tribute to their mother, endearingly called Momsy. "This bistro endeavor not only celebrates Momsy's culinary talents but also aims to create a warm, inviting space where community members can gather, enjoy delicious food and experience the welcoming atmosphere our mother embodied," they say.

For this duo, it's not just about business; it's about making meaningful connections and a positive impact. HealthyStart has improved the lives of over 5 million children and adults, focusing on overall health by addressing and improving breathing and sleep while straightening teeth without traditional braces. Momsy's Cafe, with its unique blend of style, art and hospitality, stands as a testament to its dedication to local community support.

It was at the advice of their grandmother, whose resilience and determination withstood challenging times like the Great Depression, that these Dynamic Women faced obstacles head-on with honesty.

"We are committed to never being complacent, always aiming to improve, make significant contributions and positively influence the lives of those around us. These values of integrity, ambition, dedication and passion are deeply ingrained in our personalities, shaped by the exemplary qualities of our parents."

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# TAMMY KOHL

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**T**hirty-nine years ago, Tammy Kohl started her custom jewelry company Takohl. In 1987, she moved from Milwaukee to Chicago, not realizing she had struck gold by setting up her first showroom and later buying her current location in what is now one of Chicago's trendiest neighborhoods.

With intuition, honesty and ingenuity, this Dynamic Woman tailors her custom jewelry designs to each client's style and personality, solidifying her reputation as an acclaimed jeweler and inventor. Her patented Takohl Treasure Ring, which opens like a locket to reveal heartfelt engravings, won the American Vision Award for Innovative Design. She has also received the Signity Colored Gemstone Design Award for Original Design and the American Pearl Association Innovation Award. One of Kohl's most beloved pieces is the Takohl Love Amulet, a necklace filled with water and dissolved selenite crystals that is charged to 528 Hz, the frequency of love and healing. "This necklace has been a passion project for two decades, created with the potential to soothe our souls and power our intentions," she says. Kohl prioritizes working with local jewelers to produce heirloom-quality pieces for her clients. "Our city possesses a network of artisans and craftsmen with extraordinary talents," states Kohl. "My mission is to ensure Takohl's jewelry is made right here in Chicago."

This Dynamic Woman currently has three pieces on display at the Driehaus Museum Chicago Collects exhibition, which is open to the public until Sept. 22, 2024. This retrospective features jewelry from the 1700s to the present, featuring the renowned Treasure Ring.

For the next generation of female leaders, Kohl says, "I want you to know you're writing your own script. Choose a profession, create that company and live out your passion. Visualize success—say empowering words to yourself; your body is always listening."

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# STEPHANIE COOK

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Stephanie Cook said, “I do,” 12 years ago to her calling as the owner and planner of The Creative Planners, where she delivers her clients a joyful planning experience and makes their dreams come true.

After running events for a nonprofit and planning weddings on the side, Cook soon realized she had found her true passion and launched The Creative Planners, providing full-service planning and production for luxury events in the Chicagoland area and nationwide.

To Cook, “A Dynamic Woman is a confident and creative woman who brings talent to her trade and fosters a friendly, collaborative environment.” Under her leadership, the Creative Planners team continues to flourish, which makes this Dynamic Woman eager to embrace new challenges and ventures.

Cook’s drive, creativity and humility are the key character traits that have ultimately transformed her initial calling into a dramatic success in the wedding and event planning industry. She has learned to balance her desire to achieve perfection with gratitude and humility. Combining her unique interpersonal, organizational and artistic skills allows Cook to deliver magical memories for her clients and makes her the Dynamic Woman she is today.

To rising female leaders, she emphasizes, “Always remember that life is short, and we must welcome new challenges and opportunities when they present themselves. It’s never too early or late to pursue a new dream.”

This Dynamic Woman recently joined a charitable organization called Wish Upon a Wedding, which offers weddings to couples facing terminal illness or life-altering health circumstances. As part of this charity, she added, “I recently orchestrated a stunning and unforgettable wedding for a lovely couple with some of the best talent in the city.” She’s already looking forward to planning her next charitable wedding and further contributing to the Wish Upon a Wedding cause.

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# BETH SCHINDLER

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**M**eet Beth Schindler, the owner and hairstylist behind Epoch North Shore Salon, who brings a wealth of experience and passion to the North Shore community. Known for her relentless drive, determination and honesty, Schindler has built a reputation for excellence in the beauty industry. Her dedication to following through on ideas and ensuring clients receive the best possible results has been pivotal to her success.

“I will never let a client leave if I think something could be better,” says this Dynamic Woman. “I encourage my staff and apprentices to think the same way because the little things make all the difference in the world.”

Having moved from Nebraska to the North Shore, Schindler’s journey from modest beginnings has shaped her resolve to change the trajectory of her life, successfully opening a business with a partner and now venturing to open a second business on her own. “I’m a small business owner and working mom,” says Schindler. “I live in Wilmette with my husband and son, and I’m opening this second location close to home because I want to be a part of the community where my son is going to grow up.”

In its commitment to sustainability and environmental responsibility, Epoch has been a proud member of Green Circle Salons for 10 years, recovering up to 95% of beauty waste and becoming carbon neutral. The salon diverts chemical waste from waterways and repurposes hair clippings for clean-up efforts after oil spills.

Epoch North Shore Salon proudly retains a five-star rating, a testament to the quality service provided by Schindler and her team. As she expands her business to the North Shore, this Dynamic Woman guarantees the same level of excellence that clients have come to expect.



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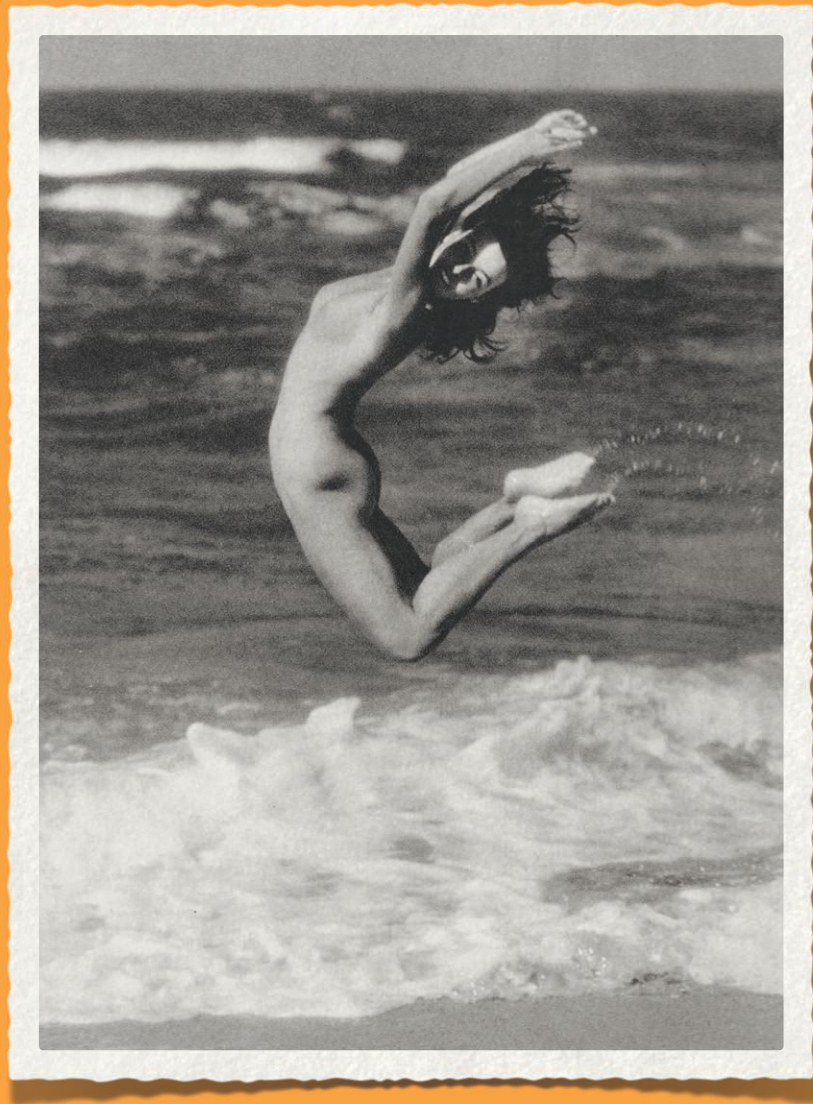
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## Isle Style

A slice of paradise awaits 20 miles off the coast of Panama at the remote Islas Secas, a stunning luxury resort set on a 14-island archipelago.  
*by ALLISON MITCHELL*

*Islas Secas is all about sustainability and preserving the natural beauty of Panama's Pacific Coast.*

### THE JOURNEY

Opened in winter 2018, Islas Secas ([islassecas.com](http://islassecas.com)) invites travelers to go off the grid and revel in the beauty of Panama's Gulf of Chiriquí, where lush flora, fauna and 80-degree waters beckon adventure seekers and relaxation enthusiasts alike. The all-inclusive luxury resort, which offers one-bedroom casitas and two- to four-bedroom villas, is best reached by a direct flight on Copa Airlines ([copaair.com](http://copaair.com)) to Panama City from one of many U.S. cities, including New York and Los Angeles. From there, travelers will board Isla Secas' private Twin Otter plane—wrapped in its signature green squid motif—for a one-hour flight that lands on the property's main island. Steps from the runway, cocktails are served before you're whisked to your tropical accommodations by the resort's deft staff.

### THE PROPERTY

Set on a 14-island archipelago, Islas Secas is all about sustainability and preserving the natural beauty of Panama's Pacific coast. The main island is where guests will enjoy their well-appointed accommodations, the open-air Terraza restaurant, the jungle-shrouded Secascent Spa and the bustling activities center. The 13 other islands remain untouched but can be accessed to enjoy a private day on a secluded stretch of sand, where Islas Secas' staff will set up

lunch, a beachside bar and water activities ranging from snorkeling to kayaking to stand-up paddleboarding.

### THE ACCOMMODATIONS

Islas Secas' newest offering is the breathtaking Casa Cavada, an 8,300-square-foot four-bedroom, four-bathroom villa perched above the rolling sea. Designed by Hart Howerton with interiors by Studio Tre, the home welcomes up to eight guests to enjoy indoor-outdoor living, highlighted by an alfresco grotto covered in wildlife depictions inspired by indigenous Panamanian art. Constructed from lava stone boulders from the Chiriquí Highlands, the grotto houses a bar, a sitting area and game tables that give way to a 25-meter, semi-Olympic infinity-edge pool surrounded by lounge chairs, a fire pit and an outdoor dining terrace. Guests are taken care of by the home's house manager and a dedicated chef, ensuring your every whim or want is attended to.

### THE AMENITIES

As an all-inclusive property, the resort's daily food and drink offerings come with your booking. The renowned culinary team takes guests on a gastronomic adventure, utilizing herbs grown locally; Panamanian spices; and expertly curated seafood dishes featuring catches from local fishermen across breakfast, lunch and dinner. Don't miss the maritime-themed bar off Terraza's open-air dining room, perfect for a pre- or post-dinner drink.

Once fueled, explore the Gulf of Chiriquí, home to Coiba National Park—a UNESCO-designated protected marine area—the largest frigate bird colony in Panama, and myriad megafauna from whale sharks and giant manta to humpback whales and tuna. Scuba diving, water tours on the resort's 50-foot Bali catamaran, e-foiling, fishing trips and sea bobbing, among other guide-led activities, ensure ocean-filled adventures for travelers of all ages.

### THE TAKEAWAY

An island escape unlike any other, Islas Secas elevates secluded luxury with a tropical twist. Casa Cavada is the property's crown jewel, promising its lucky visitors sun-kissed memories, exquisite culinary experiences and seafaring adventure just 20 miles off the coast of Panama.



Guests can enjoy wellness treatments in lush surroundings at Secascent Spa. Opposite page: One of four air-conditioned bedrooms at the new Casa Cavada villa.



The Bahamas Culinary & Arts Festival, set for a grand return Oct. 22-27 at Baha Mar (festival.bahamar.com), is sure to surpass the unprecedented success of last year's festivities. "Going into our third year, our goal is clear—to continue to uplift our culinary and arts artisans, furthering Baha Mar's commitment to enrich our Bahamian community, and provide world-class offerings for our guests and residents," says Baha Mar President Graeme Davis. "The Bahamas Culinary & Arts Festival is the ultimate platform to do just that, and this year's programming will be truly spectacular."

The festival will kick off with the annual Truffle Dinner hosted by Daniel Boulud at Café Boulud. Following this opulent start, the event series includes the

Beach Party Powered by SLS Baha Mar, showcasing a fusion of entertainment and culinary brilliance at the Baha Bay water park. This beachside celebration will feature performances and gourmet offerings from notable establishments like Katsuya, Cleo and Carna. Marcus Samuelsson, one of the headline chefs, will host the electrifying Marcus After Dark at Marcus Gardens, featuring an exclusive concert afterparty.

"I participate in a number of festivals and events throughout the year, and The Bahamas Culinary & Arts Festival is one of my favorites," offers Samuelsson. "There really is no other event that brings such an incredible group of culinary and beverage talent together with renowned artists for an immersive opportunity to

experience the flavors, culture and soul of the island."

Celebrity chefs will dazzle attendees with their culinary prowess during the two-day Culinary Expo. This segment will be complemented by a variety of other events including a Rosé Soiree Pickleball Tournament and the Baha Mar Young Chefs Competition. Notably, the festival will also bring back the esteemed FUZE Art Fair, spearheaded by John Cox. This fair highlights over 40 diverse Caribbean artists and galleries and includes interactive panels and live demonstrations. This year's festival not only promises an array of unforgettable experiences but also a meaningful platform to celebrate and elevate the rich cultural tapestry of the Bahamas.

## Local Flavor

The Bahamas Culinary & Arts Festival returns to Baha Mar with a star-studded lineup that promises to be a feast for the senses. *by* PHEBE WAHL



For those looking to indulge further, early bird weekend passes are available, granting access to flagship events, exclusive chef experiences, and both the Bahamas Culinary Expo and FUZE Art Fair. Opposite page: Celebrity chefs such as Carla Hall, Geoffrey Zakarian and Marcus Samuelsson will dazzle attendees with their culinary prowess during the two-day Culinary Expo.



Nestled within the island of St. Barts, Rosewood Le Guanahani offers a laid-back, luxurious paradise. *by* PAIGE MASTRANDREA

# A Welcome Escape

Terrace dining at Beach Bar

Landing on the island of St. Barts is like slipping into a slice of heaven. Surrounded by gorgeous blue waters and colorful villas dotting the landscape, the commuter plane descends on a narrow airstrip that boasts sparkling hues of blue in the distance. Upon arrival, I'm greeted by the Rosewood Le Guanahani ([rosewoodhotels.com](http://rosewoodhotels.com)) staff, equipped with all the luxuries needed for a post-travel journey—ice-cold towels, a coconut-scented facial mist, cold water bottles and a plush van blasting welcome air conditioning. Within a quick 12-minute drive, we arrive at the stunning Rosewood Le Guanahani property, which underwent renovations just three years ago.

Nestled within a lush 18-acre private peninsula, this prestigious sanctuary boasts an authentic reflection of St. Barts' enchanting aura with a welcoming, laid-back feel. Tranquility immediately washes over me, ushered in by vibrant bougainvillea, hibiscus and palm trees that line the garden pathways. Each vibrantly hued guest cottage, scattered like jewels along these pathways, encapsulates the resort's commitment to elegance and comfort. Ours is a beautiful periwinkle, complete with expansive views of the island waters and a private pool for swimming and lounging.

The location of Rosewood Le Guanahani is, quite simply, perfection. Overlooking two pristine beaches, each offering its own exclusive experience, the resort grants unrivaled access to the reef-protected lagoon of Anse de Grand Cul-de-Sac and the azure waves of Anse Marechal. This duality—a choice between the calm lagoon and the bustling ocean—distinguishes this haven from others. The surrounding Réserve de Grand Cul-de-Sac further enriches the experience with its preserved underwater and land ecosystems, creating an ideal environment for snorkeling, hiking and various outdoor adventures. Or, if you're like me and prefer to lounge with a book at the beach club while listening to the waves splash and the trees blow in the wind, you can do that too, complete with attentive service from that staff, eager to help fulfill your every want and need.



Clockwise from top left: Interior shots of the on-site restaurant, Beach House; Beach House serves elevated plates; peninsula views.

Another distinction of the property is its exquisite cuisine offerings. At its signature Beach House restaurant, we dine on an extraordinarily memorable dinner that exceeds expectations of typical island food by fusing it with elevated plates and fresh, locally sourced ingredients. We opt, by recommendation, to start with the crispy shrimp langoustines followed by a homemade cacio e pepe-style pasta. For mains, my husband dines on what he claims are some of the best baby lamb chops he has ever had the experience of tasting, and for me, a tender, fresh sea bass. The next morning's breakfast and lunch continue the culinary magic, offering everything from French-inspired breakfast dishes and a colorful buffet of fruit, vegetables and pastries to Caribbean lunch bites.

To add to the serenity, I visit Sense, a Rosewood Spa, for a 50-minute massage. The spa promises and delivers serenity and wellness in a peaceful setting, featuring an additional adults-only pool, a gazebo stocked with all sun essentials and refreshments, and an adjacent high-tech gym. As I ease into the experienced hands of the masseuse, tension from my body completely melts away.

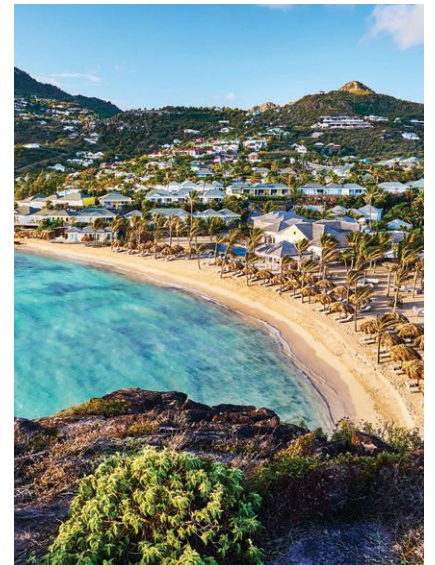
Later that evening, upon recommendation of the hotel's knowledgeable and experienced managing director, Martein van Wagenberg, we visit the town of Gustavia for shopping and dinner at one of the island's hottest new

eateries, Le Cafe, which offers live music and exquisite French cuisine. If you like to shop, you'll find a haven in Gustavia, with its haute couture boutiques and jewelers that line the gorgeous waters of the marina.

The next day, our time at Rosewood Le Guanahani unfortunately comes to a close, leaving me itching for my next return. As a harmonious blend of natural beauty and understated elegance, the property offers an escape that is as stimulating as it is relaxing—the perfect getaway for any time of year. Whether basking in the lagoon's tranquil waters, exploring the island's cultural treasures, or simply lounging by the pool with a cool drink, the experience is nothing short of extraordinary.



*This duality—a choice between the calm lagoon and the bustling ocean—distinguishes this haven from others.*



# Mag Mile 101

Stretching from the Chicago River to Oak Street along Michigan Avenue, the Magnificent Mile is 13 glorious blocks of top shops, hot dining destinations, luxury hotels and some of the city's most popular cultural attractions. For the ultimate weekend in the heart of the city, here's everything you need to know. *by THE EDITORS*

## WHERE TO EAT



Chef Richie Farina serves up stunning yet approachable fine cuisine at Adorn Bar & Restaurant.

### The Purple Pig

This cozy Mediterranean-inspired small-plates spot dishes up selects like squid ink chitarra, roasted bone marrow, and turkey leg confit by chef Jimmy Bannos.

444 N. Michigan Ave.,  
[thepurplepigchicago.com](http://thepurplepigchicago.com)

### NoMI

Under executive chef Terence Zubietta, this Park Hyatt special occasion spot focuses on ingredient-driven dishes that highlight the best products from local artisan purveyors for its French-inspired contemporary American cuisine. 800 N. Michigan Ave., [nomichicago.com](http://nomichicago.com)

### Adorn Bar & Restaurant

This American spot at Four Seasons Hotel Chicago boasts international flair in a contemporary-chic atmosphere. The menu features elevated dining, creative presentation and local ingredients. 120 E. Delaware Place, [adornrestaurant.com](http://adornrestaurant.com)

### RL Restaurant

Appointed with fine art and

handsome wood accents, RL Restaurant brings the refined world of Ralph Lauren into the hospitality realm. A see-and-be-seen spot for the city's A-list, the restaurant is renowned for its incredible service and consistently excellent fare like Dover sole, calf's liver and a wagyu beef hot dog. 115 E. Chicago Ave., [ralphlauren.com](http://ralphlauren.com)

## WHERE TO STAY

### Park Hyatt Chicago

Recently renovated, this iconic Chicago hotel offers the perfect home base for exploring the city. Be sure to check out the hotel's suite categories and 23 suite additions, including the Wellbeing Suite (complete with in-room exercise equipment). 800 N. Michigan Ave., [hyatt.com](http://hyatt.com)

### The Ritz-Carlton, Chicago

With all guest rooms and suites having been completely renovated in 2020, The Ritz-Carlton, Chicago—an icon along the Magnificent Mile since 1975—beckons guests to indulge in superior luxury



accommodations and blissful experiences, from its restaurant Torali to relaxing treatments in The Ritz-Carlton Spa, Chicago to lavish suites overlooking Lake Michigan. *160 E. Pearson St., ritzcarlton.com*

### The Drake Hotel

For over a century, this iconic Italian Renaissance-style landmark (home to the Princess Diana Suite, where the late princess of Wales stayed) has delivered the red-carpet treatment. *140 E. Walton Place, thedrakehotel.com*

## WHERE TO RELAX

### The Peninsula Spa

The cozy environment of wood-paneled walls, dim lighting and soothing music plays off the luxurious treatments and superior level of service that make this spa, located in the well-appointed Peninsula hotel, one of Chicago's finest. *108 E. Superior St., peninsula.com*

### Spa at Four Seasons

After a long day spent exploring the Mag Mile, there's nothing better than a bit of R&R. Head to the spa at Four Seasons for a day of

pampering and utter relaxation. *120 E. Delaware Place, fourseasons.com*

## WHERE TO SHOP

### 900 North

Michigan Shops  
The 900 Shops is an iconic Windy City retail destination, housing more than 70 shops like Aritzia, Gucci, Max Mara and J.Crew. Head here, at the north end of the Mag Mile, for a proper Chicago shopping spree. *900 N. Michigan Ave., shop900.com*

### Saks Fifth Avenue

Drop into Saks Fifth Avenue to peruse posh selects from top brands, then stop by Matthew Kenney's vegan fine dining eatery, Althea, on the seventh floor for a bite. *700 N. Michigan Ave., saks.com*

### Neiman Marcus

Expect in-demand apparel, home, jewelry and beauty brands beckon, along with the Bar on 4, ideal for a quick lunch, as well as upscale contemporary restaurant Mariposa, also on level four. *737 N. Michigan Ave., neimanmarcus.com*

## WHERE TO HIT THE TOWN

### Z Bar

Perched above Michigan Avenue, this Peninsula hotel hangout scores with a combination of scenery, spirits and luxuriously stylish surroundings. *108 E. Superior St., zbarchicago.com*

### Coq d'Or

As the second restaurant in Chicago to obtain a liquor license in 1933,

Coq d'Or is a tried-and-true spot to get a great cocktail. Try the Executive Pour martini, a generous two-for-one: a martini with a side of martini. *140 E. Walton Place, thedrakehotel.com*

## CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

### Museum of Ice Cream

Upon entering this colorful, 13,500-square-foot space, guests are transported into a whimsical wonderland that channels the splendor of sunny summer days best spent with a cold sweet treat in hand. Enjoy a sweet drink at the bar, jump in the sprinkle pool and be sure to try the hot dog-flavored ice cream. *435 N. Michigan Ave., museumoficecream.com*

### Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago

One of the nation's largest facilities devoted to risk-taking art of our times, MCA offers exhibitions that document visual culture through painting, sculpture, photography, video, film and performance. One of the building's most iconic features is its outdoor staircase, inspired by the original gateway to the Acropolis. Among its greatest strengths are surrealist works from the 1940s and '50s, minimalist works from the '60s, and conceptual art and photography from the '60s to the present. *220 E. Chicago Ave., mcachicago.org*

From left: Springtime tulips are a favorite sight along the Mag Mile; at Aster Hall in the 900 North Michigan Shops, the bar and study space overlooking Lake Michigan and downtown offer sweet respite from a day of shopping.

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# Lakeside Luxe



Morgante Wilson Architects delivered an eye-catching contemporary redesign for a neighbor's lakeside property in Wilmette.

## A letter from the PUBLISHER

# The Comforts of Home

As we savor the remaining days of summer and look forward to the excitement of fall, we're thrilled to unveil our latest issue of *Interiors NS*. Get ready to dive into some incredible home projects and captivating stories that are sure to inspire you.

In Wilmette, discover how Morgante Wilson Architects have skillfully transformed a residence into a sleek, contemporary haven with breathtaking views of Lake Michigan. Meanwhile, Maggie Winshall of MW Interiors has infused bold and sophisticated style into a new-construction Deerfield home, prioritizing both functionality and chic ambiance tailored to her client's vision.

Plus, we had the pleasure of sitting down with interior designer-turned-author Kate Marker to chat about her debut book, *The Love of Home: Interiors for Beauty, Balance, and Belonging*. She graciously shared her inspiration behind the book and

gave us a sneak peek into the key themes of interior design that you'll find inside.

Looking ahead, we're eagerly anticipating the inaugural *Modern Luxury Interiors Chicago* Design 9 Awards in October. It's all about celebrating the very best of residential design excellence across Illinois and beyond, and we can't wait to share the highlights with you.

As we embrace the upcoming autumn season, join us in exploring these remarkable stories and discovering the latest trends in home design—it's all here waiting for you in this month's *Interiors NS*. Enjoy!

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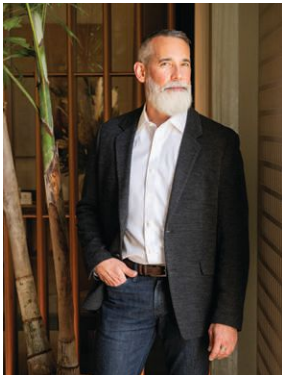
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## A letter from the EDITOR



# Breathing Room

I've always been fascinated by smaller living spaces, whether it's a designed-to-the-nines SoHo studio apartment or a cozy Northwoods cabin. When it comes to truly luxe living, though, there's something about a home that gives you room to breathe, spread out, relax and say "ahh," both in its dimensions and its stunning design. Thankfully, both of those qualities are abundant on the North Shore, and in this issue of *Interiors NS*, we take a look at two projects that accomplish that sense of luxurious livability, from a new construction home in Deerfield that pops with vibrant color to a stunning lakefront renovation in Wilmette by the team at Morgante Wilson Architects. The home's respective aesthetics couldn't be more different, but I think you'll agree that each is a wow in its own way.

Also in the issue: We chat with Barrington designer and first-time author



Crisp, clean and indubitably cozy, the above Barrington Hills project demonstrates the chic aesthetic of North Shore interior designer Kate Marker, whom we profile inside as she releases her first book.

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Kate Marker, who unveils her first book on Sept. 3 and shares with us her unique philosophy of how design helps to create a home. Whether you're a small living space connoisseur or prefer to go big and bold, there's plenty inside this issue to provide inspo for your next North Shore home project. Enjoy the issue!

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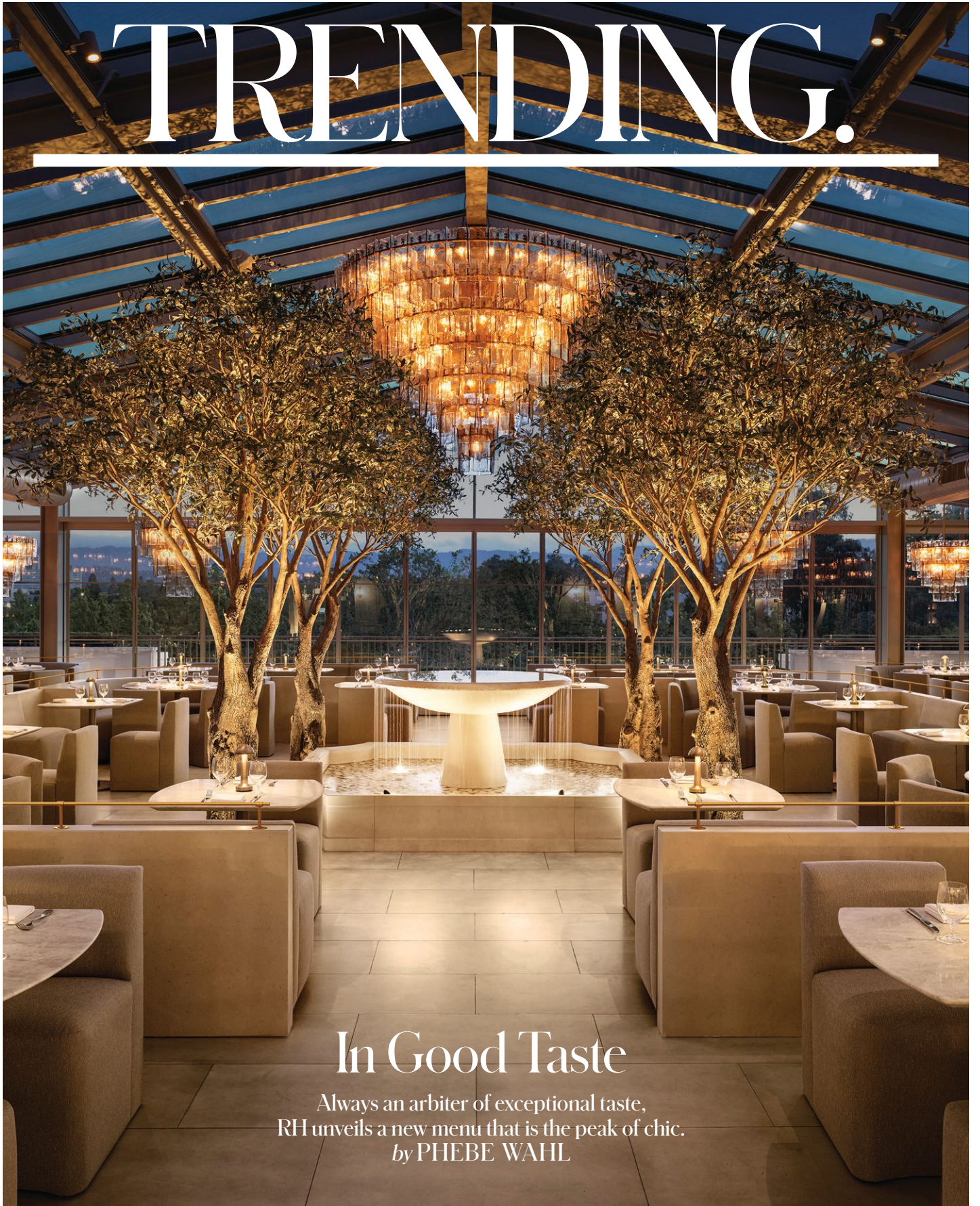


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# TRENDING.



## In Good Taste

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From top: Whole grilled branzino with olive oil and lemon; the exterior of The Rooftop Restaurant at RH Dallas.



From planes to pillows, the world of RH is known for its picture-perfect curation. Now, the luxury lifestyle leader has elevated the dining scene to match the sophistication of its retail locations with the introduction of an impeccably redesigned menu. Launched alongside the new RH Palo Alto Gallery in California, this culinary refresh is also debuting at the San Francisco, Marin and Yountville restaurants. This significant revamp, the first in over a decade, promises to integrate the luxury of RH's furniture showrooms with a dining experience that's equally plush.



Clockwise from left: Grilled avocado garnished with caviar; The Rooftop Restaurant at RH New York; “the best fried chicken sandwich in America” is a cornerstone of the new menu, offering a luxe take on a comfort food classic.



Set within idyllic, skylit garden spaces that are accessible year-round, the new menus offer a sensory journey through luxurious dining. The highlight of the offerings includes a range of caviar specialties: housemade chips and dip paired with caviar; grilled avocado garnished with caviar; and decadently topped mini lobster rolls with Petrossian Imperial Kaluga Hybrid caviar, creme fraiche and chives—each dish crafted to deliver a taste of opulence.

The menu also features signature salads such as the grilled shrimp and vegetable salad, an artful mix of asparagus, zucchini, corn, avocado, tomatoes and scallions, and the Mulholland Drive salad, a robust blend of greens, grilled chicken and smoked bacon, all punctuated with a sharp balsamic vinaigrette. Another standout is the Chinese chicken salad, combining grilled chicken with crispy fried wontons in a sesame soy mustard vinaigrette.

A special nod from RH’s chairman and CEO, Gary Friedman, spotlights “the best fried chicken sandwich in America” as a cornerstone of the new menu, emphasizing a luxury spin on a comfort food classic with its buttered brioche and meticulously seasoned chicken.

The menu extends into mains and brunch selections, featuring items like a French omelet with Gournay cheese, Belgian

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waffles and Swedish pancakes, offering refined flavors for any time of day. Completing the RH dining experience is a selection of Champagnes, wines and bespoke spritzes like the Cappelletti and rosé spritz to toast the meal with a touch of sparkle. Champagne and caviar? It sounds like a perfectly fitting fuel-up for sofa shopping to us. *RH restaurant locations include Palo Alto, Calif.; New York City; San Francisco; Yountville, Calif.; West Palm Beach; Chicago; Oak Brook, Ill.; Dallas; Nashville; Jacksonville, Fla.; Corte Madera, Calif.; Charlotte, N.C.; Cleveland; Indianapolis; Minneapolis; and Columbus, Ohio, with international locations in Toronto and England, [rh.com](http://rh.com)*

From top: The 3 Arts Club Café at RH Chicago; The RH Wine Bar at RH Palo Alto offers a curated selection of wines and Champagnes.

In the living room, Pinnacle Nero marble dimensional tile adds drama to the fireplace, while a striking blue agate backsplash from Calia Stone accents the bar; the space is rounded out by a stylish two-sided sofa designed by Winshall and fabricated by Ace Covering. Opposite page: A bedroom features vivid ceiling wallpaper in Angeleno from the Watercolor collection by Black Crow Studios, complemented by Dipping light pendants from Lightology.







# Color Me Chic

Maggie Winshall of MW Interiors brings bold, sophisticated style to a new-construction home in Deerfield. *by* KAILA STANG *photography by* MICHAEL ALAN KASKEL

## THE CLIENTS

With three active daughters and a bustling household, a young couple decided it was time to move on from their starter home—and found the perfect Deerfield property on which to build a dream abode. Their next step? Seeking out Maggie Winshall of Highland Park-based MW Interiors to bring their vision to life.

## THE PROJECT

Understanding that the client’s vision for functionality and a chic ambiance was key, Winshall prioritized a personalized approach. From selecting colors and textures to designing spaces for entertaining, work, fitness and play, her goal was to create a home that authentically reflected their style, lifestyle and preferences. “They wanted a strong

and bold palette, straight lines, yet appreciated the idea of imbalance which could manifest the idea of asymmetrical elements in the architecture and decor,” Winshall says. “This added an element of creativity and unpredictability to the space. It was important for them to have a space that is out of the box and to have unexpected moments.”

## THE CHALLENGE

“Building from the ground up will always have unexpected challenges,” Winshall shared. “Most of this project was during the pandemic, which caused delays due to the supply chain. Another challenge was the unpredictable climate we live in. The build did get delayed; however, by managing expectations and clear communication, we were able to find solutions for all the challenges that arose.”

## THE DETAILS

The custom color scheme for this stunning home was instrumental in reflecting the vibrant personalities of the client's family. "The main level is mainly black and white, with hues of gray and a pop of vibrant blues," explains Winshall. "We wanted a dark, moody kitchen [that would contrast with] the crisp white walls and a two-story wall with floor-to-ceiling windows to bring in the natural light and elements. The second level is more playful. Each child's bedroom and en suite bathroom has its own color scheme according to the girl's personality and preferences. We custom-designed the wallpaper on each of their bedroom ceilings and meticulously chose the fabric, millwork, colors and bathroom tiles to coordinate with the ceiling."

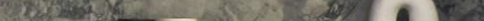
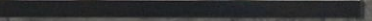
## THE OUTCOME

The clients' love for their home shines through in its unique reflection of their personalities, making it truly one-of-a-kind. Winshall reflected, "This home was an absolute joy to design. The client and I had a true collaboration which contributed to a fun and successful project."

In the kitchen, AIM multi-light pendants from Lightology hang above sleek Fat stools by Tom Dixon, while top-of-the-line Wolf appliances and Sub-Zero refrigeration complete the space with both style and functionality.

**“IT WAS IMPORTANT FOR THE CLIENTS TO HAVE A SPACE THAT IS OUT OF THE BOX AND TO HAVE UNEXPECTED MOMENTS.”**





# CLOSE

Morgante Wilson Architects pulls off a strikingly contemporary renovation

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for a neighbor's lakefront abode in Wilmette.

# HOME



The family room is the picture of comfort thanks to a West sofa sectional and Tape armchairs, all by Minotti.

By  
J.P. ANDERSON  
Photographed by  
MIKE SCHWARTZ





## THE CLIENT

Talk about walking to work: One recent project by Morgante Wilson Architects had a particularly personal connection for founders Elissa Morgante and Fred Wilson, as the clients just happened to be their neighbors in Wilmette. Explains Morgante, “We had been working with this client on a new construction home design for a different piece of lakefront property. Unfortunately, that property fell through and they were lucky to find this home very soon after.”

## THE PRIORITY

With the home’s prime lakefront location, the client’s main objective was to completely open up the first floor, enabling each room to have sweeping views of the lake through floor-to-ceiling glass. Notes Wilson, who spearheaded the project with Morgante and partner K. Tyler, “They wanted a contemporary house, which is what we had designed for them on the prior property, but this was a well-built and solid 35-year-old shingle-style house. Tearing it down was not a viable option.”

The home’s entry enchants with Cattelan & Smith’s Silver Moon chandelier pendant cluster from Lightology, Tai Ping Carpets’ Raw Hov II rug and custom wallcovering by Studio BK. Opposite page: Ultra Lighting’s Peel Of Bells chandelier, a Synopsis table by Porro from Luminaire and Angie armchairs by Minotti add serious appeal to the dining room.

## THE CHALLENGE

“Removing all the walls on the first floor was a structural challenge,” says Morgante, as well as “enlarging all the window openings to provide oversized panels of glass.”

## THE DETAIL

“The entire floor plan is 100% open except for an art studio,” says Wilson. “Each space is unique, but they all flow together. Every wall, ceiling and floor has been considered for details, finish, texture, lighting, furnishings and function. This young family uses every inch of the house on a daily basis. If there is such a thing as bespoke modern, this would be it.”

## THE OUTCOME

Sums up Morgante, “The clients absolutely love it and make use of every space for living and entertainment, inside and out.”

Maxalto's Fulgen counter stools, Principia cabinets by Arclinea and a vintage stainless steel island countertop combine to make the kitchen pop. Opposite page: The bars sets a sultry scene with an Usona chandelier, Maxalto Apollo swivel armchairs in canary yellow velvet, Flourish Willow I rug by Tai Ping Carpets and custom drapes in Cr ation Baumann Saphir Plus fabric by Zirlin Interiors.







## DESIGN DETAILS:

### Type

Single-family home

### Location

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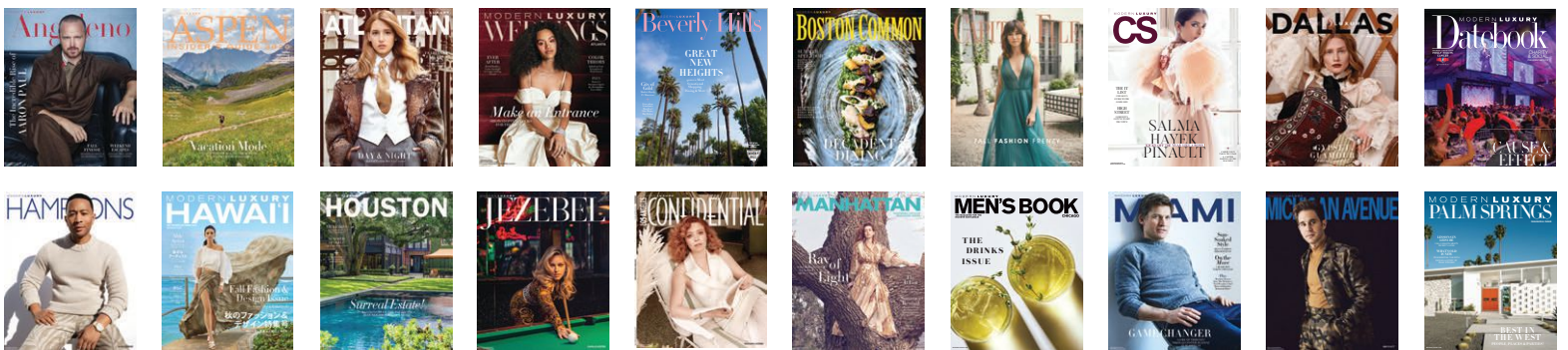
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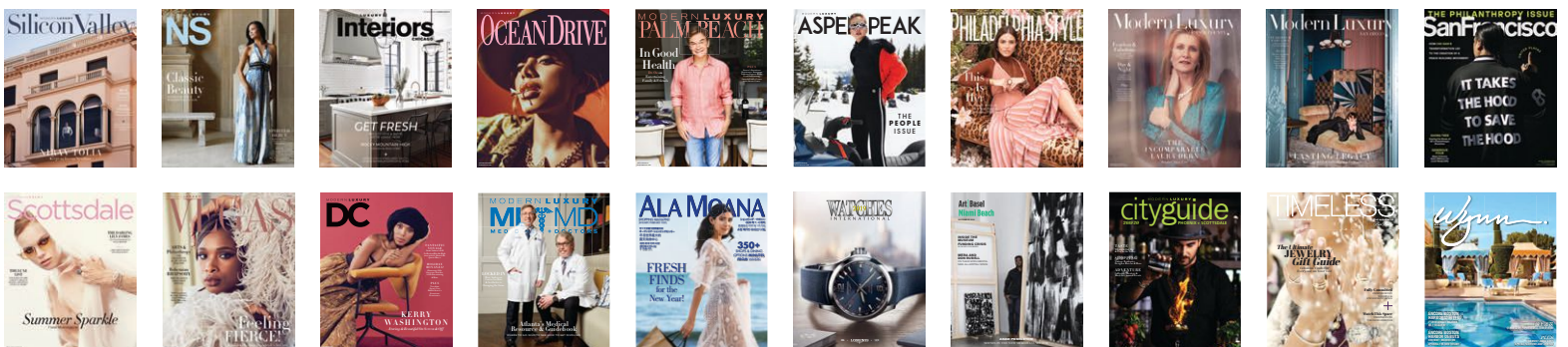
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In her debut book, Kate Marker aims to inspire readers to express their personal style and creativity within their homes.



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Interior designer Kate Marker shares the inspiration behind her first book, *The Love of Home*. by KAILA STANG

THE LAST WORD

# Home Sweet Home

After 20-plus years in design, Barrington resident Kate Marker (@katemarkinteriors) debuts her first book, *The Love of Home: Interiors for Beauty, Balance, and Belonging* (gibbs-smith.com), on Sept 3. Here, she shares the inspo behind the project.

#### What inspired this book?

A deep sense of nostalgia and a longing to explore the concept of what makes a place feel like home. It has always been a dream to have my own design coffee table book.

#### What can readers expect?

[It's a] journey through various personal and shared experiences, highlighting the importance of home in shaping our identities and relationships.

#### What are the book's essential themes?

I dive into principles centered around beauty, balance, and belonging, discussing how thoughtful design and aesthetics enhance our living spaces to create a visually pleasing and nurturing environment.

#### How did you translate your design career into written form for the book?

I reflected on my career to identify key experiences and insights that shaped my understanding of design, and I shared stories from my projects to illustrate design principles and challenges faced along the way.

#### What's next for you?

I plan to continue exploring new avenues in design and writing, and I'm eager to continue growing as a designer and author while sharing my passion for creating beautiful, balanced, and meaningful spaces.

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Mingling natural beauty with art, performances, workshops and more, the Chicago Botanic Garden's latest exhibition brings plant conservation to dynamic life. *by KAILA STANG*

THE LAST WORD

# PARADISE FOUND

Among the standout art installations in *Lost & Found*, "Rhizomatic" blends vibrant illustrations with stories of cultural and scientific diversity.



Nature's once-forgotten flora are springing back to life at the Chicago Botanic Garden's summer exhibition, *Lost & Found*, which wraps its season-long run Sept. 22. Aiming to honor environmental stewardship and celebrate the achievements of scientists and horticulturalists, the immersive experience dives into plant conservation success stories, showcasing overlooked botanical gems through a series of lush trails, hands-on activities, and striking art installations. Says Jodi Zombolo, Associate Vice President, Visitor Events & Programs, "Taking steps to care for the natural world is at the core of what staff at the Garden do every day, and we want to inspire others to join the effort."

The exhibition invites visitors to explore installations such as "Through the Eyes of the Unicorn," which guides visitors on a journey to reconnect with nature through local grassland transformations and statewide prairie restoration, highlighting native flora such as the delicate white prairie clover and the eye-catching common blue violet. Meanwhile, "Rhizomatic" weaves together cultural and scientific narratives, spotlighting plants such as the Eastern prairie fringed orchid and the "love-lies-bleeding" amaranth. Nature-inspired classes and after-hours events enhance the experience, and engaging storytelling, dynamic performances and art-making workshops round out the experience.

By presenting conservation efforts through an artistic lens, *Lost & Found* provides an accessible way for visitors to engage with important environmental concepts. Zombolo shares, "We hope visitors will be inspired by participating in experiences that showcase restoration stories of plants once lost or forgotten and join an urgent, global effort to conserve and care for plants and the natural world." *Through Sept. 22, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe, chicagobotanic.org*

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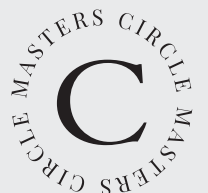
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