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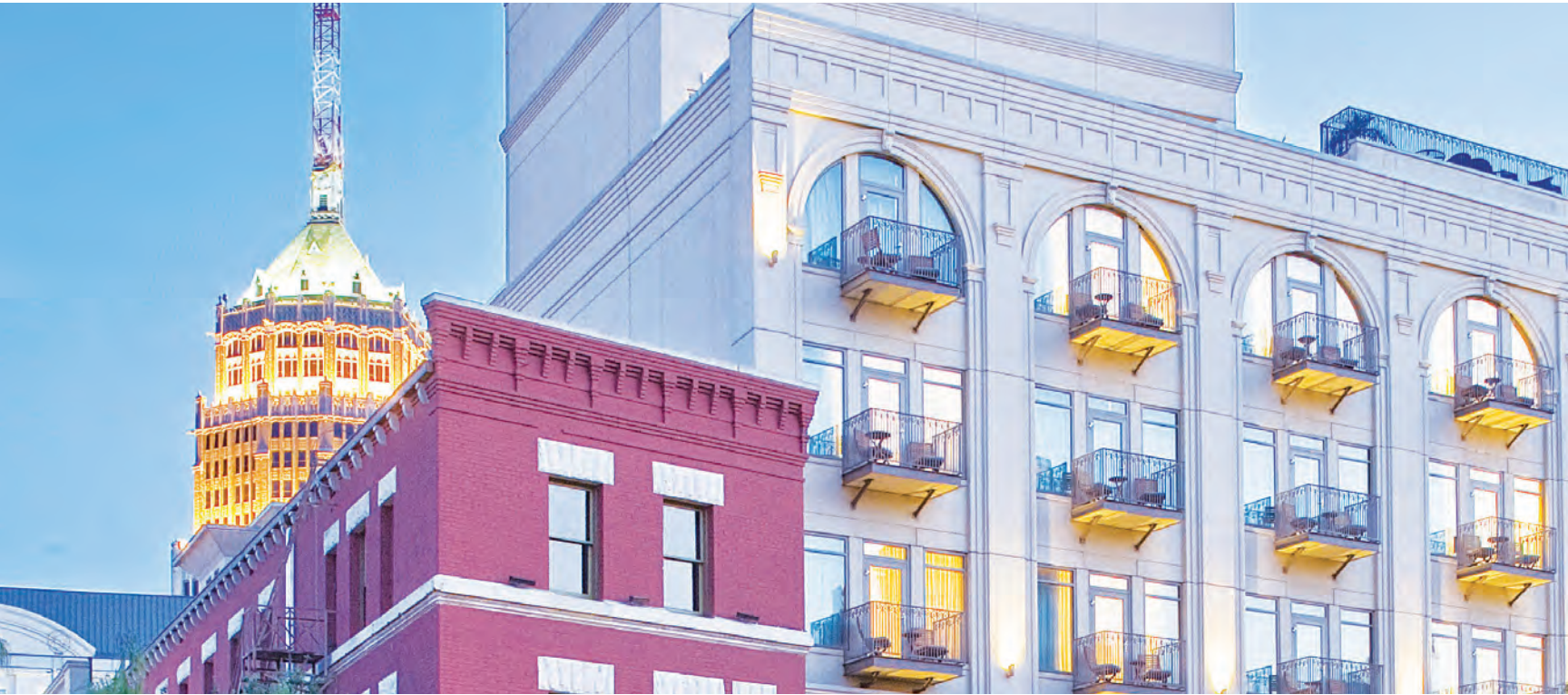
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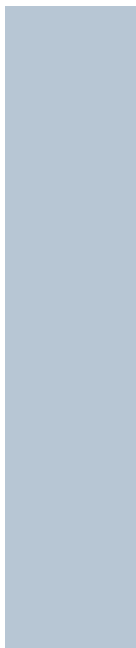




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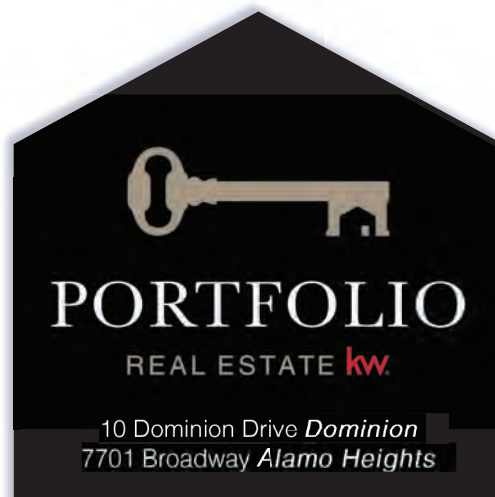


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108. TO THE MANOR WORN

New Year, new you? You bet. We feel it's time for a truly fresh approach to fashion. Here are some of the most glamorous looks and jewels of the season that you'll want to wear...on your estate and beyond.

Photography by Romy Suskin
Styling by Danica Suskin

120. TRULY TEXAN

What does it take to call yourself a Texan? Just about anything and everything that makes up this diverse state—from sixth generations to newcomers. As we take you from A to Z, consider this your source for all things terrifically Texas, including quite a few surprises.

By Lance Avery Morgan and Jonathan Spindel with Tori Johnson, Ellie Leeper Morrison, Jennifer Roosth and Cynthia Smoot

128. LIECHTENSTEIN? LOVELY.

Small is often beautiful, especially when venturing to Europe. We love how quaint and charming tiny Liechtenstein is during the winter, so let us show you how to create your own memorable experience there.

By Ashley Dobson
Photography courtesy of Shutterstock

GREEN FIRE
Gown by Alexander McQueen, \$5995 at Saks Fifth Avenue.
Bracelet by Lizzy Couture, \$448 at The Garden Room. Sunglasses by Chloe, \$396 at Neiman Marcus.
Additional jewelry: stylist's own.

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30. CONTRIBUTE

It takes a village to create this magazine and our digital media platform. Here's a look at some of the many talented dynamos who make it happen.

34. EDIT

Editor-in-Chief and Creative Director Lance Avery Morgan is ready, willing and able to greet the glam new year upon us. Here's how he sees it all unfolding.

37. CURATE

Looking for more culture? Who isn't? It's here, there and everywhere at some our state's finest museums in the country, according to our active arts devotee Jonathan Spindel.

42. INDULGE

Silver, gold, copper and more. We love all things metallic, the hottest trend of the season. Join our sensational style editor Tori Johnson who shares some of her favorite shiny must-haves.

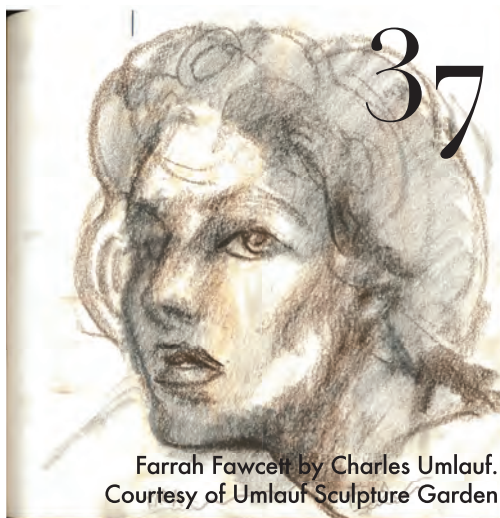
44. BEHAVE

Our Ms. Modern Manners Sharon Schweitzer, JD is at the rescue for all your good behavior conundrums for the New Year ahead for your continued social success.



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Farrah Fawcett by Charles Umlauf. Courtesy of Umlauf Sculpture Garden



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46. RAISE

Dr. Miranda Fernande Walichowski, our family relationship expert, weighs in about reviving the art of conversation. You can learn not only more about others, but also yourself.

48. REVIVE

It's time to refresh your healthy lifestyle techniques for a healthier year ahead, according to Austin-based acupuncturist Andra Millian, MATCM, L.Ac., C.H

50. DISCOVER

Dallas is all about the latest and coolest, especially this winter, shares our favorite style setter Cynthia Smoot who chronicles the best of it.

52. LEAD

Author John T. Montford shares insight with our Jonathan Spindel from his new tome that he co-authored with Joseph Daniel McCool, *Board Games* about how to join a board to make a difference in an organization.

54. SEEK

The world is your oyster, according to Alison Elberger and Jonathan Spindel, with all the international happenings to enjoy.

56. HOST

We attend a chic Slow Food/Slow Fashion concept dinner party with Kirsten Dickerson, founder of Raven + Lilly and Camille Styles Moore, lifestyle ambassador.

60. PROMOTE

A fresh look at the events, people places, and things that are happening across the state this month.

104. ENGAGE

Join us for the engagement party of Elizabeth Leyendecker and Peter Greenblum hosted by Gobie Waldsdorf and Ana Montoya.

106. WED

Ashley Ponce weds Tim Polmateer in a Hill Country wedding.

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72. SAN ANTONIO, Barry and Elizabeth Roberts



82. DALLAS, Jamie Niven & Cindy and Howard Rachofsky



88. AUSTIN, Catherine Powell and Joe Holt



92. SAN ANTONIO, Caroline and Rick Kuper



98. AUSTIN, Sofia Avila and Victoria Avila

**THE VERY BEST EVENTS
ACROSS TEXAS & BEYOND**

INVITE

72. SAN ANTONIO
The Charity Ball

ENTRANCE

82. DALLAS
The TWO X TWO gala

84. SAN ANTONIO
The Southwest School of Art gala

88. AUSTIN
The Women's Symphony League luncheon and gala

90. HOUSTON
The Museum of Fine Arts gala

92. SAN ANTONIO
The Witte Museum event

96. DALLAS
The Dallas Opera luncheon and gala

98. AUSTIN
The Mexic-Arte Museum gala

102. HOUSTON
The Fashion X Houston events

ARRIVAL

134. DALLAS
The FGI gala

138. HOUSTON
The Ronald McDonald House gala

ARRANGE

144. Laura Villagran-Johnson and Kevin Smothers of Austin Social Planner have canvassed the state for all the best events for you to attend this season.



84. SAN ANTONIO, Courtney and Tobin Smith



96. DALLAS, Robert and Myrna Schlegel



134. DALLAS, Rudy and Debbie Festari



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LEFT: Skirt by Byron Lars Beauty Mark, \$662 at The Garden Room. Bandeau top by Becky Hollands, price upon request. Tulle shoulder wrap by Petrushka, \$244 at The Garden Room. Bracelet by Bonnie Strauss, \$298 at The Garden Room. Shoes by Christian Louboutin, \$1295 at Saks Fifth Avenue.

RIGHT: Gown by St. John Collection, \$3995 at Neiman Marcus. Scarf by Alexander McQueen, \$385 at Neiman Marcus. Shoes by Christian Louboutin, \$1095 at Saks Fifth Avenue. Earrings by Cassandra Collection at CassandraCollection.co

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JAKE GAINES

Whether finding the best restaurant in Rome overlooking the Colosseum to taking a private tour of the Queen's art collection at Buckingham, there's cultural enthusiast and native Texan Jake Gaines. Our very own James Bond on the social scene, he will gladly wield his saber to pop open a bottle of Champagne before advancing into a masked ball. His motto? Bring your passport and wear the tuxedo since one never knows what can transpire. He's a handy extra man at a dinner party and is known for his disappearing tablecloth trick, too. When in doubt, he recommends, everyone into the pool for a midnight game of Marco Polo.



ROB GIARDINELLI

Certified professional life coach and branding expert by day, social commentator by night describes Associate Editor Rob Giardinelli and his multi-tasking when covering this month's social stories. What may appear seamless actually takes hours of research, interviews, and photo gathering to accurately chronicle the state's charitable event stories. Giardinelli himself is involved several philanthropies and loves sharing how Texans so generously and passionately give back to the community they love, while he weaves interesting social commentary that showcases the many who work tirelessly to raise awareness toward important issues in the state.

ELLIE LEEPER MORRISON

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A woman with blonde hair styled up, wearing a long, white, lace-trimmed dress, stands in a greenhouse. She is looking to her left with her right hand raised. The greenhouse is filled with various potted plants on wooden shelves. Large windows in the background show a cityscape. The lighting is soft and natural, highlighting the intricate details of the lace dress.

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DANICA SUSKIN

In the language of fashion, Danica is a lover of understatement, overstatement, playful irreverence, solid utility and beautiful craftsmanship all at once. She exudes that theory beautifully in this month's cover feature, *To The Manor Worn*. With over fifteen years of solid performance as a fashion stylist, she looks forward to being on set and contributing to the conversation in the best way she knows how: making outfits shine bright. Her work can be seen at DanicaSuskin.com.

ROMY SUSKIN

Raised in Ann Arbor, Michigan, educated in San Francisco and *schooled* in Los Angeles, photographer Romy Suskin has been shooting portraiture, music and fashion for over a decade. Proud to call Austin home now, Suskin built her portrait studio in the "04" three years ago and is loving the city's way of life. Her talents can be seen with her dynamic vision of high fashion in this month's cover story, *To The Manor Worn* and at RomySuskin.com



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WARHOL, IN ADDITION TO HIS EVERY-PERSON-IS-FAMOUS-for-15 minutes theory, also said, "They always say time changes things, but you actually have to change them yourself." Along those lines, I recall learning as a child the wise words, *be yourself: everybody else is already taken*. So, with the New Year here and moving forward, I adhere to thought leader Michael Beckwith who recommends we *plant* where we want to *grow*.

And grow we have, as we begin our seventh year of creating *The Society Diaries* with not only our addition of a strongly enhanced digital presence of our newly launched *The Society Diaries TV* helmed by Tori Johnson with a recent interview with designer Rachel Zoe, yet also our look at the world has evolved from being a regional magazine covering Austin and San Antonio to now include Houston, Dallas and South



Mainbocher gown, 1951. Courtesy of Chicago History Museum

Texas. We've loved supporting causes in our own back yard and helping to tell their story at a deeper level, as well as our expanding to national and international coverage of supporting our friends closely attached to organizations such as the American Friends of The Louvre, American Friends of Versailles, Save Venice to name just a few. With the fundraising circuit so robust and so many causes to celebrate, as you'll see in this issue, we know that creating a wide-reaching exposure and providing ongoing encouragement in raising funds is part of what we do.

As we also enter award season with the Super Bowl (in Houston this year, the first time since 2004), the Golden Globes, the Academy Awards, and a plethora of other celebratory occasions in your own city, we know that what you see on the red carpet and runway will translate into trends for our fashion stories. With this season's *more is more is more* point of view, we love how this year's chicest styles are gorgeously predicted with our cover feature, *To The Manor Worn*, exquisitely photographed and styled by dynamic sister act Romy Suskin and Danica Suskin. On the same note, as Mainbocher, the recently re-discovered American born couturier Jonathan Spindel highlights in our

Seek department pages, I am reminded that he stated, *I have never known a chic woman whose appearance was not, in large part, an outward reaction of her inner self*.

So, we've channeled our inner Mainbocher – and *you* - throughout this entire issue to illuminate how you can incorporate your own personal style as an individualistic expression of yourself. This is also seen in our *Host* section as we profile a dinner party on the Slow Food/Slow Fashion concept that is placing farm to table food and ethical fashion firmly in the spotlight everywhere we turn. Count on us to inspire by bringing an exclusive look at private events like this one in the future, too.

As we whisk away to the tiny European country Lichtenstein, we see a big opportunity in discovering the undiscovered as Ashley Dobson does in this travel piece. Closer to home, there's mostly big in Texas with our inaugural *Texas A To Z* feature that's created by our team to reflect the people, places and things that are near and dear to the hearts, and the state. With tongue planted firmly

in cheek, we take a pop cultural look at the icons, symbols and images that represents who we are in 2017.

As we take a deeper dive into this bright and shiny New Year, we're reminded that we have choices in how we live and operate: like choosing feelings over logic, adventure over perfection, here over there, and always, love first. That in mind, we're looking forward to loving how we feel choosing adventure here that resonates our most important asset, you our reader and follower. So, stand tall, chin up and shoulders back as we progress together into these exciting times ahead. **S**

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Andy Warhol, Edie Sedgwick and entourage, New York, 1965

Slow Food/Slow Fashion Event
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Fashion X Houston. Runway designs by Mysterious NPN. Photography by Treva Wygle

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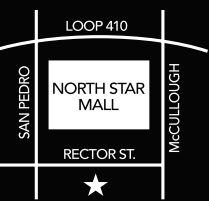
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Fran Lebowitz

Charles Umlauf Farrah Fawcett, 1977. Courtesy of Umlauf Sculpture Garden



LOVE, FARRAH

We love that that famed actress Corpus Christi-born Farrah Fawcett was also an artist, trained by Charles Umlauf while at the University of Texas. You can view her art collection, including many pieces she sculpted herself, in this never-before-seen exhibition, *Mentoring a Muse: Charles Umlauf and Farrah Fawcett*. February 16 to August 20. At UmlaufSculpture.org

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SHAKEN OR STIRRED?

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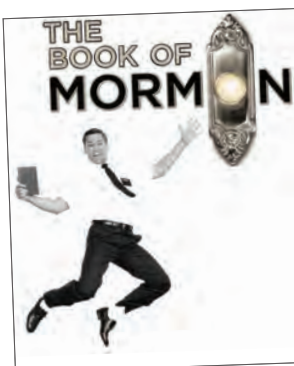
With so many new extraordinary fine dining options in River Oaks, it may be hard to choose. We recommend Eloise Nichols Grill for a chic take on old-school southern cuisine. Arguable Houston's hottest brunch spot right now. At EloiseNichols.com

BREAKDANCING BACH

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SENSATIONAL SATIRE

Have you seen the smash hit yet? The New York Times calls it "the best musical of the century," and we agree. It's an outrageous yet heartfelt production that regularly sells out all over the world. January 3-15. At TheHobbyCenter.org

SONGS FOR THE SOUL

Singer-songwriter Sara Watkins performs her newest album, a series of soul-searching songs that turns vulnerability into fierce power. Her style is distilled from pop, folk, bluegrass, indie, and myriad musical traditions. Don't miss this. February 11. At TheHeightsTheatre.com



Sara Watkins



Yo Yo Ma

CLASSIC CELLO

One of the world's most beloved cellists, Yo Yo Ma returns to Houston to perform Dvorák's Cello Concerto. His expressive skill is an experience not to be missed. February 4. At HoustonSymphony.org

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There's something about a Texas landscape. Captured most famously by Julian Onderdonk, the native San Antonio artist and American impressionist will be seen at the San Antonio Museum of Art with a select group of 25 works that bring his sweeping vision to life. Jan. 20 – April 23. At SAMuseum.org



Onderdonk



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STUDIO SESSIONS

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Gil Shaham, photo by Gabriel Estaban

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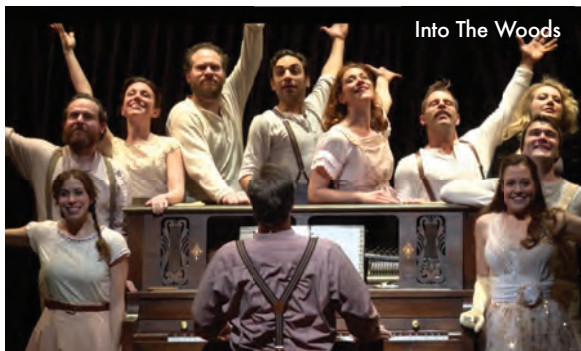
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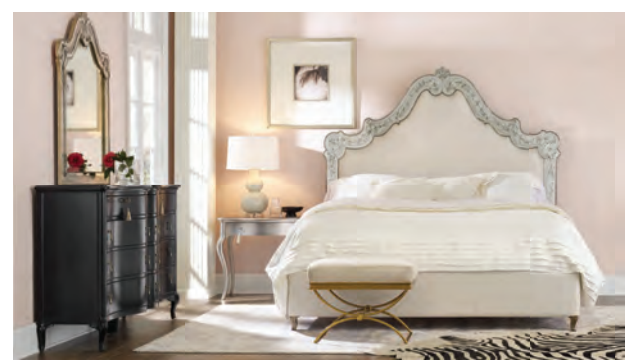


LET'S PLAY IT BY EAR

Subtle yet impactful, these 18k yellow gold "Aerial Eclipse" earrings are set with brilliant diamonds. \$11,500. Availability and photo courtesy of Calvin's Fine Jewelry.

LUMINOUSLY LAMÉ

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HOLLYWOOD'S REGENCY

Bring Old Hollywood glam to your bedroom with this King Venetian upholstered bed featuring three varieties of mirror that are etched, scalloped and dusted in silver. Pricing available upon request. Availability and photo courtesy of Stowers Furniture.

ALL THAT GLITTERS

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You'll want to shade your eyes because the runways are on a high-wattage shine alert. *Our sensational style editor, Tori Johnson of TheStoribook.com* encourages us to embrace our inner and outer sparkle by combining all the precious metals for our glamorously shining moments ahead this winter.



Dress by YSL, 1969

CIRCLE OF TRUST

The rose gold craze continues in 2017 as the metal perfect for all skin tones. This romantically sleek 14k rose gold cuff features white topaz stones and offers style easy versatility. \$3,400. Availability and photo courtesy of Duncan & Boyd Jewelers.



GIMME A HAND, WILL YOU?

Accent your home or office space with this luminous and life-like, bronze hand sculpture which adds a touch of modernism to any bookshelf or end table. \$98. Photo courtesy of Rachel Horn Interiors. Available at RachelHorn.com

STEP INTO YOUR LIGHT

We've been saying for years to mix your metals and these Chloe tri-colored metallic sandals have taken our advice to heart. \$695. Availability and photo courtesy of Neiman Marcus.





CHAIN REACTION

Accessorize with a glimmer of sparkle from this 18k rose gold Robert Coin necklace featuring a mesmerizing mother of pearl pendant surrounded by pave diamonds. \$2,900. Availability and photo courtesy of Lee Michaels.



OFFICE ROMANCE

Perfect for chic workspaces or bedrooms, this desk features a lacquered top and metallic base for extra glam. \$1,747. Availability and photo courtesy of Baker Tatum.

DIP YOUR TOE IN IT

Walk with more sparkle in your step with these Alexandre Birman metallic python block-heel booties. \$1,050. Availability and photo courtesy of Saks Fifth Avenue.



LOOK FOR THE SILVER LINING

Silver is considered the new neutral and this Saint Laurent cross body will surely be your bag of choice for the year. \$1,550. Availability and photo courtesy of Neiman Marcus.



THE EYES HAVE IT

You'll look like a budding starlet in these oversized Tom Ford sunnies to add just the right amount of gold to any look. \$415. Availability and photo courtesy of Saks Fifth Avenue.



HEAVY METAL

Add enhanced luster to your makeup routine with Dior's new Mirror-Shine Eyeshadows. \$31. Availability and photo courtesy of Saks Fifth Avenue.

THE GREEKS HAVE A WORD FOR IT

Rachel Zoe was inspired by Greek and Roman mythology for her Resort 2017 collection and we all know the Gods adored their precious metals. This mini-dress features alternating silver and gold panels and billowy sleeves. \$495. Availability and photo courtesy of Julian Gold.



CLASS ACT

Our impeccable etiquette expert Ms. Modern Manners Sharon Schweitzer, JD, is on the scene to share her keen insight on how to start off the year right.

Dear Ms. Modern Manners,

I always believe in setting a good example for myself and others. Can you tell me how to finesse hosting a payment of the restaurant bill at the end of dinner without the awkward haggling among diners that is so common these days?

Complete Conundrum

Dear Perfect Host,

With Valentine's Day right around the corner, this is the perfect time to set an example for yourself and others. The person extending the invitation to lunch or dinner is the host or hostess, and is responsible for payment of the bill. When extending invitations, inquire about special dietary requests such as tree-nut, or other food allergies, kosher, halal, gluten-free, sugar-free and dairy-free diets. Book a restaurant that accommodates these needs. Remember that guests don't split the bill, unless specific arrangements have been made in advance, and the guests agree.

If you want to be a sophisticated host or hostess, arrive early and provide a credit card, or call the restaurant ahead of time to pre-arrange payment. After coffee, or at the end of the meal, you can meet the server and sign the check privately. Your guests will appreciate that everything is handled seamlessly.

Dear Ms. Modern Manners,

With this New Year upon us, I want to start work in 2017 with new energy and better focus. What can I do?

Working Overtime

Dear Energetically Engaged,

You are wise to energize yourself for 2017. The average worker spends almost 100,000 hours on the job in a lifetime. With approximately 30% of life spent working, creating a positive office environment is a priority. Consider these three ideas to improve your energy and focus...

1. Spice It Up

Depending on your workplace regulations and unwritten rules, add decor that will motivate, encourage and make you feel comfortable. Studies have shown that fresh flowers (or silk if you have allergies) directly relate to increased work productivity. Whether it's flowers, photos or art, take time to create a happy work space.

2. Set Those Goals

A major catalyst for work unhappiness is lack of progress. Set yourself (and team if possible) SMART (Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Realistic & Time-ly) goals to track progress. Then self-assess your progress and improvement. When you start achieving milestones in the right direction, treat yourself to a special treat in recognition of your hard work.

3. Scheduling Is Key

A major stressor is lack of time management. Create a system to block time



for specific tasks and follow through. Organize your week with a system for follow-up and important decision making. Use apps to schedule effectively and increase focus.

Dear Ms. Modern Manners,

I am the proud godmother of my sister's first child. Any chic and unique gift ideas you recommend?

Grand Godmother

Dear Gloriously Grand,

Congratulations on being named the godmother of your sister's child — what an honor! Offering your godchild a chic, personalized gift such as a baby blanket embroidered with their name or a special edition of your favorite children's book are sweet gift ideas that they will cherish throughout childhood. You can also draw inspiration from some of your favorite luxury vendors who specialize in customized gifts.

Dear Ms. Modern Manners,

We love hosting, as well as being guests, too. We've been asked to a skeet shoot at a friend's place in the country, a highly coveted invitation in our circle. What is the policy for tipping the personnel who "pull" and also, do we bring a host gift to something like this?

Shooting High

Dear Shot Heard 'Round The World,

Personnel who "pull" and keep score should receive approximately \$5-10 per round, depending on the geographical location. Bringing a thoughtful, personal gift for the host is a lovely way to say thanks for the invitation. While the gift needn't break the bank, it should reflect sincere gratitude. Discover your host's personal tastes, and then bring the appropriate best-selling book, wine, liquor, luxury candle, or fine chocolates as a tasteful option for this occasion. **S**

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BEING A GREAT CONVERSATIONALIST WAS OFTEN THE mark of civility, a cherished pleasure, and notably a life-enhancing skill. The art of conversation has been revered throughout the ages. Some of my favorite conversationalists to study and emulate include Sor Juana Inez De La Cruz, Jonathan Swift, Sir Isaiah Berlin, Virginia Woolf, Gertrude Stein, Octavio Paz, Maya Angelou, and many others.

Lately, conversation is becoming a lost art. Cultural observers like Henry David Thoreau noted this trend as far back as the late 1800s. He found that conversations often lacked depth and were so intolerable that in 1845, he moved to Walden Pond in Concord, Massachusetts. He claimed that he wanted to learn how to live away from constant chatter. I wonder what he would say about all the noise in the world today. At least during his time, the chatter was directed at each other.

One's presence is no longer needed for chatter. Chatter happens alone. It happens through a device of our personal technology. Because we never know if anyone is listening to the chatter we produce, we become louder and louder until it is pure cacophony. Everyone is talking, and no one is listening.

PULL UP A CHAIR

Thoreau painted a poignant image by stating, "I had three chairs in my house; one for solitude, two for friendship, three for society. When visitors came in larger and unexpected numbers there was but the third chair for them all, but they economized the room by standing up. It is surprising how many great men and women a small house will contain. I have had twenty-five or thirty souls, with their bodies, at once under my roof, and yet we often parted without being aware that we had come very near to one another."

These three chairs beautifully represent the pillars of conversation. The first chair, solitude, represents the introspective, internal, quiet conversation with oneself. It is critical conversation required for self-awareness and self-reflection. The quality and frequency of this conversation is the foundation for the other two pillars of conversation.

The second chair, friendship, is the chair that fosters intimacy and develops empathy. This is the conversation that combats the malaise of selfishness and loneliness. It is in this chair that teaches us how to give of ourselves to others. It is the chair that develops empathy.

The third chair, the one for society, seems to be the one that most prefer. Many people want the larger platform without having developed the skills required by the first two chairs. This ensues in chatter that is not dialog, not productive, is tainted with insularity, and is disengaging.

TELL ME, HAVE YOU HEARD...

The art of conversation has been quite challenging even before the distraction of personal technology came into the fold. Here, *our dynamic parenting and relationship expert, Dr. Miranda Fernande Walichowski* shares tips on how to create sparkling conversation with more depth.

How do we course correct? How can we commit to becoming effective conversationalists? The remedy is simple and unsophisticated. We simply put away our cellphones a few times per day for several consecutive minutes. However, this is not as easy as it sounds. It is not hyperbole to say that some individuals would prefer to undergo physical pain rather than be alone with their thoughts.

CREATE ALONE TIME

A 2014 study from the University of Virginia, lead by Timothy Wilson, revealed that when college students were placed in a room for six to 15 minutes and asked to entertain themselves with only their thoughts, many cheated and used their cellphones or became restless. The study was replicated with other populations of diverse ages, levels of education, income, and varied social media use. They manifested the same intolerance to quiet time.

The researchers were intrigued by the results. They decided to augment the stakes for the participants when it came to spending a few minutes alone. The researchers gave the participants the opportunity to self-administer an electric shock if the time of solitude became adverse. Over 67% of the participants opted for one or several electrical shocks.

Improve your conversational skills by resisting the temptation to fill moments of silence. Instead of reaching for your phone when there is a pause in your busy life, just entertain the thoughts that surface. Anticipate a great dialog with your inner thoughts.

A 2016 study by Misra, Cheng, Genevie, and Yuan titled *The iPhone Effect: The quality of in-person social interactions in the response of mobile devices* gives us insight into the second thing that we can do. They found that the mere presence of a device during a conversation diminished the quality of the conversation. Specifically, they found that the presence of a device had a direct impact on the level of empathy that was exercised during an interaction. Unconsciously, individuals know that they cannot count on our undivided attention. They know that in any given moment an alert will ding and they cannot compete with the allure of the notification. To counter this threat to effective conversation, imagine if in your next interaction you said, "Let me make sure my phone is off and put away, what you have to say is important to me, and I do not want any interruptions."

Will you help make 2017 the year of great conversation? If you are willing to take on the challenge, gather your three chairs and be prepared for unexpected delights. **S**

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DOUBLE TAKE

Gliding into a healthy New Year takes effort. Here, *our trusty functional health expert Andra Millian MATCM, L.Ac., C.H.* shares timely advice on staying healthy to achieve all your goals.

THE QUEST FOR ETERNAL YOUTH IS PREVALENT IN TODAY'S media. So much of what we read, see and hear are messages based on the concept of freezing time, and avoiding the inevitable seasons of beauty and gracefully transitioning through life. Yet true beauty transcends every age, and begins and ends with vibrant health. In my field of Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) it is believed that although the risk of disease and disability clearly increase with advancing age, poor health is not an inevitable consequence of aging. I've asked some of my favorite of Texas' best and brightest wellness experts to weigh in with their insight, too.

I posed this question to several of the state's best health experts: "What is the single most important health tip that you can recommend for men and women allowing them to age gracefully?" Tom Schnorr, Certified Clinical Nutritionist, functional medicine expert, and owner of Austin Compounding Pharmacy reminds us, "There is no single answer for everyone... that is the basic premise of functional medicine... we tailor therapy to the individual not the individual to the therapy."

This is true of Traditional Chinese Medicine as well. What's good for the goose is not necessarily best for the gander when it comes to specific health protocols. Chinese medicine even breaks down the changes aging brings for men as occurring every eight years, whereas women are said to age in seven year cycles. That in mind, here are a few ancient Chinese health tips that are simple to do and believed to be very beneficial for health.

RUB A DUB

Massaging the back is an ancient method that stimulates dozens of important acupuncture points whose primary benefit is muscle relaxation, thus preventing and treating back pain and muscle strain. You and your partner may try massaging each other's backs and stomachs, which promotes both a loving touch and better circulation, and can help stimulate and maintain the balance of the central nervous system. Ancient Traditional Chinese Medicine philosophy believes that massaging during the day clears the head and lifts the spirit; massaging during the night soothes the mind, preventing insomnia.

Traditional Chinese Medicine states that to rub the feet often is to preserve health. First, soak your feet in very warm water; then rub consistently. This can have a variety of beneficial effects on the tendons, blood circulation, and muscles of the

feet, and even other areas of the body. So, take a fun massage class with a friend, or loved one, and do try this at home.

MOVE THAT BODY

Dr. Jason Rogers DC of Everybody Chiropractic in Austin says, "Movement is life. Movement of the joints creates synovial fluid that prevents and protects the joint from arthritis. Movement of the muscles stimulates the nervous system and is responsible for proper chemical and hormonal balance in the brain and body. Our spinal discs (the cushions between our vertebrae in our spinal column that keep our nerves from being pinched or damaged) only receive nutrients to maintain their proper size through movement. No wonder your low back and neck hurt after a day of sitting and/or standing still."

Move your body in any way that sounds like fun. Take a gentle Tai Chi class that will strengthen your lower body as well as your heart. Or try a dance class, some yoga or a brisk walk outside with your BFF or four-legged friend. Ride a horse or pedal a bike. But what if you have knee or back pain? One of my patients at Austin Onsite Acupuncture recently told me, "My doctor told me that for every pound that I was overweight, it put 7 pounds of pressure on my knees. Well, no wonder they hurt." Try low impact exercise like swimming, which gives you the benefit of movement while minimizing joint pain.

THE WAKE-UP CALL

Stretching is the most effective way to lose weight and promote blood circulation and avoid pain in sensitive areas like your knees and back. TCM recommends the waking up of kind of "lazy stretching" that helps you get out of bed in the morning. Straighten your neck upward, lift both arms, take large breaths to expand your chest, yawn, stretch your waist any way that feels good, and wiggle your joints.

This simple wake up stretch (which can also be done behind a desk!) causes several muscle groups in your body to contract and sends blood to your heart, and brain, giving a boost of energy to your metabolism and blood circulation. The result? Elimination of excessive tension, prevention of muscle strain and correcting your posture, while chasing away fatigue and raising your spirits. Ahhh. Stay tuned for next month's column on more insight for a spring tune up and until then, get moving into the New Year, surely your healthiest one yet. **S**



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Thriving Dallas is always reinventing itself into a newer and shinier gem. Here *our girl-on-the-scene Cynthia Smoot of OhSoCynthia.com* leads us to the coolest happenings there this winter.

TWISTS & TURNS AHEAD

For the past 36 years, Cirque du Soleil has created shows that incorporate circus styles from around the world, each with its own central theme and storyline. Shows employ continuous live music, with performers rather than stagehands changing the props. Attending a Cirque du Soleil is an experience unlike any other so don't miss your opportunity to escape reality when the troop brings its most acclaimed touring show, KURIOS – Cabinet of Curiosities™ to Lone Star Park in Grand Prairie this February. You'll surely be entranced and dazzled by their tale when time comes to a complete stop, transporting the audience inside a fantasy world where everything is possible. In this realm set in the latter half of the nineteenth century, reality is quite relative indeed as our perception of it is utterly transformed. For more information visit CirqueDuSoleil.com/Kurios

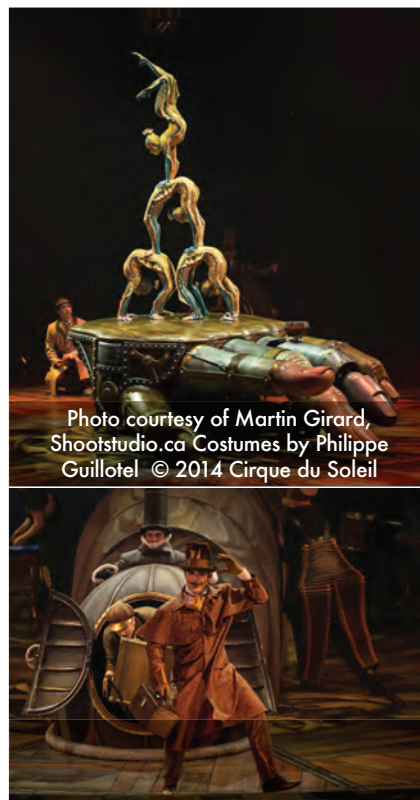
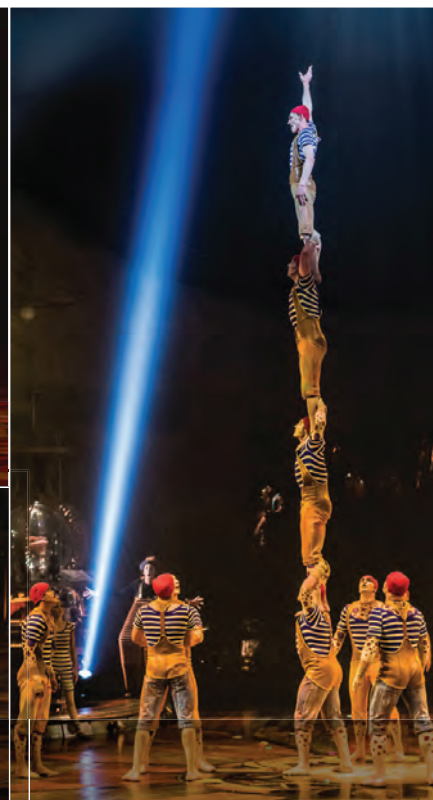


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RANDOM ACTS OF SWEETNESS

Driven by her son's passion for sweets and her own taste for entrepreneurship, Yasmeen Tadia ditched her cushy corporate job and set out to create a candy empire. The self-funded Tadia has transformed standard-issue, carnival cotton candy and popcorn into gourmet indulgences that are gluten-free and vegan with her signature line of sweet sensations, including Fluffpop® Artisanal Mini Cotton Candy, Hotpopin® Handcrafted Gourmet Popcorn, Sugaire® Organic Gourmet Cotton Candy, and her recent creation ModChocolate™. While Neiman Marcus, the Dallas Cowboys, Facebook, *USA Today*, Benefit Cosmetics, and New Balance are fans of her products, you don't have to be a corporate conglomerate to purchase her sweet treats. Tadia believes in making the world a better place through "random acts of sweetness" and a portion of proceeds goes of her Random Acts of Sweetness Foundation which gives back to impoverished communities through charitable services within the United States and abroad. For more information visit MakeYourLifeSweeter.com



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Honor Bar recently claimed the most coveted location at historic Highland Park Village, opening in the old Patrizio's venue. This Hillstone dining concept claims to be "small in size, but big in spirit" and the features a large outdoor patio set under a sweeping oak tree. On the menu? Scrumptious sharable snacks, salads and premium sandwiches like the now-famous Ding's Crispy Chicken sandwich with homemade kale slaw. Pair your meal with their specialty spirits and craft cocktails. Look for this to quickly become the new watering hole for Parkies and visiting celebrities alike. At 47 Highland Park Village. For more information, visit HonorBar.com **S**



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GETTING ON BOARD

Earning a position on a Board of Directors is a capstone achievement for many professionals. Just how do you land that coveted spot? We spoke with John T. Montford, author of the new *Board Games*, who shares insights for ambitious achievers who want to make a big impact.

By Jonathan Spindel



YOU DON'T ALWAYS NEED TO BE A C-LEVEL EXECUTIVE TO earn an appointment to a Board of Directors. In fact, all you need is to distinguish yourself as an outstanding leader; develop a record of extraordinary success, and demonstrate exceptional integrity of character. Easier said than done? Of course, the road to the boardroom is not a simple path. A good guidebook can be a key resource, like *Board Games: Straight Talk For New Directors and Good Governance* which offers practical advice from the personal experience of successful businessmen John T. Montford and Joseph McCool.

We caught up with the Honorable John T. Montford who knows about the leadership that is so necessary in boards; he is President and CEO of his own consulting firm, and he serves as an independent director of Southwest Airlines. His prior experience includes 14 years as a Texas State Senator, Chancellorship of Texas Tech University, and many more leadership positions on corporate and nonprofit boards. He wrote *Board Games* to help people prepare to be more effective board members.

DEVELOP A LIFESTYLE OF LEADERSHIP

What does a Board of Directors seek when appointing a new member? In short: success. “Not just financial success,” Montford shares, “It’s success in being a leader, a community leader, a civic leader, a leader in education, a leader in industry, a leader in charity.” No matter your particular vocation, you must have the ambition and the drive to succeed. “You look for quality people,” Montford continues. “It boils down to looking at people who are successful in the ventures that they undertake in their community.”

MAKE A PLAN & MAKE YOUR MARK

If you’re serious about joining a Board of Directors, find the circles where influential leaders are, and make yourself stand out. Learn what organizations seek in a leader: achievements that signal high potential for success. Take actions to achieve success, and develop a story of yourself as a successful leader. Finally, you will need to connect with influential people who will help you get on a board.

Try organizing a fundraiser, chairing an event or gala, or contributing your skills to a worthy cause. “You will serve a lot of interesting people, a lot of successful people, and if you do a good job they’re going to notice you,” Montford advises. “They could potentially become your advocates – people who will speak up for you, recommend you, be references for you.”

THE RIGHT TRACK

When he gives lectures to business students, Montford often advises young ambitious executives to, put it simply, “stay out of trouble.” Maybe it’s ingrained from his past career as a Lubbock County District Attorney, but his advice does ring true. If a board is considering applicants and it comes down to two candidates, the decision may be made on marks of character.


“These days, just about everything you do is going to show up somewhere,” he cautions, “Including social media. So it’s important to remember that you have to avoid entanglements.” On the other hand, you can use social media to your advantage. Amplify your positive achievements, garner due recognition for your achievements, connect with influential people, and find new opportunities. Build your personal brand.

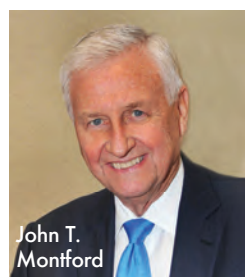
TOUT YOUR TALENTS

For an organization to do its best, it’s not enough to fill the boardroom with high achievers. “If your board doesn’t mirror the community it serves, then you’re missing the boat,” Montford emphasizes, “It’s imperative these days that boards be more diverse.” Diversity means bringing unique experiences, fresh insights, and new vision to an organization. Everyone has their own gifts and talents, and it’s important that you share your passions and your values.

Montford’s experience with Southwest Airlines is a case in point. When the company began expanding into Mexico and other southern destinations, the Board recruited former Dallas Cowboys kicker and broadcasting executive, the late Danny Villanueva. “He was very well-respected in the Hispanic community,” Montford explains. “He was successful, he was well grounded, and helped us immensely to move into those markets where we needed help.”

When you’re on a Board of Directors, you’re accountable to the shareholders (if for-profit) the donors (if non-profit), and the organization itself. You need to be ready to lead and inspire the most influential members of your organization, but you must also be in touch with the economic climate and personal experience of the people your organization serves.

Are you ready to get started on the path to the boardroom? Want to learn more? Find *Board Games: Straight Talk For New Directors and Good Governance* at your local bookseller or visit BoardGamesBook.com 



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THE SCENE:

Green Acres Boutique Retreat, approximately 25 miles east of Austin in Elgin, Texas was the setting for an incredible evening of good food, better company and increasing awareness for an incredible cause that is helping change the way fashion is created and made. Kirsten Dickerson, founder of Raven + Lilly and Camille Styles Moore, one of the nation's top lifestyle ambassadors hosted an intimate dinner party for 20 to educate top influencers in philanthropy, fashion, spirits and lifestyle branding. The duo teamed up to promote the concept of ethical fashion and how it is changing not only how we look, but, how it empowers fashion producers to achieve new heights.

At its core Raven + Lilly is an ethical fashion and lifestyle brand that is dedicated to empowering women throughout the world, specifically those living in poverty. The powerful network Raven + Lilly has helped create employs 1,500 marginalized women at fair trade wages across nine countries on three continents ranging from The United States to Haiti to Ethiopia. This dedication has allowed Raven + Lilly to achieve acclaimed B Corp (Benefit Corporation) status, acknowledging the company's commitment to artisan, eco-friendly techniques made by at-risk, impoverished women who are creating exclusive, modern designs at fair wages. It's a trend that's gaining momentum. In fact, Dickerson tell us, "There are several ethical clothing companies now, including Raven + Lilly, that are trying to make a difference globally through fair trade labor."

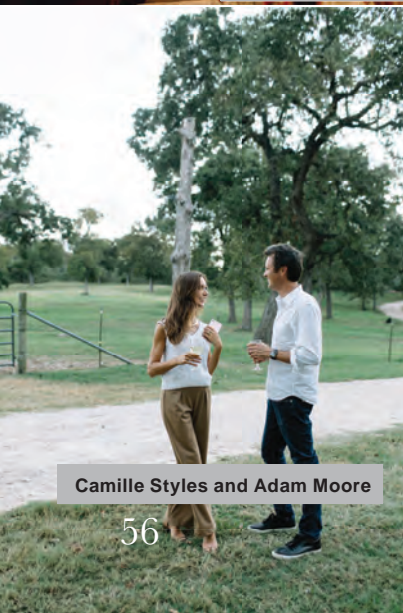
SLOW FOOD, SLOW FASHION

Raven + Lilly and Camille Styles Moore Team To Raise Awareness For Ethical Fashion

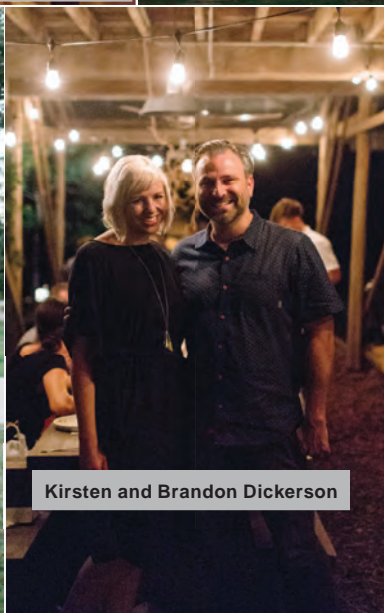
By Rob Giardinelli | Photography by Kate Zimmerman



Laura Craddick and Jane Black



Camille Styles and Adam Moore



Kirsten and Brandon Dickerson





THE VIBE:

The evening began with cocktails served by She + Him Bartender Service featuring a signature cocktail courtesy of Nine Banded Whiskey as well as wines from Austin Winery, which is the first winery located inside Austin's city limits that brings grapes from California to the area to be fermented locally. Guests were able to tour the grounds which featured live animals as well as yurts on the Green Acres grounds, welcoming guests to experience the new trend of "glamping," a glamorous form of camping.

The evening continued as guests headed underneath a simple, yet tasteful table with hand-loomed napkins and hand-blown glassware from Oh! Fox Creative, tableware from Keith Kreeger Pottery and centerpieces courtesy of Transplant Floral. "The farm-to-table meal, prepared by chef Julie Ratzesberger, catered by Elgin Local Goods and expertly paired with wines from Austin Winery was designed to be thoughtful of the food we are eating and the time it takes to grow and really savor that meal," says Dickerson in describing the slow food concept. This philosophy was emphasized as each course was presented, underscoring the process of how the food was grown and how it got to the table.

THE CAUSE:

During the dinner, both Dickerson and Moore provided thoughtful testimonials on the importance of ethical fashion and how this new and exciting trend is helping revolutionize the fashion industry. Women all over the world are gaining empowerment through the creative process of slow fashion. Moore elaborated, "For me, the most special part of the night was getting to learn more about Kirsten's vision behind Raven + Lilly and hearing the stories of the women who made the clothes that many of the guests were wearing."

The prolific lifestyle maven continued, "Approaching fashion with the same 'slow' attitude as the slow food movement is not only good for society; it actually enhances the experience of wearing a beautifully made piece." As the evening concluded, guests were provided with parting gifts emphasizing both the slow food and slow fashion concepts including delectable pecans courtesy of Yegga Creek Farms as well as a Raven + Lilly hand milled soap set, providing the perfect parting gifts to emphasize importance of stopping to think just a moment as to how things are created before we consume them.

TO THE LETTER

Fashion X Austin Hosts Event Toasting *The Bachelor's* Catherine Lowe's New Stationery Line

By Rob Giardinelli | Photography by Todd White

THE SCENE:

A beautiful Sunday afternoon at the home of Fashion X Austin founders Matt and Kara Swinney was the setting where Austin's chic were on hand to meet ABC's *The Bachelor* winner and Dallas resident Catherine Lowe, who was in town for a launch of her new luxe stationery line, Lowe Co.

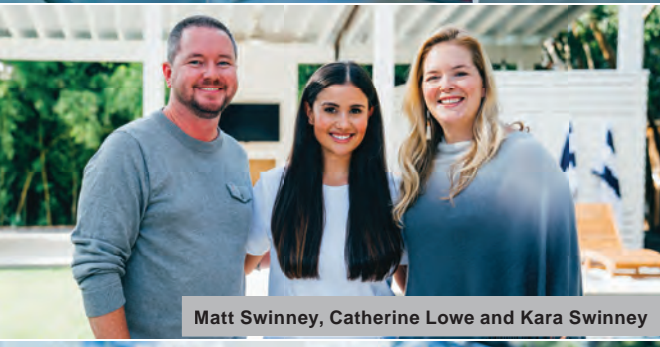
THE VIBE:

The crowd blended seamlessly with Lowe and her team from Dallas, who along with the Swinneys, were the consummate hosts who created as warm an environment as the bright sunshine that beamed on the day. The festive mood was accentuated by Chloe Wine Collection who provided wine and bubbles that perfectly complemented the plethora of delicious sweet treats courtesy of Simon Lee Bakery.

Lowe offered insight of how stationery inspired her courtship on *The Bachelor* with her now husband, Fort Worth native Sean Lowe...with the quirky and thoughtful notes she passed onto him during their on-air courtship. In doing so, she spotlighted how impactful and important a simple note can go in developing a relationship. Taking a small moment to show someone you care with a written note can not only lift someone's spirit, but also change their lives in ways they could never imagine.



Tori Foster Johnson and Catherine Lowe



Matt Swinney, Catherine Lowe and Kara Swinney



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ESPIRIT DE CORPS

The Children's Ballet Of San Antonio Celebrates With Neiman Marcus

By *Jake Gaines* Photography by *Greg Harrison*

The second annual Nutcracker Tea Party benefitting the children's-only dance company, The Children's Ballet of San Antonio, was where Neiman Marcus of San Antonio set the dream-like holiday scene. At a Continental style table set for over 100 guests, the mother-daughter duos enjoyed tea party bites catered by the Neiman Marcus' Mariposa restaurant and served on Mackenzie Childs plates and platters.

The delight was in the details as event co-chairs Daniela Serna and Ashley Weaver, along with Neiman Marcus' Xitlalt Herrera-Salazar, ensured that a fabulous time was had by all. Ballerina buzz abounded as the girls danced from the braid bar, provided by Hot Box Salon, to the Jo Malone fragrance station. From the Neiman Marcus milk and cookies bar to the Dylan's candy shop sample bar; and from the Tom Ford lip gloss bar to a portrait sitting with their mothers, the mother and their children enjoyed a terrific experience. The coup d'grace was given by the event's beneficiary The Children's Ballet of San Antonio, with a delightful dancers' preview.

Founded by Artistic Director Vanessa Bessler, The Children's Ballet of San Antonio inspires the pursuit of excellence and prepares children for productive and creative lives through dance by offering extensive training and performance opportunities for talented children from all backgrounds. The organization serves to showcase the talent and skills of young dancers, allowing dancers as young as eight to dance in lead roles for professionally staged productions.



Daniela Serna, Vanessa Bessler, Michael Rohlf, Xitlalt Herrera Salazar and Ashley Weaver



Emma Hurtado



Mary Conger, Hayley Conger, Catie Conger, Lyles Conger and Maddie Conger



Norma Hassmann, Lucy Hassman and Susan Hassman



Kristin Tips and Peggy Tips



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Izzy Hackney and Rachel Reuter



PLATINUM STYLE

Julian Gold Celebrates 70th Anniversary with Rachel Zoe

By *Tori Johnson* Photography by *Greg Harrison*

We love that the iconic Julian Gold is celebrating their 70th anniversary. They continue to do it in style and in the company of the most stylish. And who could be more chic than a personal appearance by all-star designer and Hollywood stylist, Rachel Zoe?

What started as a chic meet-and-greet over champagne and hors d'oeuvres quickly turned in to the best dressing room party you might ever have the luck of attending. Soon Julian Gold's dressing rooms overflowed with San Antonio's fashionable donning Zoe's Fall 2016 and Resort 2017 collections as the coveted designer in all her trademark 70s glory gracefully became their new best friend as she tucked and tied garments assuring each client looked their absolute best.

For more on the event and an exclusive interview with Rachel Zoe visit [The Society Diaries TV at TheSocietyDiaries.com](http://TheSocietyDiaries.com)



Trianna Grossman, Jolie Flavin and Ashley Weaver



Emilie Petty, Amelita Mauze, Stacey Schlagel, Sonya Medina Williams and Nicole McLean



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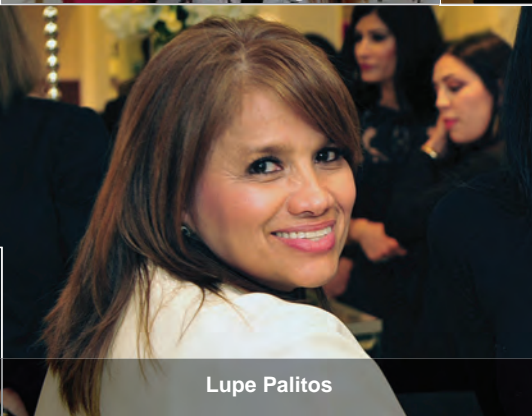
Mona Rrea
and Veronica Rodriguez



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Lupe Palitos



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Rachel Zoe and models



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Erica Silva, Wendy Thorn and Camilla Basse



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Ellie Leeper Morrison, Tori Johnson, Kristine Blount and Alysha Clark

Dominic Alonzo - Hair Innovator of the Year Award

ADMIRABLE AWARDS

2nd Annual San Antonio Fashion Awards Celebrates Most Stylish

By *Tori Johnson* Photography by *Greg Harrison*

The San Antonio fashion industry's most influential creatives were honored recently at the 2nd annual San Antonio Fashion Awards, hosted by StyleLush TV. The chic event happened at the Tobin Center for the Performing Arts where winners were announced in 13 categories. The evening featured a red-carpet arrival, a welcome by City Councilman Roberto Trevino, followed by entertainment from Pink Leche, Mr. Pinata, and a fashion show featuring the Holiday 2016 collection by local designer Geeda J.

The evening concluded with Fashion Group International (FGI) San Antonio awarding the inaugural "Award of Excellence" to former *San Antonio Express-News* fashion writer and emcee of the night, Michael Quintanilla. These awards pay tribute to individuals for their contributions and dedication to the San Antonio fashion community as well as for the remarkable success in their own endeavors.

Sponsorship of the event included: Neiman Marcus, Ken Batchelor Cadillac, FGI San Antonio, Paramour, Couture by Calley, Joyarte, The Agency Model and Talent, Vestigio Life, Smooth Lines Salon & Spa, J for JMR, The Artistry Company, DJ Experience PopGuy, Duable Brand Trust, JTP210 Photography, Four Sandy Feet, and Ashley and Rad Weaver. SAFA also partnered with The City of San Antonio and the Arts & Culture Department and SA2020 for the event.

The winners of the 2016 San Antonio Fashion Awards (SAFA) included:

- Magazine Of The Year: Lance Avery Morgan of *The Society Diaries*
- Retailer Of The Year: Elsa Fernandez of Eye Candy Boutique
- Model Of The Year: Ashanti Nicole of The Agency Model and Talent
- Hair Innovator Of The Year: Dominic Alonzo
- Makeup Innovator Of The Year: Jax Roberson
- Blogger Of The Year: Tori Johnson of TheSTORIBOOK.com
- Fashion Photographer Of The Year: Guillermo Velez
- Fashion Artist Of The Year: Fabian Diaz
- Fashion Event Of The Year: Xitlalt Herrera-Salazar of Neiman Marcus for the 2016 Spring Fashion Show
- Stylist Of The Year: Kirsten Thompson
- Streetwear Designer/Brand Of The Year: Joseph Silvas for Broseph Goods
- Best Menswear Designer: Marcus Andrews for Sartorial Luxury
- Best Womenswear Designer: Valerie J Perez for Verseau



Ashanti Nicole - Model of the Year Award



Ricardo Gutierrez, Melinda Young, Emily McMichael, Carroll Dorsey Walker and Sharron Batchelor



Burgundy Woods and Michael Quintanilla



Guillermo Velez - Photographer of the Year Award

San Antonio FASHION AWARDS



Keandrea Gerard, Claudia Coleman and Kirsten Thompson



Beverly and Michael Rohlf, Sonya Medina-Williams and Daniela Serna



Amelita Mauze, Emilie Petty, Ashley Weaver and Kristin Tips



Aquila Mendez-Valdez and Xitlalt Herrera-Salazar



Sharron Batchelor



ANTIQU ADVANTAGE

Lark Mason Holds Preview Party For Fall

By Jake Gaines Photography by Greg Harrison

Lark Mason, the well-known Asian art veteran appraiser on the *Antiques Roadshow*, held an exhibition preview party in New Braunfels for his fall sales that were held on iGavelAuctions.com. Clients have often sought Mason's expertise to help them evaluate their collections and advise about their purchases or dispensation.



The cocktail event took place in his historic barn in the center of this German town, and both local, San Antonio and Austin guests were able to view a variety of works of art from an important Japanese netsuke collection to costumes from iconic Hollywood movies. In total, seven auctions were represented for clients from as near as San Antonio and Austin, and as far New York City and California.

Guests viewed a range of objects, including Ronald Reagan's presidential porcelain, made for his White House, Camp David, and Air Force One use, as well as *Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom* and *Conan the Barbarian* movie costumes. There was an impressive array of Chinese porcelains and snuff bottles, a pair of highly decorated Chinese hardstone and cloisonné-mounted black lacquer cabinets, and a superb example of a Japanese hibachi carved from a large burl wood root.



The host, Lark Mason, recently expanded his New York City auction presence to New Braunfels in Central Texas. For nearly 25 years Mason was an art specialist with Sotheby's New York, serving as Senior Vice President in the Chinese Works of Art department, as a generalist appraiser, and as Director at Sothebys.com, their first online only sales room. In 2003 Lark created his own online-only fine art and antiques auction site, iGavelAuctions.com. A pioneer in this field of important sales, he regularly breaks world records for online auctions and holds the record of \$4.2 million for a Chinese painting sold on iGavel in 2014 by his eponymous consignment business, Lark Mason Associates.



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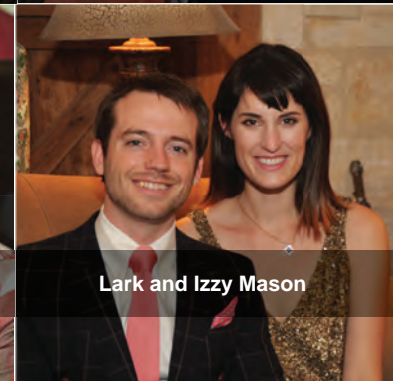
Leslie Schlumberger and Lark Mason



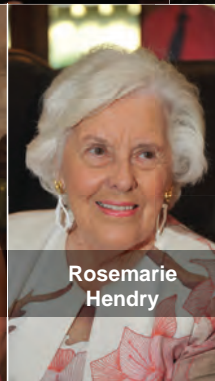
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HALL OF FAMERS

Texas Business Hall Of Fame Hosts 34th Annual Induction

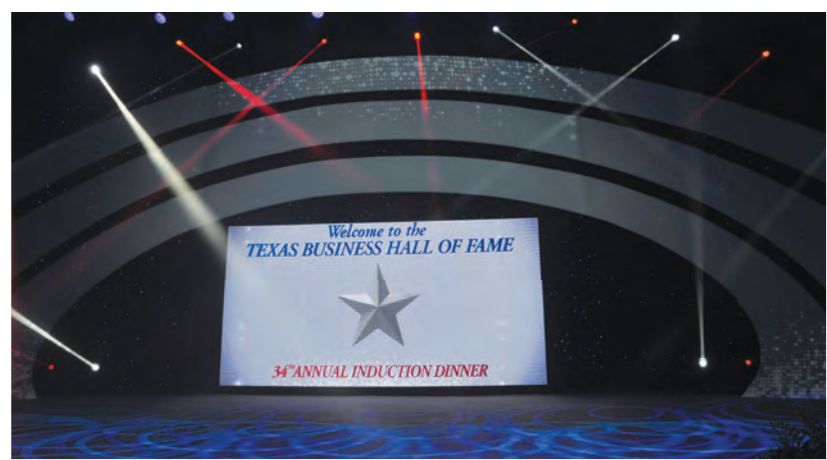
By *Jake Gaines* Photography by *Greg Harrison*

For 34 years, the Texas Business Hall of Fame Foundation has honored the best of Texas' past and present business leaders, and inspired the leadership of the future. Recently the organization celebrated its legacy of perpetuating and inspiring the values of entrepreneurial spirit, personal integrity and community leadership in all generations of Texans.

The dinner, held in the Texas Ballroom of the Grand Hyatt in San Antonio, honored the inducted business leaders Warren E. Buffett, Charles T. Munger, Charles E. Cheever, Gordon V. Hartman, Gary C. Kelly, Dian Graves Stai, and Dennert O. Ware. The master of ceremonies for the event was former mayor of San Antonio, Henry G. Cisneros and the presenting sponsor was Texas Capital Bank.

There was also a luncheon earlier that day where the organization's foundation honored 36 students working towards their bachelor or masters degrees at Texas colleges and universities, awarding each a non-restricted \$15,000 scholarship. To date, nearly 700 scholarships have been awarded to Texas scholars.

For more information, visit TexasBusiness.org



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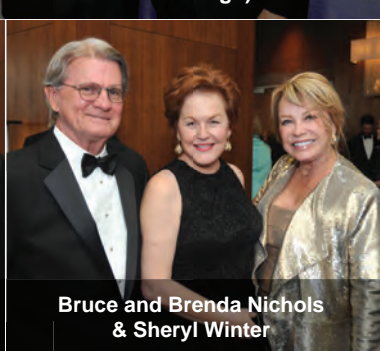
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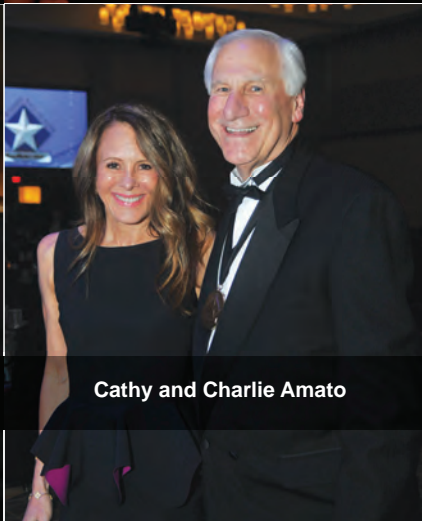
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A TOUCH OF ITALY

Shetler Wade Jewelers Hosts Italian Designer

By *Jake Gaines* Photography by *Greg Harrison*

Shetler Wade Jewelers in San Antonio recently welcomed Marco Bicego for a personal appearance. The store's customers were invited to view the jewelry designer's collections and his one-of-a-kind pieces at the home of Dacia and Lanham Napier.

Since the launch of his eponymous jewelry line in 2000, Marco Bicego has redefined the phrase "everyday luxury." Hand-engraved by second-generation craftsmen in Vicenza, Italy, the iconic gold by Bicego is both striking and elegant. His unique manipulation transforms luxurious 18-karat gold elements into beautifully textured designs of beads, links and coils, resulting in superbly created pieces that blend old world Italian hand craftsmanship with contemporary vision, passion and artistry.

We love that in 2009 Shetler Wade opened their doors at 7373 Broadway. The quality of merchandise and their standard of excellence is the platform of their company, and they value the relationships that continue to grow. For more information visit ShetlerWadeJewelers.com



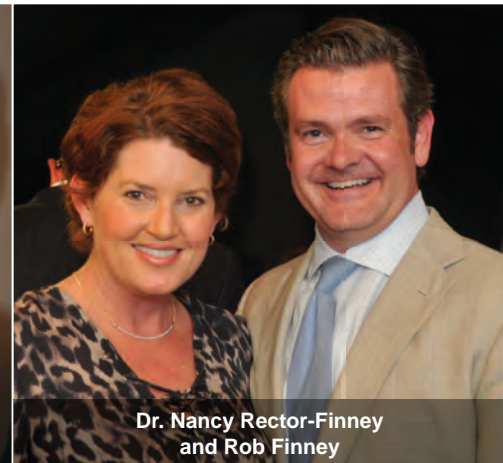
Michelle Shetler, Marco Bicego, Kelly Wade Fry and Dr. Dacia Napier



Jo and Tom Roddy



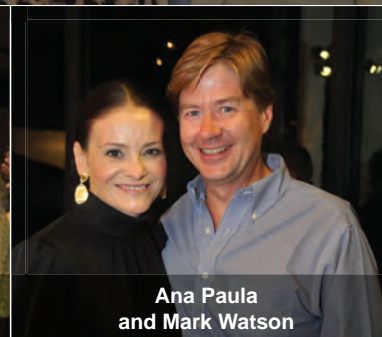
Marco Bicego and Lisa Sechler



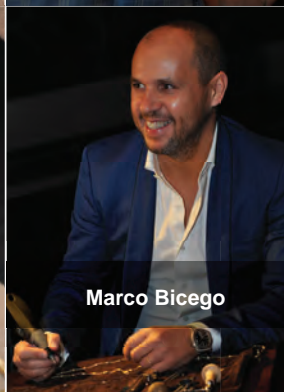
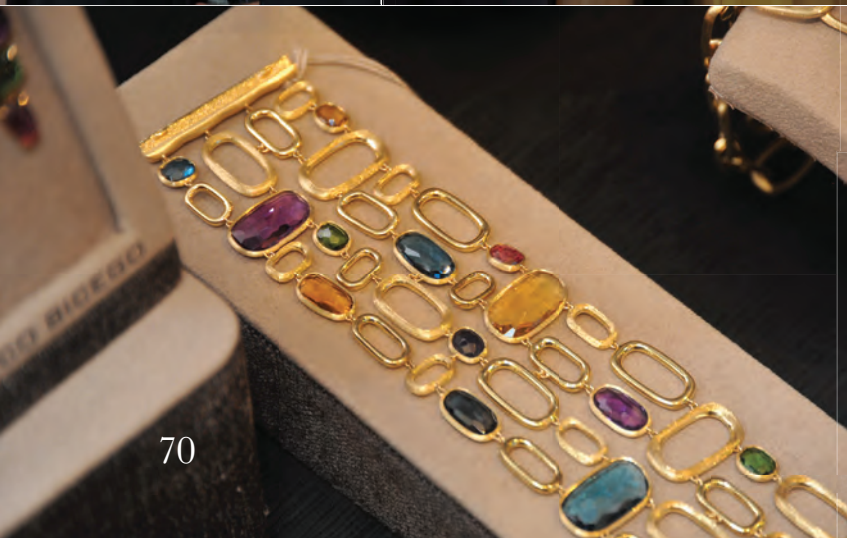
Dr. Nancy Rector-Finney and Rob Finney



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Marco Bicego



Rex and Deborah Amini & Suzanne and Dick Wade

A collection of large, translucent balloons in shades of white, light blue, and light pink are suspended from a ceiling. The balloons are arranged in a way that they appear to be floating. The background is a dark, textured surface, possibly a wall or ceiling, with some structural elements visible. The overall lighting is soft and ambient, creating a festive and elegant atmosphere.

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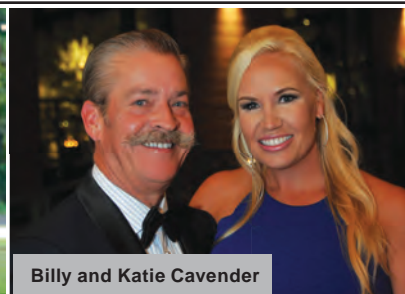


THE SCENE:

Guests of the glorious 62nd annual Chrysanthemum Ball found themselves immersed in a Trinity Flowers peacock-embellished wonderland designed by Danny Cuellar, Danesa Cuellar and Alex Woehrle as they made their way through the Witte Museum Mays Family Center. The cocktail hour launched the energy of an evening to remember. Under a beautiful autumn sky the elegant ball patrons enjoyed drinks and hors d'oeuvres as they mixed and mingled in preparation for the night ahead as they were greeted by a twelve-foot-tall peacock made of a mix of white hydrangea amongst white phalaenopsis and dendrobium orchids.



First row left to right - Kathleen Leflore, Helen Eversberg, Leslie Kingman, Nel Belt - Top row - left to right - Lee Anne Hendry, Aimee Locke, Linda Blount, Terrie Musselman and Kelly Kennedy



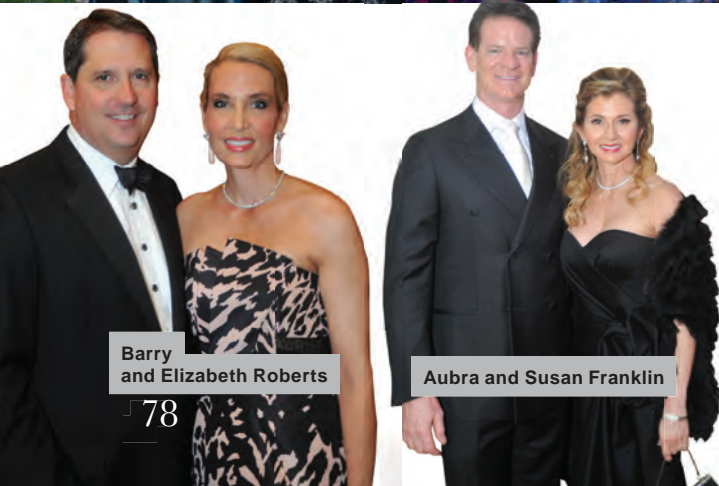
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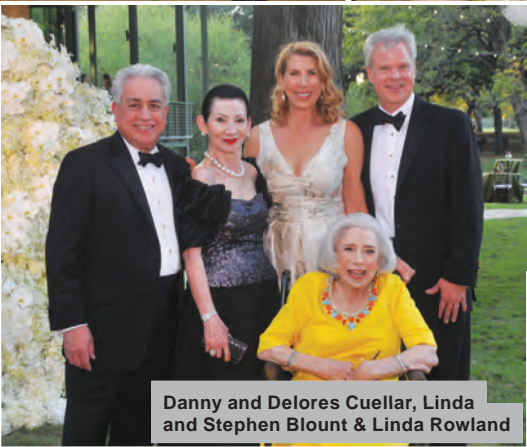
Rhonda and Joe Calvert



Bob and Helen Eversberg

THE VIBE:

As the chimes signaled the beginning of the dinner hour, guests were led to the meal served under a canopy of white paper lanterns interspersed with white orchid leis suspended from the ceiling. The beautifully dressed tables were accented with towering floral arrangements consisted of an array of Green and white spider chrysanthemums, Bella Donna Dephiniums, Vendela Roses in lavender and white, green Hypericum berries, white Hawaiian orchids, Curly Willow Tips... with Italian Ruscus cascading down the centerpiece creations. They sat in These were all in mossed containers sitting atop a white paper birch column of a mossy base with the white Spider Chrysanthemums repeated on the base. The place settings were offset by napkins in the same mossy green hue as the table coverings.



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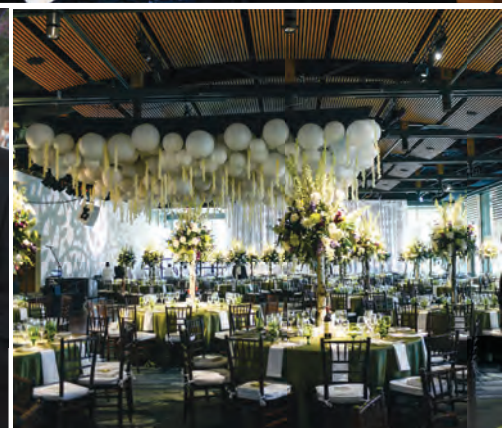
Billy Cavender, WB Cavender, Ruth Eilene Sullivan and Ricky Cavender

THE CAUSE:

The 2016 Chrysanthemum Ball celebrated this year's total grants of over one million dollars to 22 children's charities in Bexar County. The Charity Ball Association of San Antonio, Inc. is a non-profit organization that passionately embraces its mission to support and enhance the quality of life for the children of Bexar County. Sixty-two years ago, a group of visionary, caring & compassionate San Antonio women with a heart for volunteerism recognized that many of the basic needs of the community's children were not being met. It was difficult then, as now, for local children's agencies and services to find money for "bricks and mortar" projects that would create nurturing environments with permanent value benefitting the minds, bodies, and spirits of children in need. The "Community Chest" (today's United Way) primarily funded programs rather than structural needs such as roofs, examining rooms and playgrounds. In order to support what other groups did not fund, these San Antonio women organized the very first Chrysanthemum Ball to benefit Sunshine Cottage and Boysville. Since then, the fundraising efforts of the Charity Ball Association have provided a grand total of over eighteen million dollars (\$18,000,000.00) given to over 200 local programs and agencies that serve the needs of children in our community.



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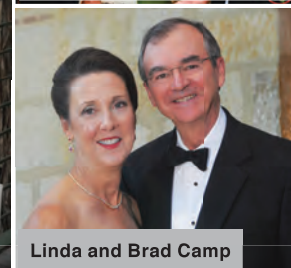
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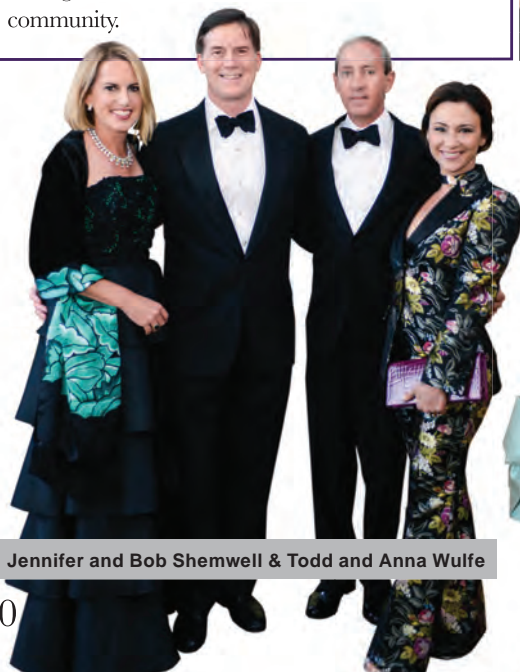
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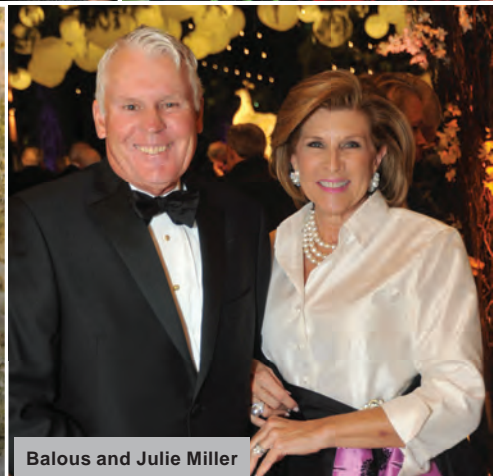
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TWO X TWO X CHIC

amfAR And Dallas Art Museum's TWO x TWO For AIDS And Art Raises Over \$7.5 Million

By Rob Giardinelli | Photography by Kevin Tachman



THE SCENE:
The Richard Meier-designed masterpiece home of Cindy and Howard Rachofsky hosted 500 sociables, celebrities, and other VIPs for the 18th annual TWO x TWO for AIDS and Art benefit dinner and contemporary art auction. Chaired by Nancy C. Rogers, the event attracted some of the biggest figures in the art-collecting scene, especially during the hot ticket First Look preview event, where collectors scouted for their next big acquisition. This year's TWO x TWO featured show-stopping celebrity performances, over 100 pieces of exquisite bid-worthy contemporary art, and a great cause, making for one heck of a wonderful time.



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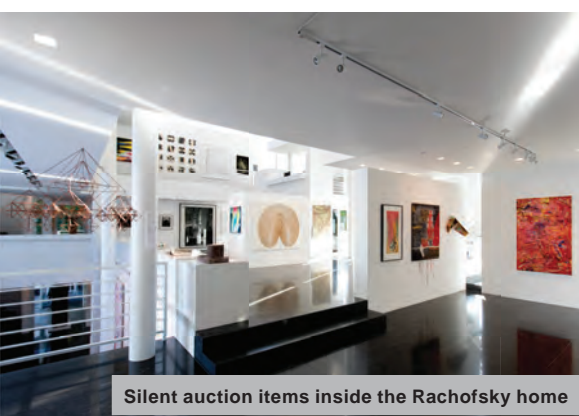
Nancy Rogers



Jamie Niven & Cindy and Howard Rachofsky



Will Cromley, Jared Lehr, Cisely Saldana, Zoe Saldana and Michael Patrick



Silent auction items inside the Rachofsky home



Patrick and Lindsey Collins

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Ricky Martin performs



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Brian Kelly & Teddy and Milissa Sears

THE VIBE:

The silver and mirrored theme evening allowed the black-tie clad crowd and celebrities mingle seamlessly about the estate during the Dom Pérignon and Belvedere-sponsored cocktail reception and silent auction, while viewing the incredible art – which would later be featured in a silent auction – from multiple angles and vantage points.

The party progressed to the Freedom, a 7,000 square foot geodesic dome towering 48 feet high where a five-star, multi-course dinner was served during a stunning program that included remarks from the Rachofskys thanking presenting sponsors Harry Winston and Cadillac. Also acknowledged were the artists on hand and other notables who made this sensational evening possible, while master of ceremonies and acclaimed actor Teddy Sears introduced a sponsor thank you video by longtime TWO x TWO and longtime amfAR supporter Alan Cumming.

The evening continued with a live auction helmed by auctioneer Jamie Niven, which featured a piece of art, *Untitled*, by 2016 amfAR honoree Laura Owens that singlehandedly fetched a cool \$1.2 million dollars. The series of experiences was capped by a powerful performance by singer and pop-cultural icon Ricky Martin, who raised the dome’s roof by singing several of his greatest hits, bringing everyone in the room to their feet.

THE CAUSE:

The extravaganza raised a mind-blowing \$7.5 million benefitting amfAR for essential AIDS research initiatives, as well as the Dallas Museum of Art Contemporary Art Acquisitions Fund. Over the course of 18 years, the annual TWO x TWO event has raised over \$67 million dollars for these fine causes.

ENTRANCE: SAN ANTONIO



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GIVING THE GREEN LIGHT

Southwest School Of Art Celebrates New Era

By *Jake Gaines* | Photography by *Greg Harrison*



Elise Boyan, Jyl and Randy Cain, Paula Owen & Cari Hill



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Caroleene Dobson, Julia Jessee, Kate Cavender, Charlotte Carlton and Kate Banham

THE SCENE:
Recently at the Southwest School of Art it was a full house of elegant gala patrons and their guests in the beautiful McNutt Gardens and Coates Chapel that provided the picturesque backdrop for both the gala dinner and the art sale, sponsored by Ernst & Young.



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Dina Deleon and Robert Perez

THE VIBE:

Guests sipped cocktails while strolling through the stunning Coates chapel to view the various works of art available for purchase. Fabulous décor, lighting, music and a sumptuous meal provided by Club Giraud all set the tone for a perfect al fresco evening. Following the limited edition raffle and brief auction, the festivities continued late into the night as the after party sponsored by Neiman Marcus San Antonio who put the finishing touch on an already-stellar gala.

THE CAUSE:

Elise Boyan, Jyl and Randy Cain, Paula Owen and Cari Hill presided over the evening as the event's co-chairs, board of trustee chair and president. The Southwest School of Art warmly thanks all of the many Gala sponsors, patrons, artists, businesses and others who so generously gave to the School through this event. The mission of The Southwest School of Art (SSA) is to teach, preserve and advance the visual arts including the BFA degree program, the Adult Studio Program, the Young Artist Programs, and the Exhibitions Program. The school preserves the former Ursuline Convent and Academy as a place of historic significance.



Linda and Phil Hardberger & Angelika Jansen-Brown



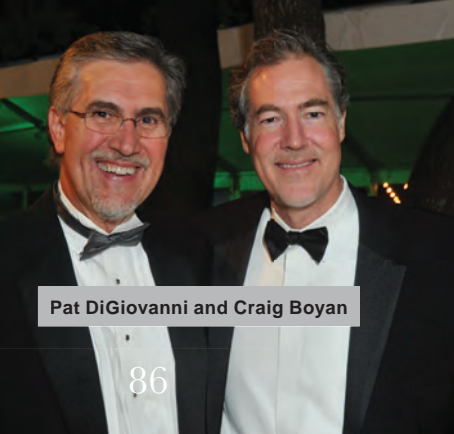
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Women's Symphony League Luncheon And Jewel Ball
Features Designer Brandon Maxwell

By Rob Giardinelli | Photography by Charles Quinn Photography

THE SCENE:
Over the course of two days, The Women's Symphony League of Austin hosted events featuring acclaimed designer Brandon Maxwell, as well as the long-standing tradition of presenting Texas' most illuminating debutantes on a grand scale. The festivities began on Friday at the JW Marriott, where over 500 guests enjoyed a fashion show courtesy of Julian Gold. The guest speaker, Longview-bred designer Brandon Maxwell, who has dressed among others, outgoing First Lady Michelle Obama and Lady Gaga, enthralled the audience with a Q&A on his point of view of the Texas woman's style. On Saturday evening, over a thousand attendees descended upon the Palmer Events Center for the 62nd Annual Jewel Ball presentation where the black-tie affair embraced the longstanding tradition supporting one of Austin's most beloved charities.



Diamond Queen Catherine Powell and King Brio LI, Joe Holt



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Driskill Stallworth, Ali Bills and Dana Harris



THE VIBE:

The luncheon-chic clad crowd on hand for the meal and accompanying fashion show began in the foyer of the JW Marriott where the League's fashionistas and their guests visited the pop-up boutiques placed throughout the space, including such acclaimed designers as India Hicks, Rare Trends, Liz James Designs, Rosse & James and Rae Cosmetics. The action then turned to the ballroom to dine on a scrumptious lunch and then view a spectacular fashion show courtesy of Julian Gold, created by Sue Webber Productions, dazzling the room with a runway show of classically chic designs.



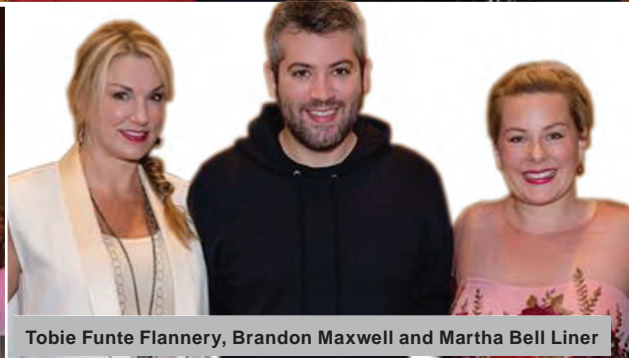
Brandon Maxwell



Cindy Cotrady, Jackie Lloyd and Barbara Beebee



Tina Kemmerer and Sharon Wilson



Tobie Funte Flannery, Brandon Maxwell and Martha Bell Liner

The formally dressed crowd on hand for the Jewel Ball was a family affair with many tables of four generations supporting friends and love ones for what has become a rite of passage for Austin's social elite. The evening began with a cocktail hour and silent auction, after which the guests ventured to their tables for dinner and the Royal Court presentation. The college-aged women in the Court consisted of a Diamond Queen and several Princesses from Austin, while the Visiting Jewel Court represented performing arts organizations throughout Texas, all of whom were escorted by their fathers and junior members of the court. After the presentation, the festivities continued well into the night with a casino night and dancing to the sounds of the Royal Dukes Band while aerialists performed from the ceiling above the guests, the perfect way to conclude two days of fashion, tradition and fun.



Lillian Montgomery, Kathy Smith, Sonja Holt, Cindy Willis and Mary Gay Grigg



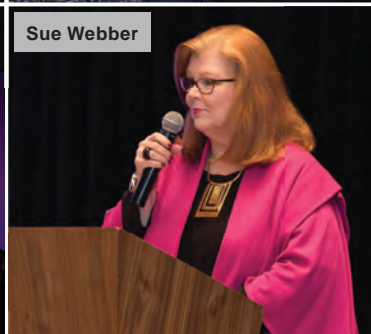
Mary Padgett and Mike Maxwell

THE CAUSE:

Proceeds from the luncheon and fashion show co-chaired by Tina Kemmerer, Sue Webber and Sharon Wilson as well as the Jewel Ball, co-chaired by Dr. Barbara Crockett and Martha Bell Liner, benefitted the Women's Symphony League of Austin which provides music-oriented educational opportunities for the youth of Central Texas.



Julian Gold models



Sue Webber

MAKING AN IMPRESSION

Museum Of Fine Arts Houston Gala Celebrates Degas

By Jennifer Roosth | Photography by Jenny Antill and Wilson Parish



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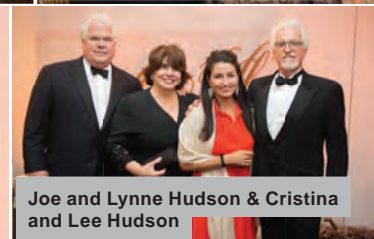
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Lela and Robin Gibbs



Laurie Morian, Karol Barnhart, Greg Fourticq and Aliyya Stude



Gary Tinterow and Christopher Gardner

THE SCENE:

The 2016 Grand Gala Ball drew more than 450 guests to the Museum of Fine Arts Houston's Cullinan Hall for an evening themed *Come Dance with Me!* celebrating the exhibition *Degas: A New Vision* and the artist's iconic ballerinas. Guests entered a tent decked with rose gold garlands and five sparkling chandeliers for a night of epic dining and dancing. During the cocktail hour, a *tableau vivant* performance by ballerinas atop a rose petal covered pedestal brought Degas's work to life through the gestures of his graceful subjects.

THE VIBE:

The life and influences of French artist Edgar Degas was the vibe of the evening. Décor by Todd Events included tables set with centerpieces of antique pink garden roses, crystal candelabras, luxurious linens, and pavé floral columns. Guests danced the night away enjoying the sounds of the Jordan Kahn Orchestra.

City Kitchen wowed the crowd with a menu that included lobster salad, pan roasted breast of chicken with Cognac and crème fraiche, and pumpkin with sage and hazelnuts. For dessert, guests indulged in *ile flottante* with crème anglaise. Wines were generously donated by Lee and Cristina Hudson, and Lisa and Ralph Eads—supplying the event with their spectacular Chardonnay from Napa, and Bordeaux from Saint Émilio, respectively.

THE CAUSE:

This year's gala was chaired by Laurie and Reed Morian and raised over \$1.85 million, directly benefitting the operating budget of the Museum of Fine Arts Houston. Underwriters for the event included The Honorable and Mrs. Hushang Ansary, Mindy and Jeff Hildebrand, Nancy and Rich Kinder, Barbara and Gerald D. Hines, Robert and Janice McNair, The Sarofim Family, Diane Lokey Farb, Cherie and Jim Flores, Lynne and Joe Hudson, Cornelia and Meredith Long, Alfred C. Glassell, III, Carol and Michael Linn, and Lisa and Ralph Eads.

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GAME NIGHT

Witte Museum Hosts 46th Annual Dinner

By *Jake Gaines* | Photography by *Greg Harrison*



Yvonne Gonzales, Tashya Riggs and Tracee Feik



THE SCENE:

Nearly 1,300 guests donned their finest western chic attire at the 46th Annual Witte Game Dinner on October 16th. Society sweethearts, corporate and city leaders and long-time patrons of the Witte celebrated this annual event in its new home in the Mays Family Center and Zachry Family Acequia Garden, the newest addition to the growing Witte campus. The Zachry Family Acequia Garden, mirrored by Brackenridge Park and the San Antonio River, was filled with tables decorated in “picnic chic” with a contemporary blue and white check. This year’s theme, *A Family Tradition*, celebrated the legendary heritage of San Antonio and Texas families, all with “Witte stories”, and at the same time the New Witte expanded museum campus, where there will be many more transformational stories for generations to come.



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Bartell Zachry, Marise McDermott and Mollie Zachry



Caroline and Rick Kuper



Callie Ramirez and Dr. Stephen Ramirez



THE VIBE:

The annual Witte Game Dinner, the Museum's largest fundraising event, is known for its unique South Texas cuisine, which was created by Rosemary Kowalski and the RK Group 46 years ago. This year guests were treated to a new element brought by Pioneer and C.H. Guenther and Son, Inc. Pioneer was the event's first new Presenting Sponsor in 14 years and brought with it additional delicious menu items such as the Pioneer Biscuit and Waffle bar. Gathering together in the Zachry Family Acequia Garden, guests danced the night away to local favorite, Charlie Robison.



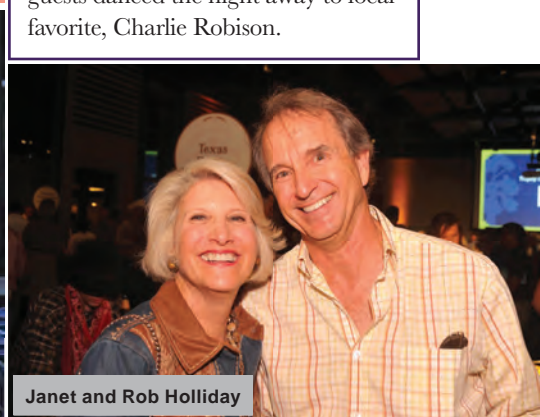
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Dan Kirtland and Sandy East



Dick and Suzanne Wade



Janet and Rob Holliday



Lisa Ortiz and Rita Feik



Molly and Michael Amini



Rhoda Calvert, Gretchen Lahourcade and Margaret Barnes



Pam Gilbert, Rochelle Hunt and Tricia Steves



Kristen Horton and Molly Krouch

THE CAUSE:

This year's shindig was co-chaired by Nancy and Robert Hunt and their daughter and son-in-law, Helen and Paul Rohlfs, Jr., along with a committee of parents and children. Serving as honorary chairs were Mollie and Bartell Zachry and their family. The Witte Game Dinner is one of San Antonio's most longstanding and beloved fundraising events. Proceeds from the Game Dinner raise essential operational funds allowing the Witte Museum to continue its mission of promoting lifelong learning throughout Texas. The funds raised at this year's event were even more important as the Witte prepares for the debut of the final stages of the campus expansion in March 2017.



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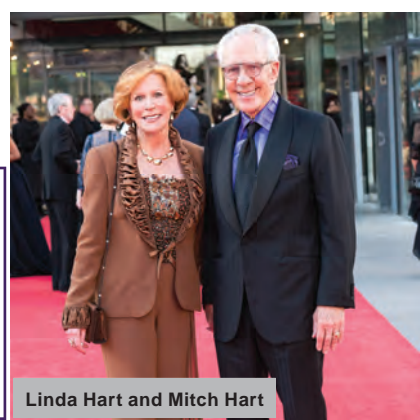


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Dallas Opera's First Sight And First Night Events Sparkle

By Jake Gaines | Photography by Karen Almond and Lara Bierner



Linda Hart and Mitch Hart

THE SCENE:

A perfect fall weekend was the setting of the festivities and the official start of the Dallas Opera's 60th season with a luncheon and gala. Fashionistas first flocked to the First Sight fashion show and luncheon for a fabulous presentation produced by Rhonda Sargent Chambers spotlighting Versace and NorthPark Center. Approximately 230 guests filled the C. Vincent Prothro Lobby in the Margot and Bill Winspear Opera House for an afternoon of fun, food, fashion, and friendship. The following evening was effervescent with enthusiasm as several hundred patrons also celebrated the kick-off of the opera season with the festivities of First Night. The red carpet was ablaze with glitter and glamour as guests donning designer gowns and dashing tuxedos entered the reception prior to the gourmet pre-performance dinner.



Kai Ruutel, Keith Cerny, Jennifer Cerny, Andrei Bondarenkoa and Svetlana Aksenova



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Opera costume from Rodelinda



Natalie Lo, Kara Goss, Rhonda Marcus, Tiffany Divis and Rachel Roberts



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Carrie Bellerive, Sandy Bellerive, Allison Nigg and Marcy Nigg



Stacey McCord, Michelle Lockhart and Lisa Rocchio



Nick Even, Lynn McBee, Joyce Mitchell and Tucean Webb

THE VIBE:

For the luncheon, the fashion show began with a flurry of fantastic costumes from past Dallas Opera productions to add an air of authenticity and artistry to the event. The designers represented were Peter J. Hall (*Rodelinda*, *Aida*, *Otello*), Allen Charles Klein (*La vida breve*), and Nicolas Dvigubsky (*Boris Godunov*). Guests marveled at the creativity, detail, luscious fabrics, and adornments of the pieces enhanced by the beautiful set designed by Larry Leathers.

At the gala, upon entering the Sammons Park Tent, guests marveled at the shimmering décor with a nod to 1957 glamour. Greeted with champagne, the buzz centered on the poignant Linda and Mitch Hart season opening night performance of *Eugene Onegin* they were to experience later that evening. The room was adorned with glistening crystal chandeliers, lush red carpet, black and white themed table settings and linens, glimmering gold-accented glasses, gold flatware, and a unique crystal lily flower at each place setting.

THE CAUSE:

The luncheon chairs were Tiffany Divis, Kara Goss, and Rhonda Marcus. The gala was chaired by Ellen and Don Winspear, with Joyce and Harvey Mitchell serving as honorary chairs. The Opening Weekend Sponsor was The Eugene McDermott Foundation, while NorthPark Center and Deutsche Bank Wealth Management served as the Presenting Sponsors of the gala. The events' proceeds benefited The Dallas Opera, a world-class performing arts organization producing outstanding mainstage and chamber opera repertoire; attracting national and international attention; committed to extensive community outreach and education; and managed to the highest possible standards of artistic excellence, accountability, efficiency and financial sustainability.

COUTURE CATRINA

Second Annual Mexic-Arte Museum Catrina Ball Sizzles

By Rob Giardinelli | Photography by Caselli and Breezy Ritter

THE SCENE:

Hundreds of the city's most influential cultural and artistic influencers gathered for an evening of masquerade, fashion, and philanthropy: Mexic-Arte Museum's second annual Catrina Ball. The Four Seasons Hotel in Austin held over 300 guests for the event, showcasing how, in just two years, it has become one of the most anticipated events of the city's fall social season.



Sylvia Orozco and Elizabeth Caples Rogers



Sofia Avila and Victoria Avila



Edgar and Laurel Prats



Roberto Fiebig & Ana and Alejandro Ruelas



David Allan and Becky Beaver

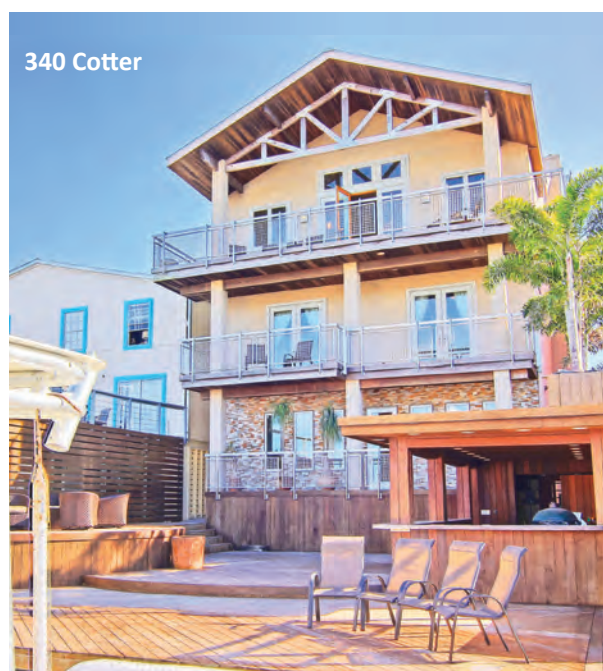


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Laura Villagran Johnson, Cassie Lamere and Maria Orozova



Ane Urquiola, Debora Licon, Rosa Maria Avila and Raquel Bolek



Tiburzcio Franco Herrera and Brian Kielely

THE VIBE:

The welcoming energy was evident from the moment the black-tie clad sophisticates entered the foyer, where guests raised glasses of champagne to toast the incredible evening ahead. Donning full Día de los Muertos makeup, performers mingled about the foyer as an homage to famed artist José Guadalupe Posada's 1913 etching masterpiece Calavera Catrina, known in English as *The Elegant Skull*. The costumed skeletons, complete with lush rose crowns and festively inspired couture, elevated the creative spirit throughout the room.

The action then turned to the ballroom where the crowd dined, and two awards were presented in honor of individuals with great influence in Austin and beyond. Acclaimed attorney Becky Beaver was awarded with the Patrón Simply Perfect Master of the Arts Award, and Master Sculptor Sebastian was awarded with the Lifetime Achievement in the Arts Award. The dazzling evening continued with a couture fashion show by Sebastian, featuring gowns that were displayed at Paris Fashion Week and models wearing the night's thematic make-up. The evening concluded as guests danced the night away to the tunes of local jazz band, The Brew.

THE CAUSE:

The event, chaired by Sofia Avila, Victoria Avila, Alina Flores Gonzales, and Laurel and Edgar Prats, raised funds for Mexic-Arte Museum, which is dedicated to the cultural enrichment and education of both traditional and contemporary Latin American, Latino and Mexican art and culture, and to promote dialogue to develop an understanding of Latin American culture for visitors of all ages.

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Inaugural Fashion X Houston's Triumphant Debut

By Rob Giardinelli | Photography by Carlos Barron, Gregg Cestaro, Todd White, Leah Wilson and Treva Wygle



Rob Giardinelli, Carolyn Farb and Lance Avery Morgan



Brad and Joanna Marks, Hannah and Cal McNair & Stephanie Gonzalez



Model wearing Miles David



Model wearing Bentley & Lace

THE SCENE:

Three incredible evenings at Houston's Silver Street Studios were recently the setting for cutting edge fashion. Honoring the outstanding women, Caroline Knapp, Hannah McNair, Joanna Marks, and Lucinda Loya who help make Houston the worldwide style mecca it has become, the city's top emerging designers presented stunning collections showcasing their depth of talent. Fashion X Houston, presented by Cadillac, dazzled over 1,500 members of the stylish community. This debut event is an expansion of founder Matt Swinney's successful Fashion X Dallas and Austin Fashion Week.



Model wearing Chloe Dao



Model wearing Daniel Esquivel



Model wearing Alantude



Model wearing Mysterious by NPN



Neal Hamil and Jerri Moore



Kara and Matt Swinney



Model wearing ensemble from Caroline Knapp's Closet



Lucinda and Javier Loya



Becky Hollands collection



Chelsea Cavitt, Laura Anderson, Brittany McClauley and Elyse Spreen



Inclan Studio collection



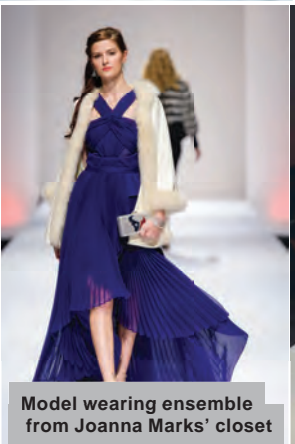
Model wearing ensemble from Lucinda Loya's Closet



Caroline Knapp and Matt Swinney



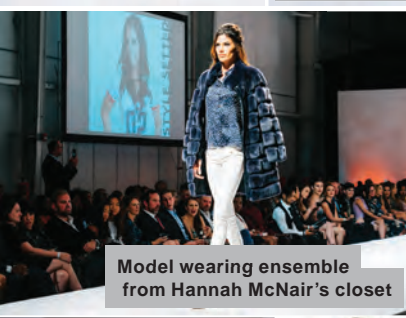
Model wearing Chavon Shree



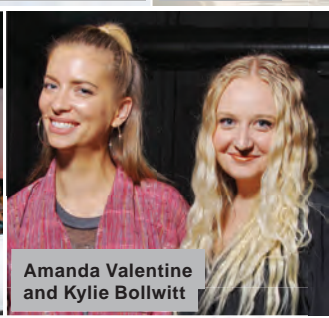
Model wearing ensemble from Joanna Marks' closet



Model wearing Sean Kelly



Model wearing ensemble from Hannah McNair's closet



Amanda Valentine and Kylie Bollwitt



Emily Smith, Kara Smith and Lauren Alexandra



Model wearing Korto Momolu



Jeremy and Jaquel Andrews, Berry Fairchild and Joseph Cochran

THE VIBE:

The chic crowd wore a perfect blend of cutting edge artistic flair and cocktail attire. Everyone expressed their imaginative style, feeling welcome and "in fashion," creating a fun and festive atmosphere throughout the three evenings. Whether posing for photos on the red carpet, shooting an eight second video courtesy of Cadillac, or visiting the Chloe Wines VIP lounge, this fashionable set rubbed-elbows with the fashion designers who were on hand to present during the tour-de-fashion. Each evening featured approximately ten runway collections from top local and national designers, including several alumni from the hit Lifetime show *Project Runway*. Guests were treated to an incredible series of fashion-forward collections featuring something for everyone: for the young to the young at heart, from street wear to ball gowns.

THE CAUSE:

Fashion X Houston announced The Style Setter honors, bestowed unto Houston women who are known for their show-stopping flair and their devotion to give back to the community. A portion of the proceeds honoring Thursday evening's Style Setter Caroline Knapp benefitted Heroes for Children, while a portion of the proceeds on Friday evening's Style Setters Hannah McNair and Joanna Marks benefitted The Periwinkle Foundation, and a portion of the proceeds on Saturday evening's Style Setter Lucinda Loya benefitted Children's Assessment Center.

COURTSHIP CELEBRATION

Elizabeth Leyendecker and Peter Greenblum Engagement Event

By *Jake Gaines* | Photography by *Greg Harrison*



Elizabeth Leyendecker and Peter Greenblum

The best of Laredo was combined with San Antonio recently to celebrate the engagement of Elizabeth Leyendecker and Peter Greenblum, both originally from Laredo. The festive dinner party was hosted by Elizabeth's lifelong friends at the home of Gobie Waldsdorf and Ana Montoya in Olmos Park, San Antonio.

The menu for the evening's feast was created by the hosts while the music of the Prado Jazz Band provided a magical atmosphere amongst the glow of soft candlelight and the glorious floral arrangements created by Dr. Vivian Bucay.

There were numerous heartfelt toasts for the couple, a testament of the longtime friendships of the honorees and their guests. The couple loved being surrounded by their children, Jay and Karina Leyendecker, Jonathan Leyendecker, Grant Greenblum and Garrett Greenblum. The hosts for the special gathering were Drs. Vivian and Moises Bucay, Epitacio Resendez and Hunter Henke, Elizabeth Torres and Steve Poulakis, Alice and Billy Bob Strunk, Gabriella and Jimmy Tawil, Analee and Jay Trautman, Ana Montoya and Gobie Walsdorf.



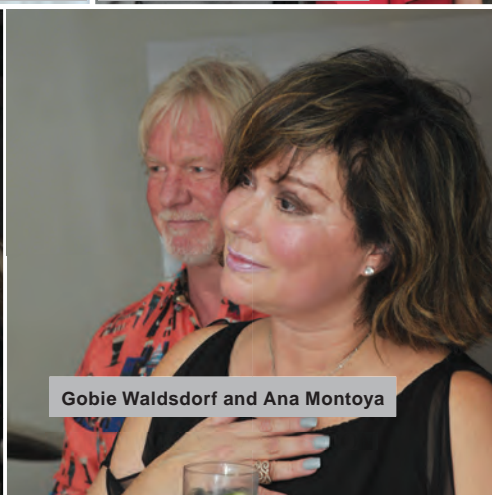
Drs Vivian and Moises Bucay



Albert and Tenchita Flores



Melissa Jacaman, Savanah Longoria, Ashley Longoria and Karina Leyendecker



Gobie Waldsdorf and Ana Montoya



Mary Lamar Leyendecker and Janice Gonzalez



John Notzon and Denise Jacaman



Laci Darr and Grant Greenblum



Karina and Jay Leyendecker



Jamie Gonzales, Jessica Meischen and Robert Trevino



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Anthony Rodriguez and Candy Walker



Cecilia Corso, Leo Greenblum and Chris Corso



Rocio and Chuck Jacaman & Melissa and Justin Jacaman



Epitacio Resendez and Hunter Henke



Pilar Starnes, Analee Trautmann and Christina Rubey



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Ashley and Tim Polamteer



Sergio Ponce and Ashley Ponce Polmateer

IT'S ALWAYS *You*

Ashley Ponce Weds Tim Polmateer

By Jake Gaines Photography by Loft Photography

IT WAS A STUNNING DAY TO REMEMBER WHEN ASHLEY PONCE of Sugar Land, daughter of Siobhan and Sergio Ponce, wed Tim Polmateer, son of Patty and Dale Polmateer of Poughkeepsie, New York. The bride and groom each graduated from Yale University. The groom popped the question when the couple vacationed in Merida, Mexico to visit Ashley's extended family. In front of 30 family members, including Ashley's parents, last Christmas Eve he made a speech and then turned to Ashley, dropped to one knee and proposed.

A destination Hill Country wedding at Camp Lucy in Dripping Springs was the perfect choice for the couple and the service held at the venue's Sacred Oaks. The bride wore a Vera Wang gown and the theme of the day was classic elegance with a southern twist embellished by the colors of gold, blush, and ivory details set amongst the lush organic greenery in the florals and natural venue landscape. The ceremony was officiated by the bride's cousin, Aleksey Sabido and the couple created their own vows. "To hear each other say those vows in front of our family and friends in the ceremony was a magical moment," shared the bride Ashley Ponce Polmateer.

Allie Cassidy served as the bride's matron of honor, along with Melanie Stein as the maid of honor. The other bridesmaids were Ashley Ammons, Ellie Rajcevich, Diana Bernal, Andriana Diez, Estelle Grasset, Indiana Porta, and the groom's sister, Dana Rost. The groom's best men were Antuan Cannon and Bryan Fulmer with groomsmen Michael White, David Krauss, and the bride's brothers Bruce Ponce, Keith Ponce, Erickson Ponce, and Ryan Ponce.

Jessica Moore from Something to Celebrate was the day-of coordinator, along with the Camp Lucy team. For the floral décor, Verbena Florals beautifully incorporated peonies, garden roses and dahlias amongst the lush overflowing greenery. Sweet Treats Bakery designed the citrus-vanilla wedding cake that had Verbena-arranged florals cascading down around it, topped with a simple gold script topper that said, simply, "Love." The bride's signature drink was a "Bride's Bouquet" of Champagne with St. Germaine and raspberries, while the groom's specialty cocktail, since the wedding was on Derby Day, was a "Mint-To-Be" Julep.

The rehearsal dinner before the wedding was at the Rattle Inn Rooftop in downtown Austin while the Salt Lick catered the affair for out of state guests to enjoy Texas BBQ.

The couple now resides in New York where the bride is an Equity Research Associate at Morgan Stanley and the groom is a Mergers and Acquisitions attorney at Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft. For their honeymoon, the duo traveled to Rio de Janeiro and Fernando de Noronha, Brazil, the first on their long list of sights to see together in the future. **S**



Siobhan and Sergio Ponce, Ashley and Tim Polmateer, and Patty and Dale Polmateer





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Props: Loot Vintage Rentals Stylist Assistant: Robin Huneycutt

Makeup Artist: Lauren Garcia

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Nail Artist: Elaine Khong Sitzings Editor: Lance Avery Morgan



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STAIRWAY TO HEAVEN
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NATURE'S FINEST
RIGHT: Gown by Mysterious by NPN.
Price upon request. LEFT: Gold
fringe top and hand-tufted skirt by
Becky Hollands, Price upon request.
Jewelry: stylist's own.

opposite:
ALWAYS CAMERA READY
Gown by Oscar De La Renta, \$7990
at Julian Gold. Snowflake rhinestone
clutch \$395 at Julian Gold. Jewelry:
stylist's own.

DRAWING A CONCLUSION

Gown by Zac Posen, \$4990 at Neiman Marcus. Necklace (worn as head piece) by Oscar De La Renta, Price upon request at Julian Gold. Shoes by Christian Louboutin, \$1095 at Saks Fifth Avenue. Hand insignia satchel by Alexander McQueen, \$2695 at Neiman Marcus. LEFT: Gown by Caroline Herrera, \$4990 at Saks Fifth Avenue. Layered necklaces by Steph Kantis at Saks Fifth Avenue. Shoes by Valentino, \$1395 at Saks Fifth Avenue.







LUXE BE A LADY

Brocade hat by Mysterious by NPN, price upon request. Shoes by Gucci, \$990 at Neiman Marcus. Gold bag by Saint Laurent, \$1250 at Neiman Marcus. Black clutch by Saint Laurent, \$1650 at Neiman Marcus. Red velvet clutch, \$48 at The Garden Room. Sunglasses by Chloe, \$396 at Neiman Marcus. Bib necklace by Bonnie Strauss, \$385 at The Garden Room. Tulle scarf by Petrushka, \$158 at The Garden Room.

opposite:

IF THE SHOE FITS

Gown by Marchesa, \$1195 at Neiman Marcus. Earrings by Oscar De La Renta, \$425 at Julian Gold. Bracelet by Lizzy Couture, \$448 at The Garden Room. Shoes by Christian Louboutin, \$1095 at Saks Fifth Avenue. Gown on mannequin by Mysterious By NPN, price upon request. Scarf by Gypsy Shawl, \$312 at The Garden Room. Bucket bag on sofa by Alexander McQueen, price upon request at Neiman Marcus. Hand insignia satchel by Alexander McQueen, \$2695 at Neiman Marcus. Rainboots by Gucci, \$570 from Saks Fifth Avenue.





LAWN PARTY

Skirt by Escada, \$1650 at Saks Fifth Avenue. Sweater by Brunello Cucinelli, \$2295 at Neiman Marcus. Guitar/Camera strap by Valentino, \$1125 at Neiman Marcus. Shoes are model's own. Jewelry: stylist's own. LEFT: Gown by Alexander McQueen, \$5995 at Saks Fifth Avenue. Bracelet by Lizzy Couture, \$448 at The Garden Room. Sunglasses by Chloe, \$396 at Neiman Marcus. Shoes by Christian Louboutin, \$675 at Neiman Marcus. Jewelry: stylist's own.

above:

AL FRESCO GLAM

Bucket bag by Alexander McQueen, price upon request at Neiman Marcus, Knuckle box clutch by Alexander McQueen, price upon request at Neiman Marcus. Purple shoulder bag by Nancy Gonzalez, \$3200 at Saks Fifth Avenue. Sunglasses by Chloe, \$396 at Neiman Marcus.







opposite:
AIMING HIGH
Gown by Halston Heritage, \$695 at Saks Fifth Avenue. Jewelry: stylist's own.

MIRROR, MIRROR
Gown by Jovani, \$650 at Neiman Marcus. Earrings by Oscar De La Renta, price upon request at Julian Gold. Clutch by Edie Parker, \$1195 at Julian Gold. Bracelets: stylist's own.

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By Lance Avery Morgan and Jonathan Spindel

Additional Contributors: Tori Johnson,
Ellie Leeper Morrison, Jennifer Roosth and Cynthia Smoot

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ART SCENE

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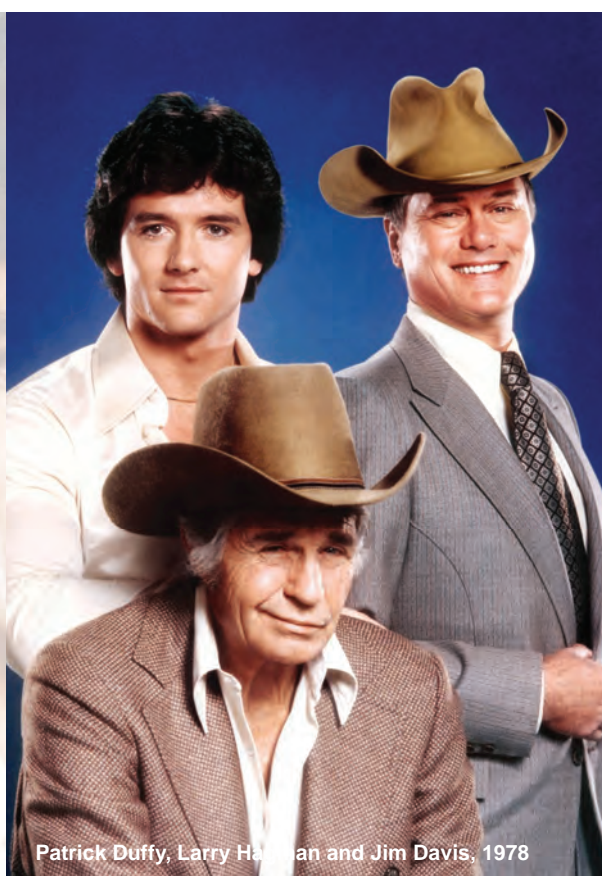
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CINEMA

We have declared *Giant* the quintessential State Film of Texas and it certainly leads the way of how much revenue film and TV production means to the state. From filmmakers Robert Rodriguez and Richard Linklater to Terence Malick's much anticipated *Weightless* this spring and the AMC miniseries being shot here, *The Son*, if there's a story to tell, there's a talented Texan to tell it.



Dallas T.V. cast, 1970s



Patrick Duffy, Larry Hagman and Jim Davis, 1978

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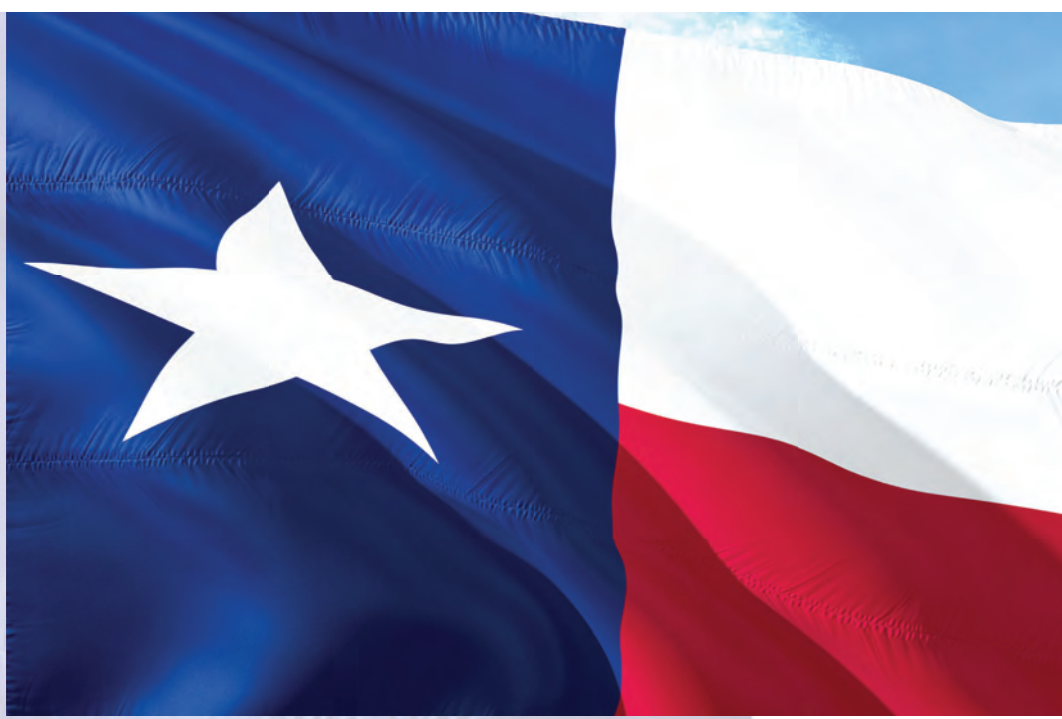


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Fiesta River Parade

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GONE TEXAN



David O. Selznick Collection of Gone With The Wind film

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HARRY RANSOM

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From the extraordinarily ambitious Howard Hughes to a current host of Texas tycoons, our state's ingenious industrialists have made the Lone Star State's economy reach among the top ten largest in the world, and it's still growing.



J

The first Texans in the White House, LBJ and Lady Bird made a big global impact, including the Civil Rights Act. Their Texas-sized achievements are commemorated across the nation, recently in the hit *All The Way on Broadway* and HBO, with another look at his presidency, *The Great Society*, premiering at ZACH Theatre in Austin this year.



Lady Bird Johnson, President Lyndon B. Johnson, Lynda Bird Johnson, and Luci Baines Johnson. family portrait, 11/30/1963. Courtesy of The LBJ Presidential Library

JOHNSON



Ladybird, Lynda and Luci Johnson



KING RANCH

K

The larger-than-life ranch at 825,00 acres strong, indeed the largest in Texas, symbolizes of the ambition and grit of the men and women who built one of the first Texas dynasties. In fact, after founder Richard King's passing, Mrs. Henrietta "La Reina" King took the reins and nearly doubled the ranch's size and holdings.

Jerry Hall



LEGENDARY

L

Some of the most beautiful humans come from Texas. Maybe it's the humidity. But pride of presence is a commodity where colors are vivid, diamonds sparkle brighter and the human spirit seems to soar here, more than anywhere with the prettiest people per square inch. Like, our fan favorite, Gonzales-born former supermodel Jerry Hall.

M

MARGARITAS

Best served very icy and abundantly lime-filled, the Margarita is the official drink of Texas and our neighbors to the south. If it's a hot enough day, any margarita is magical, yet in Houston we love Ninfá's, in Dallas we're partial to Mi Cucina, in San Antonio we sip at Soluna and in Austin nothing beats the Numero Uno margarita at Fonda San Miguel.



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NASA

Houston, you created a solution. For man's desire to explore space and greater Universe beyond. We love that such mind expansion started here and we look forward to soon colonizing other terrains, don't you?

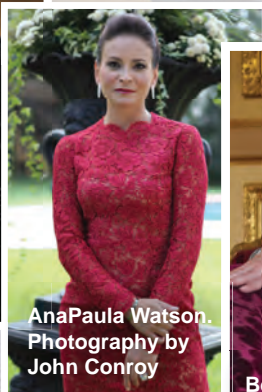
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ORIGINALS

We all know that Texas women are some of the strongest, hardest and most dynamic on the planet. From their fundraising acumen to being the perfect mother, wife, hostess and all around cool chick, we have few favorite examples...



Lynn Wyatt



AnaPaula Watson.
Photography by John Conroy



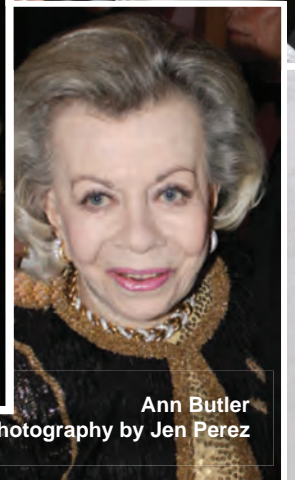
Becca Cason Thrash
Photography by David Atlan



Carolyn Farb
Photography by Sofia van der Dys



Nancy Rogers. Photo courtesy Kevin Tachman and AmFAR



Ann Butler
Photography by Jen Perez



P

PLASTIC SURGERY

The fountain of youth runneth over. Beauty is as beauty exudes. Does she or doesn't she? We find nothing wrong with keeping America, and Texas, beautiful, within means and since as much plastic surgery happens here than anywhere, it's here to stay.



Q

QUESO

The creamy cheese concoction is the stuff of dreams, as is its green cousin, guacamole. In San Antonio, seek it at the Alamo Cafe, in Houston find it at Armandos. In Dallas, try the white cheesy dip at Taco Diner and dive into the Bob Armstrong seven-layer dip at El Rancho in Austin, all longtime traditions.



Stanley Marcus and Coco Chanel as she arrives for Fortnight, 1957

R

RETAIL

Shopping is a sport in Texas and the power of the Texan spender is legendary. From back when Neiman Marcus welcomed new customers who just struck oil arriving in their stained overalls, to the legendary Sakowitz, Scarborough's, Joske's, Foley's, Frost Bros. and Battlestein's stores...they paved the way for the chic boutique owner of today.



Texas has more championships under its belt than we can count, and plenty of powerhouse teams to keep them coming. Besides robust college teams, we've got the Cowboys, Mavericks, Stars, Rangers, Texans, Rockets, Astros, Spurs, and countless NCAA champs – and of course, the coaches and owners with outsized personalities of their own.

S

SPORTS



Will Harris, Houston Astros



The State Fair of Texas' Big Tex

TEXAS TWO STEP

Whether you dance in your dandiest duds, or like to trip it in the dingiest dive, you're never far from a dance floor where you can dance the Texas Two Step. From Billy Bob's in Dallas, to the Firehouse in Houston and Gruene Hall to Luckenbach and Austin's Broken Spoke, we love to go for a twirl at our favorite western honky tonks.

T U

UNIQUELY TEXAN



SXSW, Austin. Photo courtesy of SXSW



Piano virtuoso Van Cliburn, 1950s. Photo courtesy of Cliburn.org



Think you've got Texas pinned? With a state so big, you're bound to find surprises. Who'd have guessed we're home to the world's foremost piano competition, The Van Cliburn International – or that we shame the coastal states with our superlative ruby red grapefruits? And of course, countless world-changing trends make their grand entrance at SXSW each spring.

V

VINEYARD

Almost a century before California vineyards were established, Spanish missionaries began producing Texas wines around the 1700s. German and Italian immigrants kicked off Texas' major wine production, and continue the traditions in the Hill Country today. In fact, a tour of the Texas wine country, with myriad chateaus and fine dining along the way, is quite like having our own Napa Valley.



W

WESTERN WEAR



Whether you prefer country music classics like Tex Ritter and Bob Wills, or outlaw stars like Willie Nelson and Waylon Jennings, we all love dapper dudes in western wear. Even the infamous sequined “Nudie Suits” that took the world by storm from California, gracing the shoulders of greats like Elvis and Gram Parsons... the tradition started here in Texas.



X

FASHION X



Fashion X Houston. Runway designs by Mysterious NPN. Photography by Treva Wygle

New York, London, Milan, Paris... make room for Austin, Dallas and Houston, too. The Fashion X Weeks feature the latest and greatest talents from Texas and around the world. Founded by Austinite Matt Swinney, the designer-driven runways are putting Texas on the map of global couture with all signs pointing to even more stylish things ahead.



Z

RENEE ZELLWEGGER

The All-American blonde has played a Brit in many movies but this Katy-born, UT-schooled star made her first onscreen appearance in Richard Linklater’s quintessential coming of age film *Dazed & Confused*, the perennial classic shot in Austin in the 90s, and she hasn’t stopped landing roles in big Hollywood hits. **S**

Y

YELLOW ROSES

The Yellow Rose of Texas, among the greatest western love songs, hardly does justice to the way we feel about our beloved state. Not only do we sing the sweetest tunes, but also we grow the most fragrant florals too, which are on honored display at the annual Tyler Rose Festival.







LIECHTENSTEIN? LOVELY.

Here in the Lone Star State, we often live by a mantra, “Everything is Bigger in Texas.” Yet, as *our alpine adventurer Ashley Dobson* discovers, there can be tremendous beauty when we start to think small...in Europe’s Liechtenstein.



LESS THAN ONE HUNDRED EAST MILES OF ZURICH, Switzerland lies a fairytale land. True European flair. It's the gorgeous alpine nation of Liechtenstein that is actually the sixth smallest country in the world. With a grand total size of 62 square miles, this rich country is comparable in physical size to McKinney and comparable in population – just 37,000 citizens – to well, Texarkana. But just because you could drive the entire country in less time than it takes you to get to work in traffic in a major Texas city, doesn't mean that Liechtenstein doesn't have plenty to offer. This hidden gem of a nation is jam-packed with options for the perfect winter getaway. We couldn't resist, so off we went to explore this sublime land.

Officially an independent royal principality, Liechtenstein is one of Europe's most unique destinations. Notable not only for its tiny size, it is also one of only two countries in the world that is double landlocked. Both of its bordering countries—Austria to the north and east and Switzerland to the south and west—are landlocked themselves. But what may have been a strategic disadvantage in the warring days of old, makes it an ideal destination to enjoy cultural delights, rich history, and alpine recreation.

MAGNIFICENT MOUNTAINS

If you have ever wanted to cruise over fresh powder in one of the most stunning landscapes in the world, this is the place for you. The lifts and the

ski facilities at Malbun are relatively new and conveniently located, but the spirit of this ski area seems to be frozen in time. While most other slope locations around the world focus on package deals and seem to have never-ending lines for the lifts, Malbun is all about the snow and taking in the beauty of the mountain on your ride down.

Liechtenstein may not be at the top of your list when you think about skiing, particularly if you typically run black diamonds. But as you reach the top and gaze out at the picturesque views of snow-covered mountains in three countries – Liechtenstein, Austria, and Switzerland – any trace of doubt will quickly fade like it did with me.

This winter wonderland has more to offer than just skiing. Nearly every town in Liechtenstein sets up its own outdoor ice skating rink during the winter. Skating with the Alps behind you and the snow softly falling, it looks like a scene straight out of a snow globe sitting on your desk.

Malbun also offers tobogganing down pre-carved runs for those with children or for adults who just want to enjoy some childlike fun. Designated winter hiking trails in the Alps allow visitors to this enchanting area to wind between snow walls, fir trees and snow hollows. Truly intrepid adventurers also can take the opportunity to ride through the Alps in husky dog-drawn sleds and experience the wintry magic in a truly unique way.



Glass sculptures by Heinz Mack, Vaduz



Gutenberg Castle



The vineyards of Vaduz



Cathedral of St. Florin, Vaduz

RETREAT LIKE ROYALTY

If your style is more history buff than snow bunny, or if you just want to add in a touch of royalty to your après-ski, you'll want to take the 20-minute drive down the mountain from Malbun to Vaduz, the capital of Liechtenstein.

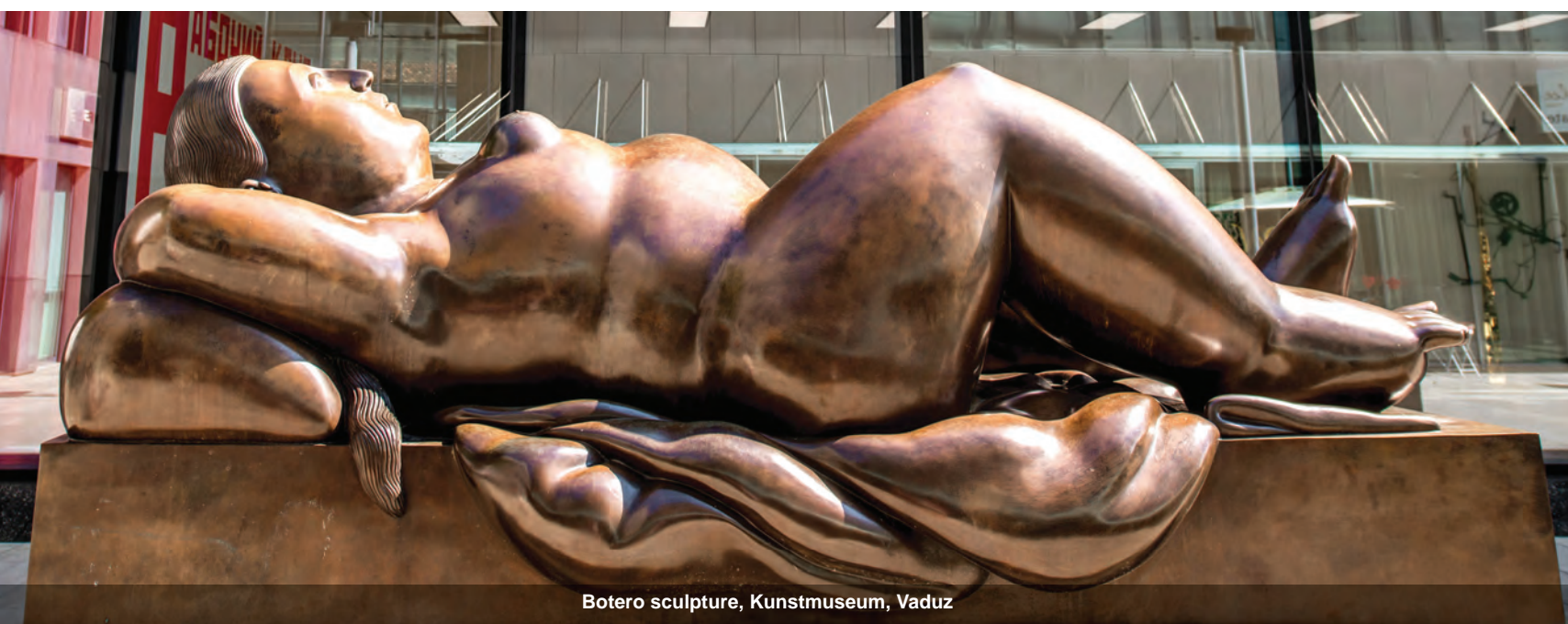
As you drive into town, the castle on the mountain will immediately draw your eye. With a large round tower made of stone on one side, this medieval-style castle overlooking the Rhine Valley gives Vaduz an idyllic setting.

Originally built as a fortress in the 1200s, the castle was burned down

by troops of the Swiss Confederation in the Swabian Wars of 1499. The castle was completely renovated in the 19th century for Liechtenstein's royal family and the family still lives there today. As such, the castle is not open to the public, but you can climb a well-marked footpath to see its stunning exterior.

Prince Hans Adam II, Europe's richest monarch, is Liechtenstein's current ruler. He is the son of the late Franz Josef II, who died in 1989 after more than a 50-year reign. Franz Josef II was a beloved ruler who famously secured his country's neutrality during World War II, despite not having an army.

Prince Hans has one of the most impressive private art collections in the world. His collection includes more than 1,700 paintings and 500 sculptures, which, in total, spans more than 500 years of European history. Though the majority of this collection is on display at the Liechtenstein Museum in Vienna, Austria, the Kunstmuseum Liechtenstein features a few of the royally selected as well.



Botero sculpture, Kunstmuseum, Vaduz



Park Hotel Sonnenhof

LUXE LIECHTENSTEIN

Liechtenstein's status as a chic retreat may have a bit to do with the fact that it doesn't have its own airport or major train station. But there are three international airports within an hour's drive of the country and the gorgeous view of the Alps softens the blow of the drive.

The nearest airports to Liechtenstein are:
Zürich-Kloten Airport, Switzerland (ZRH):
72 miles

St. Gallen-Altenrhein Airport, Switzerland (ACH):
31 miles

Friedrichshafen Airport, Germany (FDH):
53 miles

The Kunstmuseum is the largest museum in the country and it serves as the national art collection of Liechtenstein. Even the building itself stands as an architectural work of art. Designed as a commanding black box made of tinted concrete and black basalt stone, it has river pebbles embedded in its walls to reflect its gorgeous Alpine surroundings. And with pieces by Gauguin, Bertrand Lavier, and Picasso inside this impressive exterior, this museum is not to be missed. We were dazzled by the array of beauty within its walls.

ALWAYS IN GOOD SPIRITS

In Liechtenstein's capital, you don't only get to think like royalty, you also get to drink like the Prince and his family. Head to the Prince of Liechtenstein's enchanting 10-acre Herawingert vineyard and visit his Hofkellerei for a wine tasting. Ironclad doors lead to a cellar where a wine steward serves a selection of Vaduzer wines and a few of the Prince's favorite Austrian Rieslings.

But Liechtenstein is not just a producer of fine royal wines – if you prefer brews to barrels, Liechtensteiner Brauhaus might offer something more to your liking. Liechtensteiner has only been making craft wheat beers since 2007, but this young producer has already won awards all over Europe. Everywhere you go you'll want to try a flight of beers like we did.



Vaduz government building



On the streets of Vaduz



The beauty of Vaduz

Local spirits unique to Liechtenstein abound, too, and none is more famous than the world-renowned Telser. The oldest producer of fine spirits in Liechtenstein, Telser is primarily known for making whiskey and gin. The distillery famously never ceased its production during the two World Wars, but sales slowed during the 1990s. The fourth-generation Telser traveled to Scotland to learn how to make Scotch whiskey as a way to save his family's distillery. Now it's one of the distillery's most beloved products.

After a spirited tour of Liechtenstein's libations, there is no better way to follow up a day of tastings than with a hearty bowl of warm Käseknöpfle, a pasta-like dish with melted cheese that is one of Liechtenstein's delicacies.

So, the next time you plan a European getaway, put Liechtenstein on your map. You don't need more than a few days to cover the entire country of Liechtenstein, but its chic offerings may just convince you to extend your winter vacation just a little longer. **S**

WHERE TO STAY

One of the biggest perks about Liechtenstein is that everything is always close by. So in choosing a hotel, you are really choosing it based on its amenities and Alpine views, not its location.

Park Hotel Sonnenhof

Park Hotel Sonnenhof is a top choice for anyone looking to truly relax on their winter getaway. This hotel features a heated indoor pool, Finnish sauna, and top-of-the-line spa, all with some of the best views in the country. Its Michelin-starred restaurant offers delightful takes on traditional dishes as well as contemporary cuisine. Located in Vaduz, it is just steps away from Vaduz Castle and you will feel like you are getting the royal treatment yourself.

Park Hotel Sonnenhof, Mareestrasse 29, 9490 Vaduz, Liechtenstein
Sonnenhof.li

Hotel Turna

Hotel Turna is for families and winter sports enthusiasts. Located in Malbun, there is no better hotel from which to enjoy all the mountains have to offer. The chairlift runs right by the hotel's front door and guests receive special offers on various sporting packages. The hotel's wellness center features a larger indoor pool.

Hotel Turna Malbun, Im Malbun, 9497 Triesenberg, Liechtenstein
Turna.li

Apartment Rentals

The Liechtenstein Tourism Office facilitates vacation apartment rentals. Primarily located in the mountains, these apartments and ski chateaus give you more privacy and allow you more freedom on your trip to Liechtenstein.

Tourismus.li

FASHIONABLY GREAT

FGI Night of Stars Celebrates Most Stylish

By Cynthia Smoot | Photography by Shana Anderson and Thomas Garza



Shelby Wagner, Jerry Hall and Rupert Murdoch & Niven Morgan



FGI Honorees



Chuck Steelman and Greg Vaughn

THE SCENE:

The Fashion Industry Gallery was the setting for an evening of glitz and glamour as the fashion industry elite of Dallas gathered to pay homage to those who have helped place, and continue to keep, Dallas in the world fashion scene. As Fashion Group International of Dallas (FGI Dallas) hosted their annual Night of Stars gala they honored a select few for high achievements in art, fashion, jewelry design, and interior design. This year the gala co-chairs were Rachel Roberts and Britt Harless. Chuck Steelman was honored for the three years he served as Regional Director and Incoming Regional Director, Ken Weber, will lead FGI of Dallas this year.



Grant Farmer and Gina Ginsburg



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THE VIBE:

Guests were greeted with Champagne as they passed through a formal English garden vignette of live foliage and floral décor. Models posed in the garden environ wearing honoree Monique Lhuillier's Spring 2017 collection. Dallas native, actor, and former fashion model, Greg Vaughn, emceed the event. Fashion designer Monique Lhuillier was honored with the Career Achievement in Fashion award for her work in fashion and recognized for her exquisite work in women's eveningwear, particularly, bridal fashion.

Gonzales, Texas native and iconic model Jerry Hall was honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award, escorted by her new husband, Rupert Murdoch.. Allan Knight received the Career Achievement in Interior/Furniture Design award, Sue Gragg was bestowed the Career Achievement in Jewelry Design, and the award for Art Patron of the Year was Lynn McBee.

THE CAUSE:

During the "Fund A Scholarship" portion of the evening, Nancy Rogers, philanthropist and past FGI of Dallas honoree, generously matched up to \$100,000 raised by guests for a grand total over \$200,000. This year's gala broke the record for scholarship money raised at any Night of Stars, and will be presented to students during the FGI scholarship competition in April. The event is FGI Dallas' largest fundraiser of the year and proceeds from the event fund FGI Dallas' foundation scholarships.



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By *Jennifer Roosth* | Photography by *Alexandret Portraits*



THE SCENE:

Over 1,200 costumed Houstonians gathered at Hilton America's grand ballroom to join chairs Suzanne and Bucky Farrow, along with honorary chairs Jan and Oniel Mendenhall for a one-of-a-kind biennial Halloween-inspired gala, Boo Ball: The Lost Lagoon, which as a frighteningly fun night for a great cause, the Ronald McDonald House of Houston.



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Jana Arnoldy



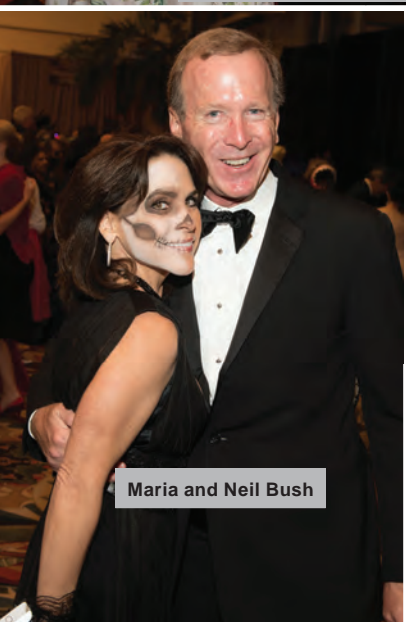
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ART DINNER 2017

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Cocktails and dinner courtesy of restaurateur Larry McGuire of McGuire Moorman Hospitality.

Art Dinner 2017 is the highlight of a festive weekend that begins with the opening of Garth Weiser: Paintings, 2008–2017, a large-scale exhibition of contemporary paintings at the museum's Jones Center venue. For more information, visit thecontemporaryaustin.org/artdinner.

All proceeds benefit the museum's exhibitions program.
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THE VIBE:

The Halloween-inspired event was an over the top philanthropic success. With a dress code of black tie costume, a Lexus as the live raffle prize, silent and live auctions, an inaugural young professional's after party, a costume contest, and a wine auction, this festive celebration proved once and for all the occasion was a sophisticated and philanthropic adult holiday. Besides the car raffle, the auction highlights included tickets to the 2017 Super Bowl in Houston (sold for \$20,000), a Seabourn Mediterranean Cruise and artwork by Carlos Ortiz to be created with RMH Houston children (\$20,000). After dinner the guests hit the dance floor to music by the band The Grooves as hundreds of young professionals joined the festivities for the after-party chaired by Lissa Goldsmith and hosted by Hasti Taghi.

THE CAUSE:

Since 2010, Ronald McDonald House (RMH) Houston has hosted this biannual gala that has quickly become one of the most highly anticipated events in Houston. This year's gala raised approximately \$1.27 million, and honored long-time RMH supporters Joelle and Mitch Derrick and Derrick Equipment Company. All of the proceeds from the event benefit the thousand of families that call RMH Houston their home away from home.



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January 28

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Center
dellchildrens.net

January 28

HRC Austin Gala
Human Rights Campaign
hraustin.org

February 4

CASAblanca
CASA of Travis County
casatravis.org

February 4

Help Clifford Help Kids
The Clifford Antone
Foundation
helpcliffordhelpkids.com

February 4

Rodeo Austin Gala
rodeoaustin.com

February 4

Guess Who's Coming to
Dinner
Project Transitions
projecttransitions.org

February 11

2017 Blanton Gala
Blanton Museum of Art
blantonmuseum.org

February 12

Shining Star Gala
Settlement Home for
Children
settlementhome.org

February 12

Feed The Peace Awards
The Nobility Project
nobility.org

February 18

Austin Opera Serenata
Dinner
Austinopera.org

February 22

2017 Texas Medal of Arts
Texas Cultural Trust
texasmedalofarts.org

February 25

Austin Jewish Academy Gala
Austin Jewish Academy
austinjewishacademy.org

DALLAS

January 28

The Birthday Party Project
Turns 5
thebirthdaypartyproject.org

January 31

Soups On Luncheon
The Stewpot Alliance
soupsondallas.com

February 3

Dallas Go Red for Women
Luncheon – AHA
Dallasgored.ahaevents.org

February 14

St. Valentine's Day
Luncheon and Fashion Show
The Leukemia &
Lymphoma Society
lls.org

February 18

31st Annual Presentation Ball
Dallas Symphony Orchestra
League
Dallassymphonyleague.org

February 22

2017 Juanita and Henry S.
Miller, Jr. Founders Award
Luncheon
Dallas Opera
dallasopera.org

February 23

Beacon of Hope Luncheon
Grant Halliburton
Foundation
Granthalliburton.org

February 22

7th Annual Destiny Award
Luncheon
St. Philips School
Stphilips1600.org

February 24

UNICEF Gala
U.S. Fund for UNICEF
unicefusa.org

February 25

2017 Aging Mind
Foundation Gala
agingmindfoundation.org

February 26

20th Anniversary Luncheon
and Fashion Show
Attitudes & Attire
attitudesandattire.org

HOUSTON

January 13

A Night to Remember
Community Associates
Institute
caihouston.org

January 19

Rienzi Society Dinner
Museum of Fine Arts
Houston
Mfah.org

February 4

Super Bowl Gala in H-Town
Professional Football Players
Mothers Assoc. pfpma.org

February 9

Green Gala
Memorial Park Conservancy
memorialparkconservancy.org

February 11

30th Anniversary Diamond
Winter Ball
Cefa.org

February 11

Bejeweled 2017
The Center for Success
and Independence
tcsi.org

February 18

Secret Garden
American Heart Association
heart.org/houston

February 20

11th Annual Empty Bowls
Project
The John Cooper School
johncooper.org

February 27

9th Annual Spring Luncheon
Breakthrough Houston
breakthroughhouston.org

SAN ANTONIO

January 12

Opening Night at the
Doseum
Houston Street Charities
sanantoniococktail
conference.com

January 14

Taste The Dream Gala
San Antonio for Growth on
the Eastside
sagesanantonio.org

January 14

Khaki & Plaid – The Plaidi
Gras Masquerade Ball
Archdiocese of San Antonio
archsa.org

January 20

Star of Texas Award
Texas Historical Foundation
texashistoricalfoundation.org

January 21

Rodeo Ball
San Antonio Stock Show &
Rodeo
sarodeo.com

February 3

Casino for a Cause: A Night
in Monte Carlo
Junior League of San
Antonio
jlsa.org

February 11

Valentine Style Show &
Luncheon
Friends of Hospice San
Antonio
friendsofhospicesa.org

February 18

4th Annual Mardi Gras
Masquerade Ball
texas.preventblindness.org

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
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