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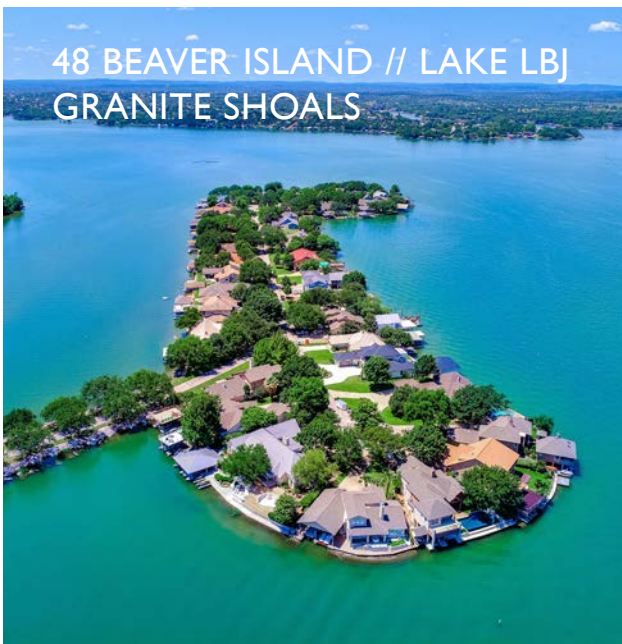
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 Mark Oberlin  
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 Dion "Bleu" Drake

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By Tori Johnson,  
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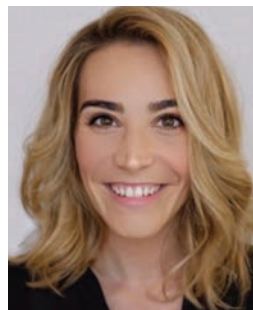
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AT THIS TIME OF THE YEAR, LIKE THE REST OF THE YEAR 'round, we're mighty grateful—for everything we've seen and done so far, and for people we've known for eons and for those who are new to us. It's been a heck of a year in this world (isn't it always?) and just when we think we've seen it all, we're treated to new experiences we couldn't even imagine.

Take for instance our cover fashion shoot, *The Get Set*, photographed by Mark Oberlin and styled by Dion "Bleu" Drake, which shows how very optimistic we feel about the future of female empowerment as the year draws to a close. We see you, we hear you. Loud, roaring and sleek.

Women, as we know, drive most of the galas that we cover so passionately in each issue. These remarkable work-of-art events are chaired by women, marketed by (and to) women, and celebrate the strength of how to accomplish so much that supports so many in need. It celebrates and elevates, which is our middle name for everything we do.

Because we like sharp, shiny objects, we've been on the hunt for the finest fascinations all year that culminate in our annual holiday gift guide helmed by Tori Johnson, Jonathan Spindel and me, *Fortune Favors The Bold*. Bold, beautiful and dynamic at every corner. And, on the street corners of Dallas, known as the Southwest's capital of style, we take a look back with a fun vintage piece helmed by Texas vintage retail aficionado Lori Duran.

The fact that it takes a village to create a magazine is an understatement as the year draws to a close... with our crackerjack crew of social, cultural and intellectual leaders who write, edit, photograph and create this magazine each and every issue. You are the shoulders we stand on to lift us up to higher heights because we feel the bright lights lit from within can shine luminously if we choose the path of its spark, once ignited.

So during this beloved holiday season, ruminate, ignite and celebrate like never before and know that we've loved supporting you in 2018 and that we're counting the minutes until 2019 gets underway for more fun ahead.

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Monica Painter, Rob Giardinelli, *The Real Housewives of Dallas'* LeeAnne Locken, Lance Avery Morgan, Chris Lindenmayer, Justin Smith and Rich Emberlin at the Equality Gala



Nashville's Charles Esten, Chris Carmichael and Jonathan Jackson with Lance Avery Morgan and Rob Giardinelli at the DKR Gala



Rob Giardinelli, Tobie Funte, *Project Runway's* Tim Gunn, Jane Driscoll and Lance Avery Morgan at the Women's Symphony League luncheon



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# SEASONAL SPECTACULAR

Wrap up the year with this season's most anticipated arts events. Our *culture-seeking connoisseur Jonathan Spindel* shares a selection of hip happenings.

## AUSTIN



### PLAYFUL & POIGNANT

Argentinian artist Liliana Porter brings to life a cast of toy-like characters to perform humorous, absurd, and sometimes moving vignettes, delivering a lighthearted yet incisive satirical commentary. December 8 to February 24, 2019. At [BlantonMuseum.org](http://BlantonMuseum.org)

### EAST SIDE EXTRAVEGANZA

Austin's annual self-guided art studio tour offers unique opportunities for collectors and aficionados to meet local artists and artisans in their creative spaces. November 10-18. At [EAST.BigMedium.org](http://EAST.BigMedium.org)



### ASIAN INFLUENCE

Enjoy a special evening with author Kevin Kwan, whose novel *Crazy Rich Asians* has become a global bestseller and cultural phenomenon. Meet and greet the star author and hear his unique perspective on the entertainment world. November 17. At [TheLongCenter.org](http://TheLongCenter.org)



## DALLAS/FORT WORTH



### STUNNING STAR DUST

Complexions dance company presents inventive choreography and stunning dancers in a tribute to David Bowie. *Star Dust*, a love letter to the late rock star, features his greatest hits in this rock-inspired ballet. November 9-10. At [ATTPAC.org](http://ATTPAC.org)



### BONNARD'S BEAUTY

The Kimbell Art Museum recently announced the acquisition of a major painting by Pierre Bonnard, one of the most admired artists of the 20th century. Experience the colorful, sun-washed landscape surrounding the artist's villa near Cannes, in the south of France. At [KimbellArt.org](http://KimbellArt.org)

### VIVID IMPRESSIONS

On view in the DMA concourse, Dallas-based artist Ludwig Schwarz uses vivid color, abstraction and figuration in a style that has been likened to Matisse, a comparison made evident in this exhibition. Until November 16. At [DMA.org](http://DMA.org)

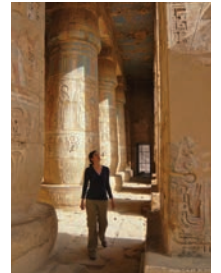


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## HOUSTON

### WOMEN RULING THE WORLD

When it comes to women in power, we've come a long way. Join Dr. Kara Cooney for a look in time in ancient history when women ruled the world, using their power and influence to make their mark on society, from Cleopatra to Nefertiti and beyond. November 10. At [SPAHouston.org](http://SPAHouston.org)



### GRAND RE-OPENING

Recently re-opened, The Menil Collection is back on view featuring its well-known holdings, alongside recent acquisitions and other works never before seen in the galleries. Now is the time to get reacquainted with the jewel of the Museum District. At [Menil.org](http://Menil.org)



### GRACE & GRATITUDE

Truly depicting the Thanksgiving spirit of sharing and bliss, Yiruma's beautiful piano performance promises to bring you breathtaking melodies that have sparked passion, revival and happiness in the hearts of so many listeners around the globe. November 23. At [TheHobbyCenter.org](http://TheHobbyCenter.org)





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### THROUGH HER LENS

In an exclusive San Antonio event, the legendary photographer Annie Liebovitz will present a selection of her pictures featured in her career retrospective publication, *Annie Liebovitz at Work*. December 18. At [TobinCenter.org](http://TobinCenter.org)



### INSPIRING AWAKENING

Awaken your soul with the legendary Conspirare Christmas concert, an enchanting reinvention of the traditional holiday concert featuring a collage of musical genres and a full choral ensemble of exceptional vocalists. December 11. At [TobinCenter.org](http://TobinCenter.org)



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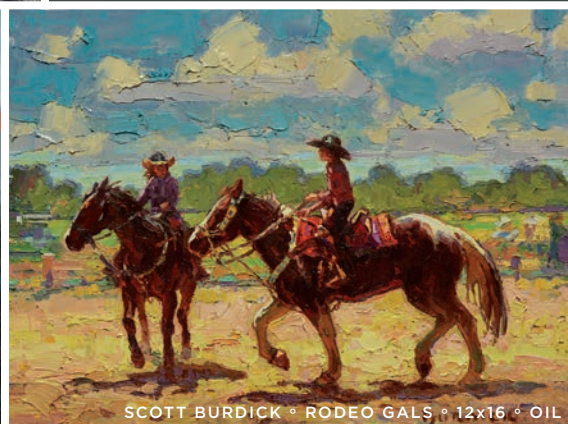
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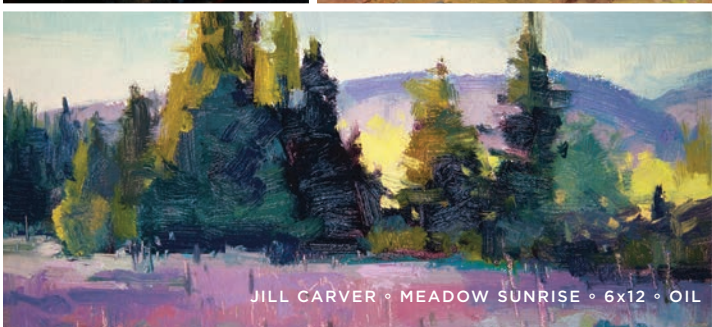
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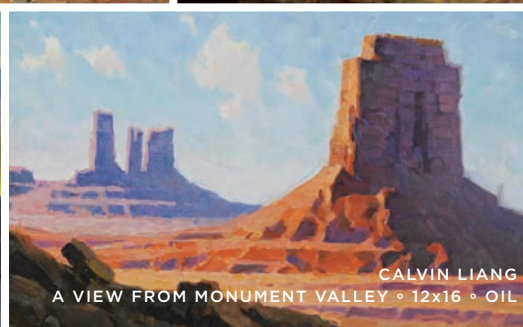
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KNEE DEEP ° 9x12 ° OIL

*Dear Ms. Modern Manners,*

My boss has asked me to make introductions of our employees and clients who may not know each other at our annual holiday event. Do I introduce a woman to a man, or younger to older? It can be confusing.

*Capable Colleague*

**DEAR CHIPPER COLLEAGUE,**

Introductions in the business world differ from those in the social arena. A holiday party hosted by your employer is a business event, not a social event. The order of introductions in the business world is based on *precedence*.

When making introductions of clients and colleagues, the procedure is to *always* say the name of the client first as they are more important than your boss, CEO or any company colleague. For example, "Ms. Client, may I introduce Ms. Colleague? Ms. Client has been with XYZ Organization for 10 years as the SVP of Operations. Ms. Colleague joined our Finance department approximately three months ago and we are delighted." At this point, you may wish to excuse yourself with "I will leave you two to get acquainted and chat about Client's new product line" as you step away your colleague immediately asks a question about the introduction background or the new product.

# DELIGHTED, I'M SURE

*Our Ms. Modern Manners Sharon Shweitzer, JD* is on the scene this holiday season to share insight on how to glide more gracefully through some social situations that might be perplexing.

*Dear Ms. Modern Manners,*

We've been invited to an engagement party and since there will be several showers as well as an elaborate wedding beyond it, any ideas for a gift so that we don't overdo it?

*Gallant Guest*

**DEAR GALLIVANTING & GALLANT,**

Historically, the rule was to spend enough to "cover your plate." However, that rule has evolved to consider the relationship you have with the bride or groom. A great starting point is \$50, but a close friend or relative may merit \$150 or more. When attending multiple events, split your budget to allow for gifts of increasing value. The graceful approach is to review their gift registry or fund request. Select gifts the couple wants and needs, where prices may range from \$25 to over \$300.

*Dear Ms. Modern Manners,*

Up ahead are so many wonderful social opportunities, yet we're opting to travel more. How do we politely decline invitations to galas and luncheons without offending the host?

*Tactful Traveler*

**DEAR TERRIFICALLY TACTFUL,**

The first consideration here is to RSVP as requested on the invitation, usually within 24-48 hours. If this is a postcard or electronic invitation, you may not be required to explain your schedule conflict. However, if the host asks or expresses disappointment, thank them graciously for their invitation and advise you have conflicting travel plans. Even if your travel plans aren't 100% set, it is better to decline early than to accept and have to rescind later.



*Letitia Baldrige at Tiffany & Co., 1960s*

*Dear Ms. Modern Manners,*

It's that time again to plan holiday host gifts. Any new and novel ones you love that you recommend I consider?

*Prepared Partygoer*

**DEAR PREPARED TO PARTY,**

Yes indeed. The newest locally produced gifts, such as handmade chocolates, local tea, coffee blends, and nuts are ideal. Handcrafted artisan goods such as tea towels, jewelry, musical items, and candles are well received. If you opt for alcohol, select a nice bottle of wine or spirits from a local winery or distillery. And if holiday baking is your specialty, choose a new or favorite recipe that includes local ingredients, such as nuts or berries.

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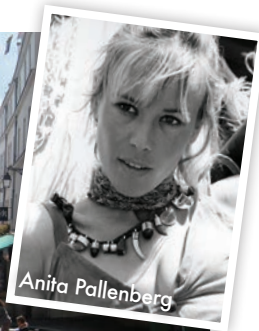
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# GET UP & GO-GO

Austin resident and Go-Go's bass guitarist rock star Kathy Valentine is the toast of Broadway these days with the group's new *Head Over Heels* production. *Her pal Lance Avery Morgan* catches up with the busy mom, musician and writer.



*I became a musician...* to meet cool guys.

*Current project I am proud of is...* *Head Over Heels*, the Go-Go's musical currently playing on Broadway.

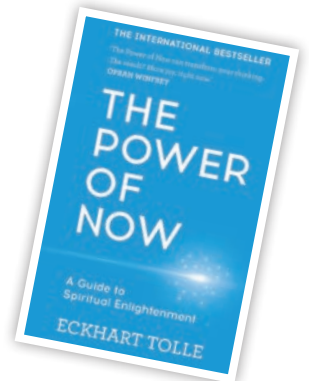
*How I made my first dollar...* was babysitting, at the age of 9. Who leaves their infant with a 3<sup>rd</sup> grader?

*What everyone/woman should try in her lifetime is...* Traveling alone, or taking a holiday alone.

*My style icon is...* Anita Pallenberg.

*Last thing I binge/marathon watched...* was Season 2 of *GLOW* on Netflix.

*Book that left a lasting impression on me...* so many, yet I loved *The Power of Now*, by Eckhart Tolle.



*First album I bought...* was the Rolling Stones' *Exile on Main Street*.

*If I could live in a foreign city it would be...* London.

*My one must-have clothing item has to be...* James Perse side panel shirts.

*One thing I am exceptionally good at that most might not know is...* writing.

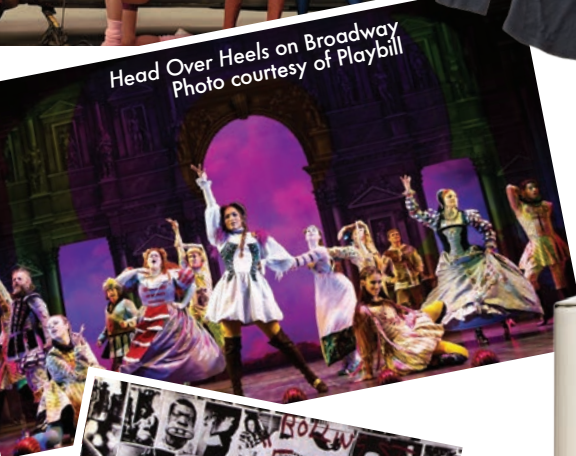
*One thing I am especially bad at is...* dancing. I am a terrible dancer.

*The beauty essential you'd have to pry out of my cold, dead hands is...* Sisley's Emulsion Ecologique.

*The best gift I have given recently is...* a smile to passing strangers.

*My favorite street in the world is...* Rue Mouffetard, 5<sup>th</sup> Arrondissement, Paris.

*My perfect day would end...* with a view, sunset to stars or night lit cityscape.





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Retro lashes have made a comeback for ultra-feminine glamour with one rule this fall: wear mascara... and lots of it. Consider Lancôme Monsieur Big Mascara, a volumizing mascara with bold black pigments for maximum definition and high impact glamour. \$25. At Sephora.



### GLISTENING GLOW

Add a wash of glittery highlighter along the cheekbones for a subtle approach to the runway's glitter-mask faces. Use COVER FX Glam & Glow Liquid Lights Set for a multidimensional, glittering finish on the face, body, and even hair. \$42. At Sephora.



### WARM & TOASTY

Add the warm tone from the Two-Faced Gingerbread Palette to your look. Inspired by fresh-baked gingerbread, and cozy nights with chestnuts roasting on an open fire. \$49. At Sephora.

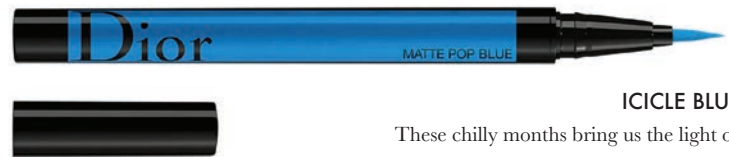
# GLAM GALORE

'Tis the season to be glossy. The magic of the holidays brings us glitter-heavy makeup, rocker eyes, and lips and cheeks that glisten like snow. Glam looks with a retro-grunge vibe and natural-glowing skin will rule this holiday season, according to *our beauty expert Ana Bribiesca Hoff*.



### FROSTED LIPS

The brighter the better, please. Now is your chance to try to ultra-high gloss shades that have dominated the runways. Think of Bite Beauty Prismatic Pearl Crème Lip Gloss with shimmering multi-dimensional shades that deliver a powerful effect. \$22. At Sephora.



### ICICLE BLUE

These chilly months bring us the light of the boldest and brightest dynamic colors, and vivid blue is in the spotlight. Try Diorshow Liner Star in Matte Popblue, an 80s flashback with a modern twist. \$30.50. At Saks Fifth Avenue.



### BEDROOM EYES

Bedroom eyes, a compelling and provocative trend, calls for shades of gunmetal, steel and black. We recommend Cle de Peau Beauté Eye Color Duo in 106 for layers of smudging and blending. \$55 at Neiman Marcus.







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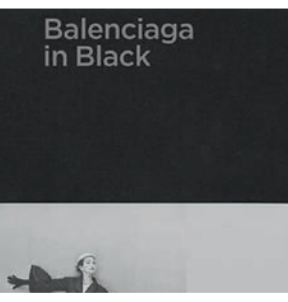
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# COVER TO COVER

This season's crop of glamorous books is one of the best ever. Here, *our resident bibliophile Lance Avery Morgan* recommends a few of our favorites to inspire your stylish pursuits.



**HITCHCOCK'S HEROINES** BY CAROLINE YOUNG The legendary director's muses are always a delight, as seen in this one-of-a-kind look at the glamour behind the danger of Hitch's cinematic masterpieces. \$29.99. At InsightEditions.com

**MODERN MONARCHY: THE BRITISH ROYAL FAMILY TODAY** BY CHRIS JACKSON Enjoy an up-close and personal glimpse into the daily lives of the modern royal family by one of their most trusted photographers. \$45. At RizzoliUSA.com

**ARCHITECTURAL DIGEST: AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF A MAGAZINE, 1920-2010** BY PAIGE RENSE It's the internationally respected authority on all things design. This visually stunning tome is complete with the best archival gems, stories and recollections of the fabled publication. \$65. At RizzoliUSA.com

**WWD: FIFTY YEARS OF RALPH LAUREN** BY WWD This illustrated volume details Lauren's meteoric rise and the highlights of his career through archival photographs and award-winning fashion writing and business articles from the pages of WWD. \$60. At RizzoliUSA.com

**HOLLYWOOD MODERN: HOUSES OF THE STARS** BY MICHAEL STERN AND ALAN HESS Vintage Hollywood? Yes, please. This looks at the intersection of celebrity and design, through houses designed by great architects for their informed, trendsetting, and extremely famous clients. \$55. At RizzoliUSA.com

**NEW YORK SPLENDOR: THE CITY'S MOST MEMORABLE ROOMS** BY WENDY MOONAN These New York residential spaces elicit gasps of pleasure and surprise when first encountered. Some are very grand, others sparingly modern... or eclectic. All are exceptional. \$85. At RizzoliUSA.com

**BALENCIAGA IN BLACK** BY OLIVIER SAILLARD, VERONIQUE BELLOIR, HELENA LOPEZ DE HIERRO D'AUBAREDE, AND GASPARD DE MASSÉ Cristobal Balenciaga's black couture dresses, capes, and coats delighted the society of his day as they changed the future of fashion. Here, the extraordinary detailing of the couturier's masterpieces in black comes to life again. \$65. At RizzoliUSA.com

**DESIGN & STYLE** BY CAROLYNE ROEHM The vibrant examples and exclusive images of Roehm's work in fashion, flowers, table design, and interiors creates a unique celebration of the power of life and style. \$75. At RizzoliUSA.com

**BUCKINGHAM PALACE: THE INTERIORS** BY ASHLEY HICKS Beautiful imagery and a lively commentary by interior designer, photographer, and royal descendant Ashley Hicks transports readers into these splendid state rooms that are rarely seen by mere mortals. \$55. At RizzoliUSA.com

**ROLAND MOURET: PROVOKE, ATTRACT, SEDUCE** BY ALEXANDER FURY AND ROLAND MOURET Dive into this highly personal journey through the creative universe of the King of Curves fashion designer who brought us the galaxy dress—the defining look of the noughties. \$95. At RizzoliUSA.com

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## THE SWEET LIFE

Who doesn't love sweet treats during the holidays and even year 'round? When it's homegrown like Atkinson Candy Company, based in Lufkin, it's a tradition that gets sweeter and better, according to *our candyphile Lance Avery Morgan*.

SINCE 1932, OVER FOUR GENERATIONS AGO, ATKINSON Candy Company in East Texas has helped to make the world a much sweeter place to live. Located in Lufkin, the candy company has a worldwide reputation for favorite products such as Chick-O-Stick, Mint Twists, Rainbow Coconut Bars and many varieties of peanut brittle, to name a few.

Rewind to when B.E. and Mabel Atkinson needed to find a way to keep their family afloat during the dark days of the 1930s. B.E. Atkinson reflected of the time, "During the Depression no one had any money, but everyone had a penny." The company's success was born since candy was an inexpensive indulgence that anyone could afford. The family started their candy empire by bootstrapping their way to success and the plethora of sweet treats they launched have been fan favorites ever since.


When you take a bite out of a Chic-O-Stick, which to some is like a Butterfinger without the chocolate covering, a flood of childhood memories can come flooding back, like it did with me. The same with the Rainbow Coconut bar, the Peanut Butter Logs and just about any Atkinson Candy Company morsel that's been in every Texas child's hands since a young age. Taking a bite out of these is almost like a time warp. With all the sensory memory research that's been done by experts over the years, surely this is a fond memory that evokes experiences as familiar as skipping a rock across a pond, long bike rides with no destination, and afternoons full of watching sitcom reruns of now-legendary television.

Not only is it a slice of childhood, Atkinson wants to make sure it's a slice

of the future, too. In fact, they have many vegan and vegetarian treats in their array of offerings these days. There's something for everyone. They focus on making candy that's better for the consumer by implementing simple clean ingredients and nothing artificial. Plus, you can get a piece of Texas candy anywhere you go at major retailers nationwide.

With its classic goodness tailored for a modern palate, the company uses state-of-the-art technology. According to President and CEO Eric Atkinson, "It's still a matter of old-fashioned pride that we make the highest-quality candy we can. We still make it the way we made it in the '30s and '40s." He goes on to say, "A day without sugar... is like a day without air."

President/CEO of the Lufkin Angelina County Chamber of Commerce Tara Watson-Watkins is quick to confirm that the sweet treat headquarters is good for the state of Texas, too. "So many times economic development focuses on bringing in new business, but it is so important to support long-standing businesses, like Atkinson Candy, and help them as a community with grants and loans to continue to grow and expand their business. They do an excellent job of constantly evolving with the changing market, updating their brand, recipes and staying fresh. Atkinson Candy is a staple in Lufkin and we are so proud to call them ours."

So, what are you waiting for? Dive into an Atkinson Candy Company confectionary and give them to your favorite folks who understand the nostalgia of a candy that's born and bred in Texas. It's the sweet treat guaranteed to please. 

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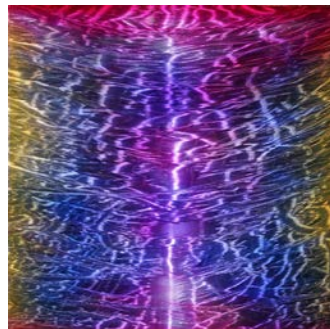
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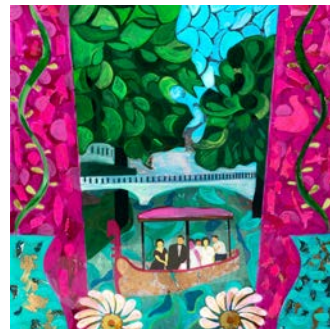
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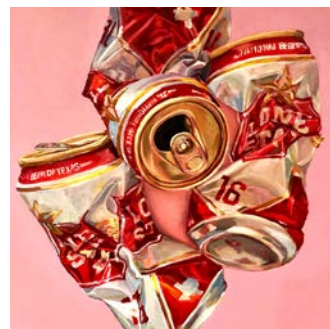
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# D.I.Y. BILLIONAIRE

This holiday season is all about luxe, according to Rob Giardinelli at *ModXMan.com*. Over the top, no-holds-barred luxury at every corner, the most indulgent sights and sounds are ripe for the taking. Even if for just one night, get up and live like it's the 80s.



## ACTION-PACKED

Like the eponymous 80s TV movie, *The Billionaire Boys Club* re-boot, based on a true story, is back and is available on Netflix. It will take you back to a time long ago when greed was never so good. At [Netflix.com](http://Netflix.com)



## LOOK LIKE A BILLION

It's the coolest menswear line you've never heard of. Harkening back to the over-the-top 80s, the Milan line has more opulence per square inch than we've seen in years. At [BillionaireCouture.com](http://BillionaireCouture.com)



## GOOD OLD-FASHIONED FAME

Reality TV had to start somewhere. Most agree the modern era of pop cultural fame was ushered in by Warhol's *Interview* magazine in the 80s. Here, the *Richard Bernstein: Starmaker* tome tells the tale of how you were no one unless he painted your cover. At [RizolliUSA.com](http://RizolliUSA.com)



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## RHAPSODY IN HUE

Advance word is insanely good about Rami Malek's star turn as Freddie Mercury of 70s and 80s glam band Queen in *Bohemian Rhapsody*. Debuts in November.



## BRIGHT, LIKE ME

The bright men's blazer is everywhere this fall. From dusk 'till dawn, you'll stand out in a crowd wearing something like this from Dolce & Gabbana's Fall 2018 collection. At [NeimanMarcus.com](http://NeimanMarcus.com) **S**

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# GOING GLOBAL

We like to think globally, so why not take a refreshing holiday jaunt across the world? *Our traveling trend-teller Jonathan Spindel* shares a few of his favorite goings-on.



## INCREDIBLY IBERIA

If you haven't visited Portugal lately, Europe's westernmost point welcomes you to discover its deluxe destinations. Recent openings add further enticement, such as Mesa de Lemos, an outstanding eatery in the northern Dão Valley wine region. Its breathtaking architecture complements the stunning natural setting. At [CelsoDeLemos.com/mesa](http://CelsoDeLemos.com/mesa)



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# OH, DIOR!

Classic design looks as fresh today as it has in the past. *Our style adventurer Lance Avery Morgan* caught up with interior design historian Maureen Footer, author of *Dior & His Decorators: Victor Grandpierre, Georges Geffroy, and the New Look* on how you can add more glamour into your own space.



## What inspired you to write *Dior & His Decorators*?

A peek in a 1950s *Vogue* at Christian Dior's Paris home unleashed my interest in the two glamorous men responsible for its decoration: Victor Grandpierre and Georges Geffroy. Dior's house was at once French and worldly, sumptuous and smart. Not only were its creators revolutionary in their field, they translated Dior's New Look vision into an interior design idiom.

## Did Dior's fashion aesthetic mirror that of his interior design aesthetic? What are some of the common imagery and themes that appear in both his fashion portfolio and the interiors of his homes?

Dior's aesthetic was consistent, whether for houses or ballgowns. An artist and his vision are never separable from their era, so the very

atmosphere Dior breathed, his friendships with Jean Cocteau, Christian Bérard, Etienne de Beaumont, and Roger Vivier, his rosy memories of the long-vanished Belle Époque, the hardships and disillusionment of World War II, all inspired the Dior aesthetic (aka The New Look) in clothes and interiors: gracious, refined, romantic rooms and gowns that speak to the greatness of France, while embracing modern reality.

Everything was inviting, seductive, yet surprising. We see in Dior's interiors a new emphasis on comfort rather than decorum—individuals rather than rules triumph (although being French, style is never compromised.) As Dior famously said, a room without personal elements is like a pretty woman without charm.

## Walk us through some of the standout features of Dior's elegant couture house, designed by Victor Grandpierre?

After the studied modernism of the 1930s, design effectively stopped during the war. Recovering from a war is not instantaneous, so after the war, Paris was down-at-the-heels and depressed for years. Therefore, Dior's pristine new couture house in 1947—light-filled and gray and white—was a sensation, a breath of fresh, chic air. Grandpierre dared to build on the modernist ideal of simplicity while adding elements of the great French periods: Louis -XV chairs, paneling, limestone floors, and antiques, all assembled in a clean context. Instead, although he employed old things, Grandpierre used them in a new, spare way and made interiors that looked

spectacularly new and different. And, just as every couturier now made lavish skirts in response to the Dior phenomenon, they now also wanted gray and white, up-to-date couture houses.

**In your preface, you state that Grandpierre and Geffroy's work "captured the moment and, often, predicted the future." How did these two iconic figures in the world of fashion and interiors change the concept of decorating? Please elaborate on the term "New Look Chic." While a modern movement at the time, "New Look Chic" seemed to also pay homage to past.** New Look decorating represents a watershed phenomenon. The key to Grandpierre and Geffroy—as well as Dior—was independent vision: they dared to reach into the past, contrary to prevailing notions of accepted taste, and adapt it to their moment. This inspiration produced a look that was entirely new. Grandpierre and Geffroy also pioneered the radical idea of comfortable, eclectic, personal rooms—without sacrificing an iota of panache.

Up to that moment, French residential design had been quite codified. Rooms were often elegant and poised, but stiff. They tended to ignore the down-to-earth needs of living. Telephones were never next to a comfortable chair; they were in drafty long halls. Furniture was rarely arranged for intimate conversation; when you look at design magazines of the 1930s and 1940s, it looks as if you would have to scream to communicate or pull a back muscle to put a





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Dior's living room  
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The Parfum Boutique at  
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magazine on the coffee table. One sees bedrooms with bedside lamps as small as night-lights. And of course, there were no easy tables to put down a book or a glass. Grandpierre and Geffroy changed this. Now rooms invited curling up with a book, sharing a confidence, settling in for a cozy supper, or an evening of cards, as well as grand entertaining. With its novel addition of deep sofas, little tables, eclectic art, and personal curios in the French tradition, Dior's house was one of the first to display this new, blithe spirit.

While Paris was still very much the world leader in terms of culture, it now responded to new international currents: war had brought people from all over to Paris; advances in travel encouraged rich South and North Americans and

Eastern Europeans to the cultural capital of the world. People and their point of view had evolved. Now, French interiors began to incorporate these new influences. The precise traditions relaxed. Salons could be interlaced with artifacts from all four corners of the world. Geffroy might mix a Finnish rug with signed French furniture, Grandpierre would provide sumptuous bathrooms once only found in America. The same trend was influencing fashion too: Dior designed a dress that mimicked the sinuous drape of a sari.

But whereas eclecticism could have resulted in a hodge-podge, French heritage reined all these influences into something sophisticated and sparkling. The New Look decorating brought all these trends together—function, eclecticism, personal decorating, woven with old-world culture and confident chic.

**Did Grandpierre's design of New Look interiors for Dior's couture house affect the look of Dior's product design and corporate branding?**

As Dior grew into an empire—with larger headquarters, new boutiques overseas, specialized boutiques for gifts, shoes, menswear, baby clothes, licenses, and ready-to-wear—Grandpierre designed consistent, gray and white neoclassic interiors with caning, fluting, neoclassic bows, and Louis XVI chairs to house them. One instantly and instinctively knew when one



Dior runway show, 1950s.  
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entered the world of Dior. It was “branding” before the term was even invented—and such a successful interpretation of the Dior ethos, that Grandpierre's design vocabulary, to this day, is part of every Dior boutique around the world.

**What would be Grandpierre's and Geffroy's five take-away design lessons for the current generation of interior designers and style seekers?**

- Make independent design choices. Inform your eye by looking, but never copying. Striking originality, be it in Dior's New Look, Geffroy's or Grandpierre's posh interiors stems from being true to a personal point of view.
- Be curious about the world around you. Without curiosity design can't move forward, and it certainly can't capture its time. Learn from the past, incorporate the present. Interiors will be rich, resonate, and connect the occupant to a larger spectrum.
- Remember that a home should be a haven. A living space should welcome and embrace its owner and nurture the soul. Upholstered walls create soft spaces; fabrics that feel good are welcoming; color creates mood. Reach for quality whenever you can.
- Incorporate antiques. Not only are antiques beautiful, they connect us to our past and remind us of who we are. They are like family photos on our desktop.
- For a little zip, reach for tiger silk velvet and a glass of Champagne. **S**



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## ARTFUL DINING

Holidays are a time for family and friends to gather in the spirit of community. *Our roving reporter John Bloodsworth* is on the scene to share insights of how tableware affects our social experiences.

JULIA CHILD SAID THAT BEING ABLE TO SERVE AND EAT A whole fish is part of civilized dining. While most of us do not relish the thought of our meal staring back at us, serving it on a bone china plate as part of a resplendent table setting does make the meal easier to swallow. The experiential pleasure—trout heads and tails aside—of setting a fine table can transform a mere meal into an epicurean experience.

“Eating is a necessity, but dining is a social experience,” said Lark Mason, the founder of Lark Mason & Associates, the New York and New Braunfels-based auction house that recently hosted an exhibition and sale of luxurious table settings. Drawing on collections from around the country, the show was a comprehensive look at dining implements, china sets, fine glassware, serving vessels, cooking utensils and table settings from the 17th century to the 20th.

“We wanted to tell the story of the development of dining, the customs and rituals that evolved over the centuries associated with the serving of food,” said Mason, who has been the Asian art expert on the popular PBS series *Antiques Roadshow* since it began airing in 1997. “Five hundred

years ago, we had no plates,” Mason continued. “We used hard circular bread crusts, which evolved into the first plates of wood and metal. Pre-1700, we ate primarily with our hands, so we went from using three fingers to scoop up food from communal pots to implements with specific uses.”

“That led to the organized table setting, where you work from the outside in,” Mason said. Much of our dining material came to us from Asia—hence the word “china”—including lacquer ware and porcelain. Today, dining by candlelight is a romantic experience. “Before electricity, cut glass provided more surfaces to reflect light from candles,” Mason said. “It was really about magnifying the available light.”

Your setting can be as formal as your tastes demand, but a simple centerpiece can change the tone of a weekday family meal. “Setting a table is really about honoring your friendships and family ties, showing the people you love that they are special, creating a shared experience with social interaction,” Mason said. “Of course, it certainly helps if the food is good.” **S**

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## AUSTIN



### LAKE'S VIEW CAFÉ

The Line Hotel's new restaurant Arlo Gray is *the* place to be these days. With its one-of-a-kind views of the Lake Austin, the expansive restaurant will have you loving both the scene and the Austin-ness of it all. At [TheLineHotel.com](http://TheLineHotel.com)

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### AREN'T YOU FUN

Austin, according to trend research expert Wallet Hub is one of the top 15 American cities for fun. Now *that's* a fun fact. With its high concentration on being fit, more festivals than anywhere else, and the happening restaurant and bar scene, it's really no surprise.

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In 2014, Baylor Wilson was one of the youngest contestants to complete on the hit TV show *Survivor*, appearing with her mother in Season 29 *San Juan: Blood vs. Water*. Wit, wisdom and skill landed her in the Top 5 and those traits have continued to come in handy as the singer/songwriter pursues her dreams in Nashville. You can catch Wilson at The Rustic in Dallas on November 21. At [BaylorWilson.com](http://BaylorWilson.com)



### TERRA FIRMA

Terra Mediterranean recently opened their third location inside the new restaurant district at The Shops at Willow Bend. Since the early 1990s, brothers Jalal Chanaa and Adam Shanaa have made Mediterranean food for foodies hungry for fresh, healthy cuisine first at Ali Baba Mediterranean and now at Terra Mediterranean. The 6,800-square-foot venue features two patio areas, upstairs and down, and a large lounge area upstairs perfect for all types of private events. At [TerraMediterranean.com](http://TerraMediterranean.com)



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October of 2015, at a variety of events, and in a range of all sizes, styles and themes. At [BigAssBalloons.com](http://BigAssBalloons.com)

**TO THE POINT**

Houston stylist and entrepreneur Lisa Powers' background in social work and fashion planted the seeds for her light bulb moment while consulting for VIP clients at Neiman Marcus Dallas. She wanted to carve her own space in the fashion styling industry under her own brand to provide personal on-point wardrobe wizardry for her clients. Powers' huge philanthropic heart leads her to lend her talents to many of the city's charities and causes. At [StylePointLMP.com](http://StylePointLMP.com)

**DESIGN INFLUENCE**

Creative dreams and family history contributed to Carla Valencia starting her eponymous design company with her father, Carlos Valencia. The Valencias use old-world embroidery techniques passed down by the women in their family to create modern designs using the symbols and icons that influence her. From evil eyes, hamsas, snakes, sacred hearts, flowers, to Frida Kahlo and beyond, the

ideas spill out through needle and thread, creating truly one-of-a-kind clothing and accessories meant to last forever. At [CarlaValencia.com](http://CarlaValencia.com)

## SAN ANTONIO

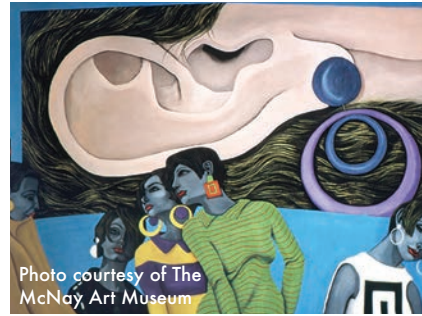


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**HANDLE WITH RESPECT**

*Mel Casas: Human* presents six large paintings by the late San Antonio-based artist Mel Casas, co-founder of the Chicano art group Con Safo. Casas is best known for pointed visual statements that question cultural

stereotypes and portrayals of Mexican Americans in the media. *Mel Casas: Human* is presented in tandem with *Pop América, 1965–1975*, in which the artist is also featured; the two exhibitions mark the premiere of the artist's work at the McNay Museum of Art. At [McNayArt.org](http://McNayArt.org)



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**THE AGE OF AQUARIUS**


Sara Ash Jessop believes that shopping should be an elevated visual experience. At her boutique Aquarius in Alamo Heights, Jessop enhances and celebrates individuality through fashion, and believes that magic is found outside of the box. She showcases designers from all over the world, often changing seasonally, with new items, products and styles to constantly discover. At [ShopAquariusBoutique.com](http://ShopAquariusBoutique.com)

**PLAYTIME AT PLAYLAND**

Located on historic Houston Street in Downtown San Antonio, Playland is a one-of-a-kind pizza joint from the minds of Chef Stefan Bowers and restaurateur Andrew Goodman. An



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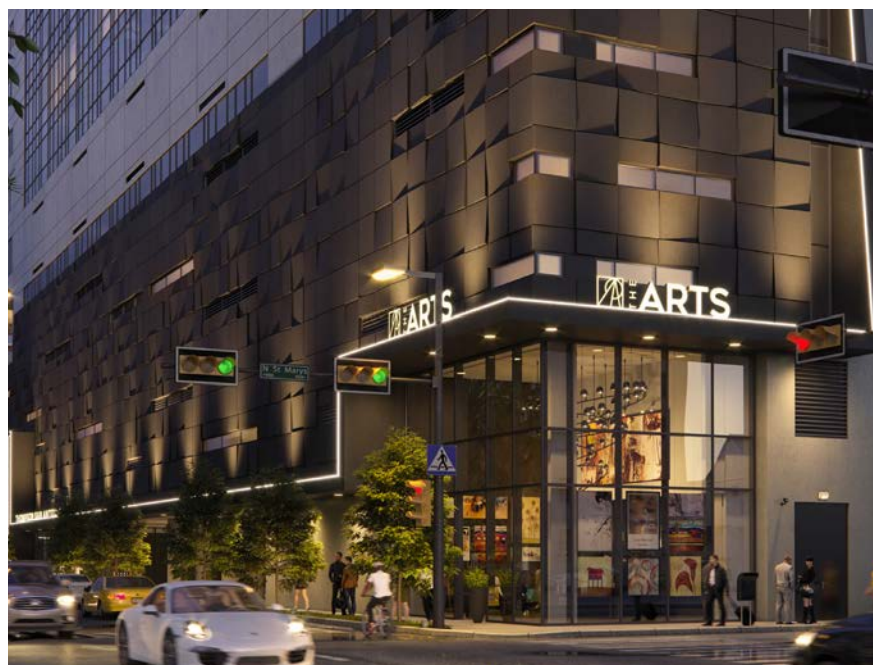
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# RUNWAY REVEAL


## Julian Gold Hosts Fall Trends Fashion Show

By Jake Gaines | Photography courtesy of Greg Harrison

OVER 250 MEMBERS OF SAN ANTONIO Country Club recently attended the Fall Trends Fashion Show hosted by Julian Gold. The looks were focused on the season's best trends and showcased the contemporary department from the store's new buyer from Milly in New York, Julia Maestros.

The event's guests enjoyed being the first to view and receive a copy of *The Guide* produced by Julian Gold, the third publication guiding clients through each season's trends for a complete head-to-toe look including cosmetics, accessories, sportswear, dresses, evening wear, shoes, and a sampling of bridal looks.

The show featured pieces from Derek Lam, Alice & Olivia, Mestiza, See by Chloe, Akris, Stella McCartney, Prabal Garung, Carolina Herrera, Oscar de la Renta, and Naem Khan. Bridal gowns were from Monique Lhuillier, Carolina Herrera and Reem Acra. The show also offered a sampling from the extensive bridal selection at Julian Gold.

On hand was Ricardo Gutierrez, of R Models Agency, who provided the show's signature trend in hair and make-up using a soft wave in the hair and the 80s-inspired make-up featuring pinks and reds. The show was produced by Emily McMichael. 



James Glover and Courtney Percy



Kendall Batchelor, Sharron Batchelor and Carroll Dorsey Walker



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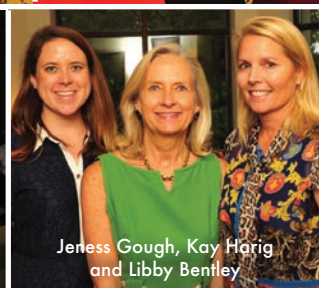
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# GIRLS' NIGHT OUT

## Shetler Fine Jewelers Hosts Passport Season Kick-Off Event

By *Jake Gaines* | Photography by *Christopher Cantoya*



Mary Jo Hancock, Janet Hancock, Karen Brady and Judy Rahe



Rebecca Nathan and Anne Gerasimon



Shirley Evans, Hollie Swope and Linda West

**SHETLER FINE JEWELERS** IN SAN ANTONIO recently hosted their annual Girl's Night Out event to kick off Passport Season. The store's customers were invited and encouraged to bring guests to come and enjoy light bites, cocktails, and shopping with fun and exciting giveaways that were awarded throughout the night.

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# TWIRL, TAKE A BOW

## San Antonio Salon Turns Ten, Hosts Chic Birthday Bash

By *Eleanora Morrison* | Photography by *Will Crawford*

**TWIRL SALON**, THE MODERN-DAY BEAUTY SHOP IN Southtown's Blue Star Arts Complex, celebrated ten years in business with a memorable end-of-summer soirée. The top-performing beauty spot founded by globally-renowned hairstylist Lisa Weller offers the best in the beauty business alongside her loyal team of 'Twirl Girls,' providing clients with top hair, make-up and skincare services for the day-to-day gal on the go.

The salon was transformed into a welcoming open space for clients and guests to sip, nosh and enjoy. Devotees donned their stylish summer white attire, camouflaging with the salon's trendy minimalist interior as they frolicked in the photo booth, scooped gelato and grazed towering trays of appetizers and sweet treats. Goodie bags of luxe hair products and organic skincare were guest favorites, given out of gratitude as one chapter closes and Weller and her team twirl together into their next decade. **S**



Erika Valdez, Jade Dagsaan, Melody Boyd, Olivia Smith, Lisa Weller, Brittany Franco, Julissa Rios, Kimberley Mendez, Amber Longoria, Leslie Rimkus and Lauren Aguirre



Meredith Campbell, Melody and Justin Boyd



Joan Wyatt, Carrie Green, Cynthia Collins and Theresa Wyatt



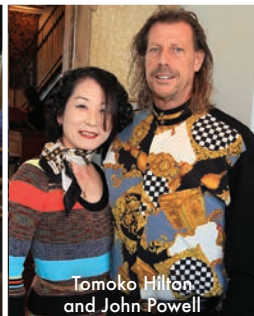
Susan Oliver Heard, Joan Wyatt, Kelly O'Connor, Lilianna Story and Vanessa Casey



Lisa and Courtney Weller



Rachelle McIntosh, Paulette Hime, Ellen Buck and Mary Susan Haley



Tomoko Hilton and John Powell



Cameron Silver and Theresa O'Donnell



Magdalena Bolner, Andrew and Maureen Weissman and Theresa O'Donnell



Angela Flores and Cameron Silver


# DECADES OF FUN

## Vintage Trunk Show At La Cantera's Signature Restaurant

By *Jake Gaines* | Photography courtesy of *Greg Harrison*

RECENTLY A VINTAGE TRUNK SHOW, cocktails and passed bites were the perfect combination at Andrew Weissman's Signature restaurant at La Cantera Resort in San Antonio.

Host Theresa O'Donnell enticed Cameron Silver, vintage fashion expert and author of the fashion volume, *Decades* and his eponymous store in Los Angeles, to pop into town for a trunk show. He offered his collection of luxury vintage and contemporary belts, scarves, dresses, purses and jewelry.

A portion of the event's shopping experience proceeds benefited The Children's Shelter of San Antonio. 

# GLEAMING GEMS & COCKTAILS

## Saks Fifth Avenue San Antonio Hosts Oscar Heyman Jewelry

By *Jake Gaines* | Photography courtesy of *Greg Harrison*

RECENTLY, A PRIVATE COCKTAIL PARTY showcased a magnificent Oscar Heyman jewelry collection, courtesy of Saks Fifth Avenue. Hosted by Jolie and David Berndt, the event toasted the fan favorite designer's stunning gems. Steve Roxworthy, representing Oscar Heyman, spoke to the ongoing success of the company.

The room full of colorful floral decor that included hydrangeas, roses and orchids was the perfect setting for the event which featured catering by the Argyle. With all the sparkling beauty all around them, guests loved the event's chic evening showcase.



Triana Grossman, Laura Whalen and Jolie Flavin



Sara Quintanilla, Ximena Garcia and Molly Molina



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Amber and Ryan Jay



Lorena Kieser and Jennifer Choi



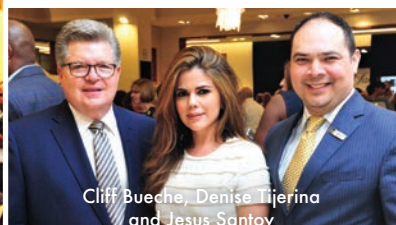
David and Jolie Berndt

# RUNWAY SUCCESS

## Saks Fifth Avenue San Antonio Hosts Fall Fashion Show

By *Jake Gaines* | Photography courtesy of *Greg Harrison*

SAKS FIFTH AVENUE SAN ANTONIO INVITED clients to a runway fashion show to celebrate the fall season, where guests were welcomed by Vice President General Manager Ryan Jay who spoke about fall fashion to the runway-ready audience. Saks Fifth Avenue's Visual Director Roman Borjas who styled the presentation of the fall 2018 trends created the runway magic. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres for the event were provided by Rosemary's Catering. **S**



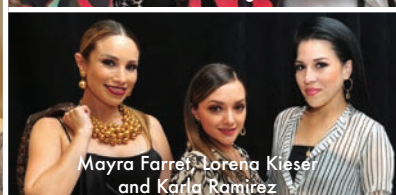
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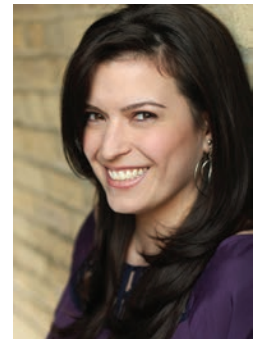
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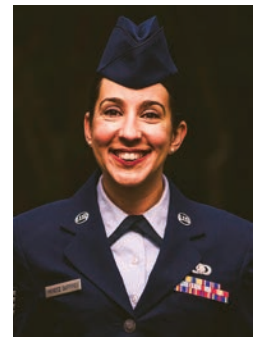
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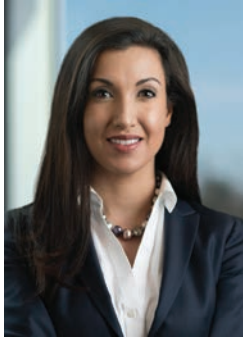
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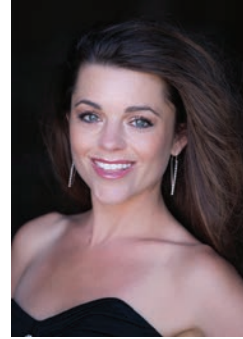
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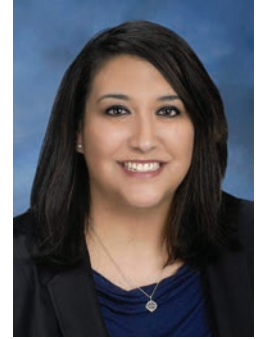
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**MY NAME**

Frances Benites

**MY PROFESSION**

Business owner

**MY MUST-HAVE**

Coffee

**MY PROUDEST ACCOMPLISHMENT**

My children and businesses

**MY FAVORITE MEMORY**

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Angel Myers

**MY PROFESSION**

Business owner

**MY MUST-HAVE**

Coffee, my dogs and lip gloss

**MY PROUDEST ACCOMPLISHMENT**

My daughter Ava

**MY FAVORITE MEMORY**

My 40th birthday in NYC

**MY LIFE IS**

Chaotic and amazing

**MY BOX IS**

Lee Michaels!



**MY NAME**

Tracee Feik

**MY PROFESSION**

Supportive wife and loving mother

**MY MUST-HAVE**

Bill Miller iced tea in the morning

**MY PROUDEST ACCOMPLISHMENT**

Besides my children, it's the fact that I can help out various non-profits in the area

**MY FAVORITE MEMORY**

Our trip to South Africa

**MY LIFE IS**

Beyond blessed with family, friends and good health

**MY BOX IS**

Lee Michaels!



# BOERNE



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# BECKONS

From the Hill Country Mile to the *Dickens on Main* holiday celebration, Boerne is an oasis in the Hill Country.

By Jake Gaines | Photography courtesy of Boerne Convention & Visitors Bureau

**BOERNE, A HILL COUNTRY DESTINATION, IS more than a tourist oasis... it's a place to live, work and play.**

The reason for Boerne's success is that it offers an upscale, small town feel not often found these days so close to large metropolitan areas. In fact, it's the hub of the Hill Country.

#### **SHOP, DINE, SIP & SAVOR BOERNE'S HILL COUNTRY MILE**

The Hill Country Mile is a stretch of locally-owned specialty shops and restaurants along Main Street, right through the heart of historic downtown Boerne. Shopping along the Mile, you'll find everything from on-trend, unique boutique clothing and home décor to treasured antique pieces and works of art.

Dining is no different—you'll experience time-tested recipes and down-home cooking along with modern Hill Country fare, with wine selections sure to make your meal a memorable one. With nearby live music, craft breweries and great patios, it's the perfect way to end your day. Whether you have three hours or three days, you're sure to enjoy small-town hospitality and endless fun in downtown Boerne.

#### **BEYOND SHOPPING & DINING**

Want to enjoy the area's nature? Just steps from the Hill Country Mile are beautiful, meandering paths along the banks of the Cibolo Creek where you can

jog, bike or just sit for a spell along the newly renovated trail. Fishing piers and picnic tables are scattered about, making it easy to enjoy a quick picnic or stay for a few hours.

Boerne's public art program is designed to be a one-of-a-kind walkable adventure. Carefully curated sculptures are dotted throughout the Hill Country Mile and along Boerne's trails system, and a rotating exhibit known as Art al Fresco features ten large-scale professional sculptures chosen through an annual competition.

#### **HOLIDAY MAGIC: DICKENS ON MAIN**

The 19th annual Dickens on Main celebration officially kicks off the holiday season in Boerne on November 24 and 25 spreading tidings of good cheer and merriment. You can shop for unique holiday gifts along Boerne's Hill Country Mile on Black Friday and Small Business Saturday while the whole family enjoys live musical entertainment, Dickens-era theatrical performances, a variety of children's activities including Santa Claus, a 60-foot snow slide, live ice sculpting shows, horse-drawn carriage rides, snow on Main Street and more. A Boerne tradition packed with holiday fun and festivities, Dickens on Main promises to be another spectacular, joyful experience this year.

Boerne has so much to offer its residents and visitors along the Hill Country Mile and beyond. Boerne beckons... discover the possibilities.



Boerne's Hill Country Mile,  
Photography courtesy of Castle Arts Entertainment



Boerne's Cibolo Trail Courtesy of  
West Vita Photography



Boerne City Center  
Courtesy Talboys Photography

# BOERNE'S BEGINNINGS

**IN 1849 A GROUP OF GERMAN COLONISTS** from Bettina camped on the north side of Cibolo Creek, about a mile west of present-day Boerne. They called their new community Tusculum, after Cicero's home in ancient Rome. In 1852 Gustav Theissen and John James laid out the town's site and changed the name to Boerne in honor of Ludwig Börne, a German poet and publicist. A post office was established in 1856. The community had only 10 houses in 1859, yet it was chosen to be the county seat by a margin of 67 votes after the county was established in 1862. A courthouse was built in 1870 and is still in use, making it the second-oldest courthouse in Texas.

Boerne developed the reputation of having a very healthful environment and quickly became known as a health resort. By 1884 it had five hotels, assorted businesses, and 250 residents. The arrival of the San Antonio and Aransas Pass Railway in 1887 brought increased economic opportunity, and by 1890 the population of Boerne had risen to 800. Boerne residents voted to incorporate in 1909; also, in that year they established the Boerne Independent School District. The population was reported at 950 in 1914, and the community grew and prospered through the 1920s; not surprisingly, the

Great Depression of the 1930s negatively impacted the towns continued growth.

In the 1950s, however, many residents turned to nearby San Antonio for employment. The population grew at a slow but steady rate, reaching 2,169 in 1960. In the 1960s construction San Antonio's South Texas Medical Center and the University of Texas at San Antonio, as well as the completion of Interstate Highway 10, made Boerne even more attractive as a town from which to commute. In the 1990's the population exceeded 5,000 making Boerne eligible for Home Rule. This was voted in by its citizens in 1995. Accelerated growth in the late 1990s and early 2000's has increased the population to an estimated 16,056 according to the 2017 US census.

In spite of the influx of different ethnic groups, the German cultural tradition has dominated the community in many ways. Boerne German community organizations still active include the Boerne Schuetzen Verein (shooting club), which was formed in 1864, and the Boerne Village Band, which was formed about the same time as the singing society. Since 1967, Boerne's annual Berges Fest celebration brings out the fun-loving best in this vibrant historic gateway to the Texas Hill Country.



# BOERNE'S HOLIDAY EVENTS

Here's a selection of holiday happenings you won't want to miss.



## NOVEMBER

**Nov. 2-3**

### **Vintage Market Days-Boerne Fall Event**

The 2018 Vintage Market Days® kicks off the holiday season with high spirits.

**Nov. 3**

### **New and Luxury Car Show**

If you're in the market for a new or luxury automobile or you are just a car enthusiast, the Boerne Auto Show is a great place to see a little bit of everything. Find the car that catches your eye, sit in the driver's seat and get your questions answered by industry experts.

**Nov. 3**

### **Fall Family Festival**

Enjoy the Fall Family Festival at the Historic Herff Farm! There will be children's activities, arts and crafts, family yoga, live music, demonstrations, and tours of the Herff Farm.

**Nov. 8**

### **Diva Night**

Stores will have regular business hours during the day. Diva Night festivities will begin at 5 PM and include shopping, live music, dining and great specials for the "Diva" in you.

**Nov. 10-11 & Dec. 8-9**

### **Boerne Holiday Market Days**

Boerne Market Days is a fabulous place to begin your holiday shopping.

**Nov. 10**

### **Kuhlmann-King Museum Tour**

Located behind Boerne City Hall the Kuhlmann-King house gives the public the opportunity to step back in time to see what a historic Boerne home looked like "way back when". Open every Second Saturday of each month, so schedule a personalized tour.

**Nov. 10 & Dec. 08**

### **Second Saturday Art Beat**

Boerne shops and art galleries are teaming up to bring you a heart-racing fine art experience. Take a walk on the art side every second Saturday of the month. Look for the banners displayed throughout Boerne.

**Nov. 17-18**

### **Boerne Fall Antiques Show**

This features exhibitor booths overflowing with the finest American antiques found in the market today. Exhibitors gather their treasures from the estates of this great country and save their best for this nationally-acclaimed antiques show.

**Nov. 23-24**

### **Dickens on Main**

The 19th annual Dickens on Main celebration officially kicks off the holiday season by spreading tidings of good cheer and merriment galore.

## DECEMBER

**Dec. 1**

### **Stocking Stroll**

The Stocking Stroll has become a fun shopping tradition with friends and family, and a great way to knock out your shopping list! Tickets go on sale November 6th, 8 AM for this annual event along Boerne's Hill Country Mile and beyond! This year's event will be better than ever with its participating businesses.

**Dec. 1**

### **Weihnachts Parade**

A magical Hill Country Christmas event, this parade is a must-see for kids and kids-at-heart.

**Dec. 2**

### **Oma's Christmas Craft Fair**

You will find all your Christmas shopping easy to handle with every type of unique gift available at Oma's.

**Dec. 4-5**

### **A Walk In Bethlehem**

As you enter the city, allow the sights, sounds and smells to carry you to a period of time that changed the world. Journey through the heart of the city for this festive event.

**Dec. 7-8 & 14-15**

### **The Christmas Town**

This unique experience is sure to bring the entire family back to the true spirit of the season. It includes live Christmas music, hayrides, the town of Bethlehem rendition, shopping hand-made gifts, an entire interactive area just for kids, amazing foods and so much more. Join us in enjoying the meaningful traditions of the season.

**Dec. 8-9**

### **Christmas Market Days**

The Main Plaza comes alive with great shopping in an outdoor setting that ignites the holiday spirit.

**Dec. 15-16**

### **Cowboy Christmas Market Days**

Finish your shopping at the Cowboy Christmas Market Days. This weekend is an outdoor Market Days with a cowboy twist. Get your pictures taken in the old jailhouse with period cowboys and old West characters. Arts, crafts, antiques, collectibles, chic clothing, jewelry, accessories, vintage, décor, and great food.

**Dec. 15**

### **The Ten Tenors: Home For The Holidays**

Come home for the holidays with The Ten Tenors. With a generous mix of festive favorites and modern holiday hits, TTT will walk you through a musical winter wonderland that truly captures the essence of the Holidays for the whole family, as well as many of the rock and classical songs that have made this group world famous.

**Dec. 22**

### **Winter Solstice - Celebration Circle**

Enjoy an eclectic concert of holiday music celebrating the Winter Solstice, combining contemporary arrangements of traditional carols, soaring vocals, original acoustic music and pulsing world-beat rhythms, performed on a mixture of ancient and modern instruments.





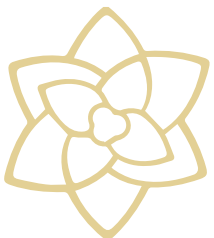
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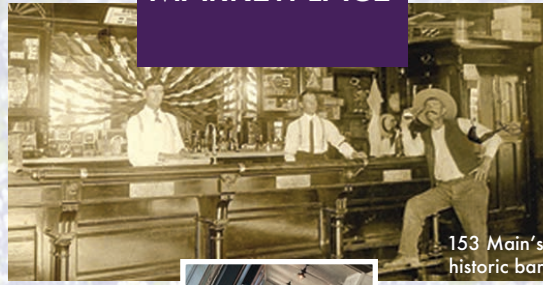
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**153 MAIN**

A new destination venue, The Shops At 153 Main, features retail stores, a second-floor garden area with family-friendly games, complimentary Wi-Fi, and Richter Tavern, a full-service bar specializing in custom cocktails, margaritas, and a daily chef-prepared menu designed to cover fun to fine dining.



153 Main's historic bar



Guy and Joi Sanders

Their history begins on a cool February morning in 1916, Arno Richter watched yet another Ford Model T putter past the old horse stables on Main Street. Boerne was evolving and he wanted to be a part of it. In 1920 Arno's new auto garage at 153 Main leads the quaint town into the future. One hundred years later in 2016, Joi and Guy Sanders noticed a diamond in the rough at 153 Main. Once again Boerne was evolving and they wanted to be a part of it. Two years later, they had restored Arno's building keeping its place pointing to the future.

Start your own story at 153 Main with a glass of your favorite wine or craft beer at the Cork and Keg nestled in Arno's reimagined machine

this truly unique Hill Country destination crests in the Frank Lloyd Wright-inspired private martini bar Oben which overlooks the second-floor patio with impeccable style.

For more information and to reserve your membership at Oben, visit [153MainBoerne.com](http://153MainBoerne.com)

**KEVIN BEST, BROKER ASSOCIATE**

Many individuals and families are drawn to the small town of Boerne, Texas. It could be the exemplary school district and lower taxes, or perhaps it is the slower pace and natural beauty of the area. What cannot be disputed though is that Boerne is a lifestyle.

With a real estate career spanning more than 20 years, 13 of them focused on the Texas Hill Country specifically, real estate agent Kevin Best has a broad knowledge and unique understanding of the area. "Being an integral part of the development of Cordillera Ranch, the most luxurious Hill Country community in Boerne, gave me knowledge and expertise of the high-end Hill Country market," says Kevin Best. "It also allowed me to build life-

long relationships and a solid reputation for hard work." Best is the #1 Realtor® in Cordillera Ranch two years in a row, according to the San Antonio Board of Realtors, with over \$12 million year-to-date sales in 2018 and close to \$250 million throughout his career inside the gates of Cordillera.

Growing up, his mother was involved in farm and ranch real estate while his father built a successful land clearing business. Kevin Best learned from a young age the importance of working hard and doing the right thing with integrity. Those life lessons carry over to today as he skillfully guides clients through the process of buying and selling real estate in an effort to provide the highest quality service. "I always strive to make the process seamless for my clients despite the chaos of financing, appraisals, surveys and a number of other issues that can derail closing," shares Best. "I want them to walk away with a better understanding of how real estate works and know that they put their trust in the *best*."

For more information, visit [KevinBestProperties.com](http://KevinBestProperties.com)



Kevin Best

Cordillera Ranch

**CATRINA'S INTERIORS**

"Did you ever have an idea or vision in your head of how you wish your home could look but you don't quite know how to achieve it?," asks Catrina Kendrick of Catrina's Interiors. "You are not alone, I hear this every day. Another good one is when people say 'I'll know it when I see it'. No, you won't. You might see a piece of it here and there but putting it all together is the hard part. That's where I come in and say "If you can dream it, we can build it," shares Kendrick.

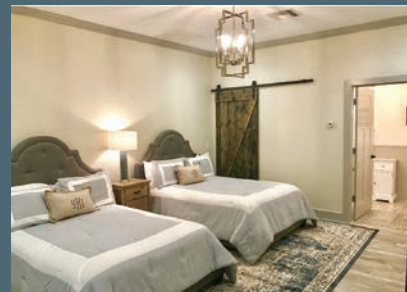
"Really, no kidding. I have been in the furniture business for many years and most of my life I have been drawing and designing furniture and interiors that were unique and outside of the box—literally. Unlike most "box" stores that try to convince you that what they have on their floor is exactly what you need, I would rather design for the home than throw things at the home."

Many homes with traditional exteriors are being decorated with more contemporary interiors. I personally love seeing interiors lighten up and less cluttered. The Hill Country-inspired contemporary furniture that I have designed and made for the recent Greater San Antonio Builder's Association Parade of Homes at Miraloma in Boerne fit that ticket. The builder of the home is Todd Booth from Prestige Homes, who builds a quality product with style and attention to detail on everything they build. They have a fantastic team that is always ready to listen and try something new. The design of the home was perfect for my vision overlooking the beautiful hills at Miraloma.

For more information, visit [CatrinasInteriors.com](http://CatrinasInteriors.com)



Selections from Catrina's Interiors



**Ye**

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**CHRISTOFILIS HOMES**

Forty minutes from the hustle and bustle of San Antonio, Sherry and Damon Christofilis have long been Boerne residents who have come to enjoy all the events that make this part of the Hill Country a wonderful destination. Events like Dickens on Main with horse drawn carriages that ease their way down the Hill Country Mile on Main Street are reminders that simplicity and tranquility are values we all can embrace.

Since the Christofilis' made Boerne their home, life has indeed become simpler. The panoramic vistas, breezes, and people of the Texas Hill country offer a quality of life unmatched. There are so many unique places to build relationships, with one-of-a-kind niches where you can relax and find that rare gem. Core values like prayer in schools help to form our city paving the way to a warm community with minimal crime. "We enjoy opportunities to get plenty exercise and live a purposeful life. Neighbors, whose homes we have built, have become dear friends," says Sherry Christofilis. "It is also close enough to San Antonio for the occasional trips for entertainment, museums, the Riverwalk and the Alamo."

Christofilis Custom Homes offers concierge home construction service in the beautiful Hill Country of Texas. *Concierge* means start to finish with a personal touch. "We are like a thoughtful personal assistant through the entire building process," says Damon Christofilis. "We first moved to Boerne in 2000 working, until recently, exclusively in Cordillera. We have meticulously built over 120 homes in the last 20 years in the Boerne Area. We are now expanding our services to the surrounding Hill Country area. If taking in a parade or attending a car show downtown sounds like a great weekend, then Boerne is a good choice for you as well. We would love to meet you and show you around."



Damon Christofilis, John and Rose Monday & Jack Monday

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**GUADALUPE RIVER GALLERY**

Guadalupe River Gallery introduces select antiques and designer pieces for the finest Texas homes, ranches, and retail projects. For refined tastes in fine furnishing, the gallery offers a vast selection of period antiques from Southern Europe's wine producing regions with a unique emphasis on collectible and vintage furnishings from both Texas and Old Mexico that ranges the gamut from hacienda and farmhouse furniture, exclusive iron chandeliers that add special ambiance to any room, to an elegant selection of casual painted furniture. In fact, GRG debuts items especially curated for the area by owner Lance Aaron and his design and restoration team.



Throne from Aztec Theater, San Antonio

Discerning architects, builders and homeowners can unearth unique items such as reclaimed and aged architectural finds, including enormous salvaged doors, iron gates and garden planters. Collectors and museum curators may locate museum quality finds such as a circa-1927 Throne that once graced San Antonio's Aztec Theater or Linda Ronstadt's

China Poblana Dress worn on the cover of her album *Canciones de Mi Padre*, the 1987 global smash hit. The GRG restoration team is currently restoring a major circa-1600 altar that previously belonged to William Randolph Hearst.

GRG offers vintage and antique rugs, high-quality custom reproductions, as well as hand selected regional goods and fashion accessories from Mexico such as jewelry, clothing and nostalgic wares. "Today's consumers recognize and strive to own fewer, but higher quality items. Here we fit these requirements, by using labor intensive, time honored craftsmanship, because it makes a difference," says Anne Herrera, interior designer.

As the Hill Country is one of the fastest growing wine-producing regions in the country, GRG offers the wine connoisseur, bar cabinets and decorative wine-related accessories. What makes GRG most unique is their sense of community that offers a place that showcases the talents accomplished artists and craftsman, each with their own rare personality and soul. The gallery also presents monthly events featuring the latest inspiration in food from renown chefs and the multi-cultural musical talents from around the globe.

For more information, visit [GuadalupeRiverGallery.com](http://GuadalupeRiverGallery.com)

**DENISE GRAVES, KWLUXURY INTERNATIONAL**

Boerne is hailed as the Alamo Heights of the Hill Country with its exceptional private and public schools. But I fell in love with the spirit of community and affluent lifestyle when I moved here.

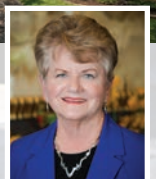
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County then and it was almost like the Austin market is now. The next-door neighbor saw a *For Sale* sign go up and their colleague, friend or family member bought the house before dark! Then the glory days of mentoring under Nancy Billingsly at The House Company catapulted me into the industry. She was such a force, a true trailblazing business woman and is missed by many. I

will forever be grateful for her guidance, patience and instruction of how to always be gracious, stay grounded and to never figure commission before closing. Those wise words continue to pay off time and again in my 25 years of experience.”

“Since I am a San Antonio native, I still frequently travel from Boerne to San Antonio. What an experience watching the growth in Boerne. I am now cultivating the peripheral

areas as we witness Boerne stretch its borders in all directions. In looking to the future, I can see that our market remains steady and strong. I also see, truly, it is the top 5% of agents in this market that are consistent, reliable and have the ability to make a deal when there seems to be no apparent or easy way to do so. It is my belief that surrounding myself with my professional peer group at KW Portfolio Real Estate has made an incredible positive impact in my performance. Our office remains at 10 Dominion Drive just a few minutes east of Boerne, yet I am in love with my life living in Boerne and continue to have great expectations for the future.”

“I want to offer my sincere, heartfelt thanks to all of you who have entrusted me with your real estate transactions. You are such a huge part of my heart, as now, I get the opportunity to sell houses to your children and their babies. How time flies when you are having fun.”

For more information, visit [DebraJanesLuxury.com](http://DebraJanesLuxury.com)

**JOLI BOUTIQUE**

“Shopping in the boutiques of Paris is one of my favorite things to do. I wanted to bring that experience to my store,” explains Barb Burger, owner of Joli Boutique in Boerne.

Joli, which means *pretty*, was born out of a desire to create a shopping environment that would create a “Parisian” experience. “We always make sure you are greeted upon your arrival in our shop just as you would be in Paris.”

“We relocated to Boerne from San Antonio to provide a unique atmosphere where folks take their time while shopping and enjoying family and friends,” says Burger. “Prior to relocating we perceived that there was a real need for a more refined approach to our apparel. We only order a limited amount in various sizes. We keep records on what our regular shoppers purchase so that

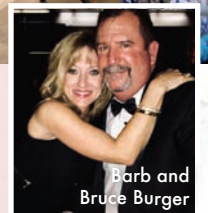
they can be somewhat assured that they won’t see their best friend wearing the same outfit.” She goes on to say, “Our dedicated staff are great at making suggestions of new styles that fit your personality. You will leave Joli Boutique prettier than when you walked in.”

“There is also a need for our men to have a place to shop in Boerne,” shares Burger. “We evaluated what men wanted to buy when they visited the mall, resulting in our carrying shirts and jeans from Robert Graham, Tommy Bahama and underwear from 2 Under. These have become very popular with our customers.”

“Customer service is huge at Joli Boutique. Something almost non-existent in today’s shopping experience. We work collectively with other retailers in Boerne to maintain a high quality. The Hill Country Mile offers unique



Joli Boutique



Barb and Bruce Burger

family events like Diva Night, Boerne Market Days, Dickens on Main, and various style shows. Whatever you are looking for, you are sure to find it on Main in Boerne, so stop by Joli for your “Parisian” experience.

For more information, visit [JoliBoutique.org](http://JoliBoutique.org)

**MOMMY 2 B**

Owning a boutique in Boerne is a dream come true for sisters Megan Baird and Aimee Zrzavy. Their passion for women’s fashion and the need for a maternity store in Boerne were the two driving factors behind Mommy 2B. The store offers maternity wear for all occasions whether it be working out at the gym, a day at the office, a night on the town, hanging by the pool or just lounging around the house. They also offer a

full line of intimates and sleepwear. Mommy 2B is not just a maternity store...they have a full selection of baby and children’s apparel and toys, baby accessories, including slings and diaper bags as well as a great selection of one-of-a-kind jewelry pieces and purses. No matter what your size, age or pregnancy status, Mommy 2B is sure to have something for you.

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another store in San Antonio at Rooms and Gardens, so it was an easy decision to expand on my passion for home décor.

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often, but Mariah and Wendy are a dynamic duo who are always available to assist you with your shopping experience. I invite you to stop by my store often, as my inventory changes daily, and I know you will find a treasure for your home.

For more information, visit [LaurieSaunders.com](http://LaurieSaunders.com)

I grew up coming to my grandparent's ranch in Boerne and this quaint town has held a very special place in my heart all my life, so I opened my "dream store" in downtown Boerne. I have

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# NOW THAT'S ITALIAN

## Valeria Ristorante Launches New *Bellissimo Boerne Wine & Dinner Series*

By *Jake Gaines* | Photography courtesy of *Valeria Ristorante*

VALERIA RISTORANTE ITALIANO, AN INTERNATIONAL culinary gem tucked in the welcoming town of Boerne, recently launched its *Bellissimo Boerne Wine & Dinner Series*. Recently, the restaurant hosted the Ferragamo family, of the famed Italian-based fashion empire.

Led by world renowned Chef Keith Kuhn, the restaurant is dedicated to bringing the finest quality of European cuisine and wines to Boerne, San Antonio, and the Hill Country. Each dinner features an exquisite five-course menu created by Kuhn with an expertly paired wine selection from the featured vineyard. Guests also will enjoy a brief introduction to each course provided by the winemaker, allowing patrons to learn more about the complexity and story behind each wine.

“We are bringing the vineyards of Europe to the comfort of Boerne,” shares Chef Kuhn, owner of Valeria Ristorante. “For each of these events, we work very closely with the winemakers to craft menus that will leave guests inspired. They are designed to surprise the palate with fresh flavor combinations, and also introduce patrons to fine wines they may not have had the opportunity to explore yet.”

It’s no secret Valeria represents gourmet European cuisine with a farm to table accent. Because of their dedication to clean food sans GMOs, trans fats, additives and unnecessary preservatives, the restaurant chooses to only use ingredients derived from their own farm, located just three miles from the restaurant, or from partners who share their passion about raising healthy plants and animals.

For more information, visit [ValeriaRestaurant.com](http://ValeriaRestaurant.com) 



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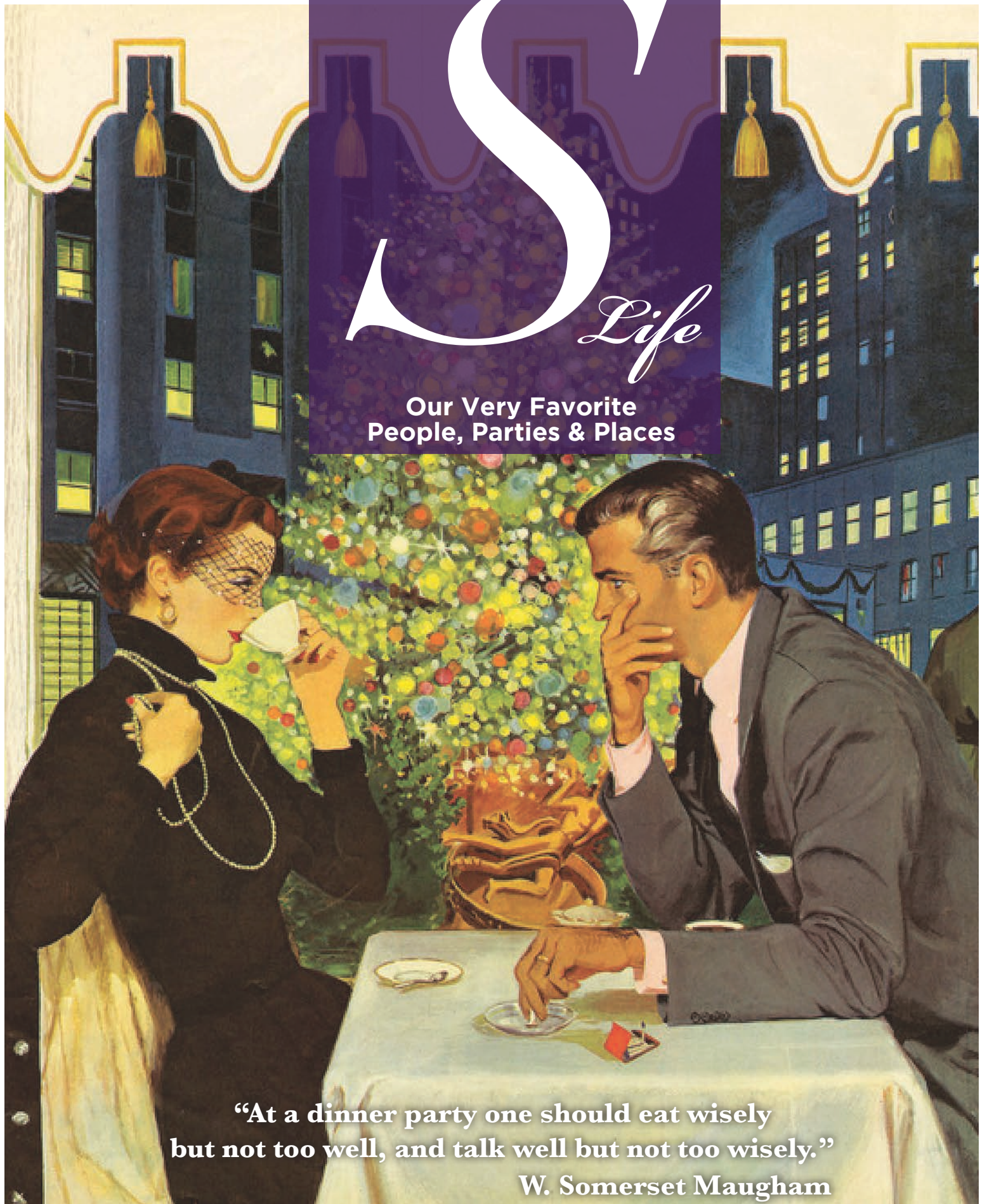


Recently refreshed and reinstalled, the Lang Galleries at the McNay Art Museum—which house works by artists including Claude Monet, Pablo Picasso, Georgia O’Keeffe, and Joan Mitchell—offer an artful setting for entertaining. In the galleries, beloved artworks in the McNay collection from across disciplines, movements, and eras are juxtaposed to create exciting and provocative conversations. The Lang Galleries are perfect for intimate seated dinners.

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but not too well, and talk well but not too wisely.”**

**W. Somerset Maugham**

# UNIFORM BEHAVIOR

Photographic Partnership Supports City's 300th Anniversary

By Jake Gaines | Photography by Vincent Quarentino of Super Q Photography



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Lisa Tudor and  
Peggy Geibel



Elizabeth Carrington, Mary  
Altmeyer and Trish Hennessey



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Clement Carrington



## THE SCENE:

Recently, a hip loft-style building in downtown San Antonio served as the launch venue for *Uniform 300*, a collaboration with photographer Rahm Carrington, curator/producer Alice Carrington Foulz and JP Morgan Chase.

The massive photographs were installed in the Travis Park Plaza and guests mingled about with cocktails and hor d'oeuvres. Jason Molchanow, Curator for JPMorgan Chase, gave a talk about the inception of the project.

## THE VIBE:

The creative collaboration between the mother and son Foulz-Carrington coincided with San Antonio's Tricentennial Celebration. In fact, *Uniform 300* depicts the diversity of San Antonians following the six pillars of the Tricentennial: Religion, Military, History & Education, Arts & Culture, World Heritage, and Community Service. The project features portraits of mostly San Antonio citizens representing all neighborhoods, passions, jobs and walks of life.

After the launch, the San Antonio Public Library hosted the *Uniform 300* exhibit, on display at multiple city library locations. Learn more about the individuals who appeared in the photographs with the duo's podcast, *Uniform 300* on SoundCloud. [S](#)



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# ISN'T LIFE GRAND?

Houston Grand Opera Hosts Plácido Domingo At Gala

By *Jennifer Roosth* | Photography by *Jenny Antill, Priscilla Dickson, Lynn Lane and Wilson Parish*



## THE SCENE:

Houston Grand Opera and its Presenting Underwriter Margaret Williams welcomed a sold-out audience of 2,400 guests to celebrate a triumphant and dramatic return to the Wortham Theater Center following last year's Hurricane Harvey devastation. Internationally renowned opera mega-star Plácido Domingo returned to Houston to honor the occasion more than 30 years after he opened the Wortham Theater Center with a star role in Verdi's *Aida* in 1987.



Nicole and Evan Katz



Margaret Alkek Williams and Plácido Domingo



Steve Wyatt and Lynn Wyatt



Susan and Michael Bloome

The concert was followed by a late-night dinner celebration chaired by Margaret Alkek Williams and attended by Domingo and 750 friends of HGO at the Post Oak Hotel at Uptown Houston. Guests were greeted festively by an 11-piece mariachi band, a nod to Domingo's upbringing in Mexico. The Events Company created the décor for the event.



Cullen Geizelman, Beth Robertson & Carroll and Hugh Ray



Sue and Lester Smith

## THE VIBE:

The ballroom was adorned with thousands of deep red roses, reflecting the revived red velvet theater seats of the Wortham, and guests dined on a four-course feast inspired by Spain, Domingo's birthplace. HGO Managing Director Perryn Leech formally thanked those who helped the company save the 2017–18 opera season and make its way home again after a year's displacement.



Cerón and Diane Lokey Farb



Dian Stai and Denise Bush Bahr



Geraldina Wise, Ana Maria Martinez and Sofia Androque

## THE CAUSE:

The event raised over \$1.5 million to benefit Houston Grand Opera's efforts post-Hurricane Harvey to create thrilling and engaging art for the community. **S**



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# INTO THE WILD

*It's A Jungle Out There* Benefits Cheer 4 Your Life

By Cynthia Smoot | Photography by Kevin Kazadi



Missy Payne



## THE SCENE:

The 4th Annual *It's A Jungle Out There* benefit featuring “jungle chic attire” recently took place at the Deep Ellum Art Company. Former contestants from the hit TV shows *Survivor*, *Amazing Race*, *Big Brother*, and *American Ninja Warrior* gathered to raise funds for Cheer 4 Your Life. Dallas media personalities Bret Mega from Hot Hits 93.3 and Brian Glenn of KEXB 620 AM radio also lent their names to the cause.

## THE VIBE:

Missy Payne, who finished in third place on season 29 of *Survivor: San Juan del Sur* shared how she walked away with a million-dollar idea to create Cheer 4 Your Life. Several C4YL teen beneficiaries lent their talents to the evening's entertainment: Kyndall Ash and Lacy Brent performed an original dance number choreographed by sister Layla Brent (alumni of C4YL), Jamilla Johnson sang an original song, and Sarah Seye, Mikaela Weiss and Brianna Woods performed a routine with cheerleading stunts and gymnastics.

## THE CAUSE:

Cheer 4 Your Life empowers, inspires and motivates youth by giving them a chance to defy their own limits. It helps teens pursue their passions and provides emotional support to help them stay focused on education and accomplish their goals. **S**



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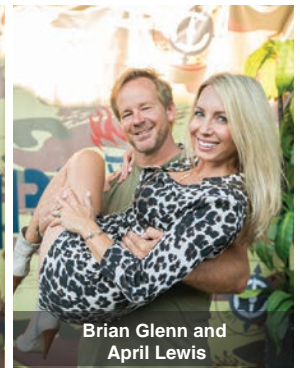
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Ballet Austin's *Once Upon A Fête* Tells A Perfect Story In Two Parts

By Rob Giardinelli | Photography by John Pesina, Victor Savelle and Alejandro Silveyra



Jessica Phillips, Tahra Dickey and Anne Shiflet



Gail Romney and Sarah Butler



Michael and Natasa Valocchi



Jennifer Carnes, Cassie LaMere and Abby Hendel



Sofia Avila

## THE SCENE:

Once upon a time, Austin's JW Marriott Hotel was the setting where during the course of an enchanting evening, 600 of Austin's Sociable VIPs gathered for Ballet Austin's Fête and fête\*ish *One Upon a Fête* gala.

## THE VIBE:

The story of this affair began with cocktails in the ballroom foyer of the JW Marriott. The black-tie gathering featured beautiful *Grimm's Fairytales* characters with a wide range of style. Ladies wore a mix of black, lace, print and brightly colored ensembles, while men wore an array of tuxedos with many featuring pops of color in tuxedo jackets, bow-ties and pocket squares.

The next chapter continued where Mandarin Design Lab created an impeccably forest-themed ballroom for the evening's program. Highlights included a live auction that included a Fashion X Austin experience, a substantial piece of art donated by world-renowned artist Brad Ellis, and several five-star trips. The story concluded with the fête\*ish after party where the fun continued well into the night as partygoers danced the night away to the tunes of DJ Mel.

## THE CAUSE:

Fête, co-chaired by Michael and Natasa Valocchi and fête\*ish, co-chaired by Cassie LaMere and Cassandra King Polidori, raised almost half a million dollars for Ballet Austin, whose mission is to create, nurture and share the joy of dance through classically innovative arts and arts education programs. **S**



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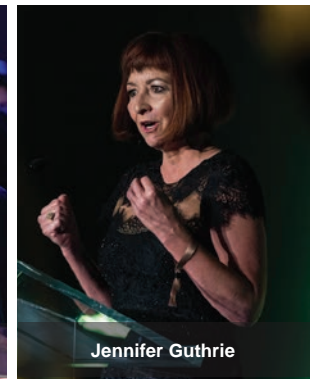
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# ANIMAL INSTINCTS

Annual Fierce & Fabulous PetSet Gala Sets Records

By Jennifer Roosth | Photography by Fulton Davenport and Gregg Harrison



Princess Tatiana, Tama Lundquist, Dan and Susan Boggio & Tena Lundquist Faust



Souad Malouf Bejjani and Terri Alani Courtney Cohn Hopson and Neal Hamil



Lester Smith and Sue Smith

## THE SCENE:

Over 400 guests recently attended the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual *Fierce & Fabulous* PetSet soirée held at The Post Oak Hotel. The event's attendees enjoyed a fabulous reception, dinner, and thrilling silent and live auctions. After last year's annual soirée was cancelled due to Hurricane Harvey, guests and hosts were emotionally enthusiastic to be back in the rhythm of their Fierce and Fabulous event that robustly raised money for animal charities.

## THE VIBE:

Videos of animals displaced during Harvey and rescue efforts that followed it had the audience in tears and eager to help by bidding in the spirited live auction. Following the gala, Club PetSet Young Professionals hosted an after party with dancing and music by DJ Senega that lasted until the wee hours of the morning.

## THE CAUSE:

The evening honored Susan and Dan Boggio and was chaired by Tena Lundquist Faust, Tama Lundquist and Tatiana Sierra. Deborah Duncan served as M.C., Jeff Smith was the live auctioneer and Frances Moody chaired the after-party. The gala netted a record \$500,000 for Houston PetSet, an umbrella nonprofit organization dedicated to making a difference by providing grants to animal welfare-related nonprofits and ending animal homelessness in the Greater Houston area. All Houston PetSet funds raised support Houston's animal nonprofits. **S**



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Jan Duncan and Becky Cooke

# A REAL PAGE-TURNER

Landa Library Event Celebrates Landmark Anniversary

By Jake Gaines | Photography by Greg Harrison



Patricia Alvarez and Kristal Powell



Emily Jones, Emily Reynolds and Patsie McDaniel



Elizabeth Gillespie, Veronica Bordano and Eliane Honigblum



Diane Wacławczyk, Sylvia Rodríguez, Kirsten Silberschlag & Luke Bovenzi

## THE SCENE:

On the gorgeous grounds of Landa Library, guests gathered to celebrate and support the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary Landa Nights event, with the theme of *Chiaroscuro*, benefiting Landa Gardens Conservancy. The Conservancy maintains and beautifies the nearly-five acre grounds upon which the library sits providing a magical setting where friends and families have gathered for decades.

## THE VIBE:

The theme of the evening was shadows and lights. Robert Maxim, a San Antonio-based commercial photographer was commissioned to photograph the Landa Library to capture images that related to the theme of the evening. The two framed photographs, *Landa Sunrise* and *Landa Sunset* were sold at the silent auction and brought in a record amount for the library. The event was catered by Page Barteau Caterers, Inc. Holly Besing created the conceptual design for the centerpieces which were then implemented by HEB's floral department as an in-kind contribution. Aaron Prado Quartet performed live entertainment for the evening.

## THE CAUSE:

Colleen Casey and Ana Montoya chaired the event. The Presenting Sponsor for the gala was Valero, with other top sponsors including the John and Florence Newman Foundation and South Texas Money Management. In fact, a record number of guests attended at the Presenting Sponsor level. The Landa Gardens Conservancy, led by Michael Bacon, is a non-profit organization dedicated to beautifying and maintaining the gardens, walkways and playgrounds at Landa Library. **S**



Gobie Walsdorf and Jim Foody



Christine and Kevin Kelly



Ana Montoya and Alexandra Cavazos



Suzie Bacon, Colleen Casey, Mike Bacon and Whitney Schones



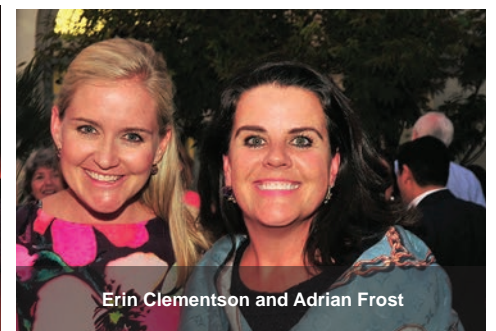
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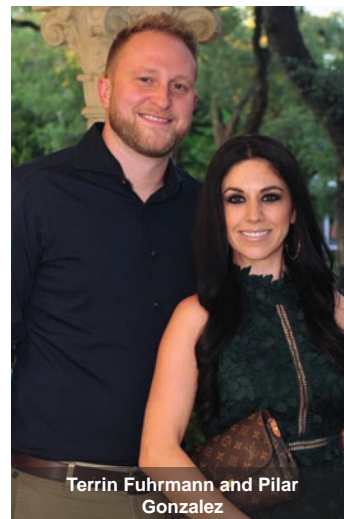
Erin Clementson and Adrian Frost



Christine Mayer, Daniela Serna and Patricia Bowen



Janet Montagne and Luz Ortiz



Terrin Fuhrmann and Pilar Gonzalez



Fabiola Kaase, Amy Maverick and Dr. Sara McCamish



David Garza and Dr. John Hogg



CeCe Frost Griffin, Katie Shelton and Brianna Kirk



Hunter Henke and Epitacio Resendez



Jody Lutz and Amy Swaney

# NASHVILLE, MEET AUSTIN

Star-Studded Darrell K Royal 4th and Goal Gala Features Cast From *Nashville* Series

By Rob Giardinelli | Photography by Tyler Schmitt Photography



Nashville's Chris Carmack, Charles Esten and Jonathan Jackson perform



Lindsay Smith and Val Armstrong



Mike and DK Reynolds



Ava and Steve Late



Matthew McConaughey

## THE SCENE:

The Moody Theatre at Austin City Limits Live was the recent setting where 750 Sociable VIPs attended the annual DKR 4th and Goal gala where guests were treated to a special evening of unforgettable experiences.

## THE VIBE:

The Austin-chic crowd began the evening on the ACL atrium sipping cocktails while perusing silent auction items that featured memorabilia from iconic sport, music and cultural icons. Other VIPs headed inside the Moody Theatre for a private meet and greet with Chris Carmack, Charles Esten and Jonathan Jackson, three members of the iconic ABC/CMT television show *Nashville*.

The fun continued as partygoers made their way to their seats for the evening's program, which included words from Academy Award-winning actor Matthew McConaughey as well as a spirited live auction that raised over \$700,000. Capping off the program was an extended performance by Carmack, Esten and Jackson, who brought the crowd to their feet as they performed *Nashville* fan-favorite songs. The fun continued well into the night with an additional concert by Paul Overstreet and Justin Steel at the Patron after party.

## THE CAUSE:

The event raised over a million dollars for the Darrell K Royal Research Fund for Alzheimer's Disease. The mission of the organization is to find a cure for Alzheimer's in our lifetimes through expanding research into Mild Cognitive Impairment as well as expanding care and access to Texans. [S](#)



Kelly Brynteson and Natasha Cooley



Bill and Lesa Rossick



Edith Royal



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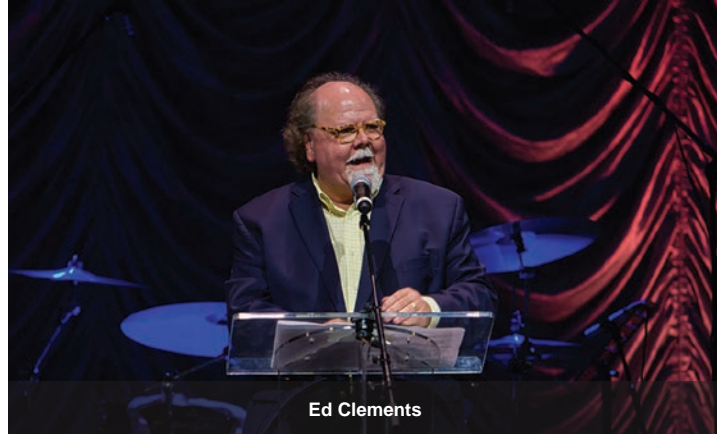
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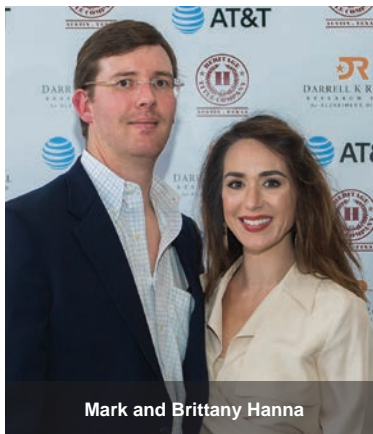
Paul Overstreet performs



Ed Clements



Bill and Tracey Marshall



Mark and Brittany Hanna



Kristen and Mark Harmon



Gary and Susan Farmer



Nick Hampson and Jillian Anderson



Shannon and Trey Owen



Heather Cooke and Jason Shelden



**TENDER IS THE NIGHT**

Dress by Lanvanya Coodly. Price upon request. At [LanvanyaCoodly.com](http://LanvanyaCoodly.com). Earrings by Colette Malouf. \$138. At [ColetteMalouf.com](http://ColetteMalouf.com). Bracelet by Isabela Felinski. \$238. [IzabelaFelinski.com](http://IzabelaFelinski.com). Ring by Cassandra Collections at [CassandraCollections.com](http://CassandraCollections.com).





# The Get Set

One strong woman. An array of gowns. A world of possibilities. This winter, it's time to relish the power. From the season's bright colors to elegant neutrals, the infinite situations will light up the night and help create the global life of our dreams. What are you waiting for?

Photography by Mark Oberlin | Styling by Dion "Bleu" Drake

Styling Assistant: Beau Deron • Hair by Edson Ibarra using extensions from NUME and products by Matrix and Paul Mitchell • Make-up by Julia Taylor using Givenchy & Dior • Model: Lada, Bounty Models, LA • Sitings Producer: Lance Avery Morgan



**BEAUTIFULLY  
BROCADE**

Coat by Cinq a Sept.  
\$1,295. At Neiman  
Marcus. Gown by Win-  
nie Couture. Price upon  
request. At WinnieCou-  
ture.com. Bracelet &  
Ring by Cassandra Col-  
lections at Cassandra-  
Collections.com.



**ALL FUR FUN &  
FUR FOR ALL**

Faux fur dress by Sara Battaglia. \$1,385. At Saks Fifth Avenue. Earrings by Ranjana Khan. \$350. At NetAPorter.com.



**FLIGHT OF FANCY**

Gown by Winnie Couture.  
Price upon request. At [WinnieCouture.com](http://WinnieCouture.com). Shoes by  
Jessica Bedard, \$525 at  
[JessicaBedardShoes.com](http://JessicaBedardShoes.com)





**LOOK FOR THE  
SILVER LINING**

Dress by Galvan London.  
\$1,395. At Saks Fifth Avenue.  
Shoes by Jessica Bedard. \$525.  
At [JessicaBedardShoes.com](http://JessicaBedardShoes.com).



**BLACK IS  
BOUNTIFUL**

Dress by Tom Ford.  
\$6,990. At Neiman  
Marcus. Shoes by Stuart  
Weitzman \$750 at  
[StuartWeitzman.com](http://StuartWeitzman.com)



**SUNNY SIDE OF  
THE STREET**

Jacket by Zac Posen. \$1,890.  
Skirt by Carolina Herrera.  
\$2,690. Both at Neiman  
Marcus. Shoes by Jimmy Choo.  
\$895. At Jimmy Choo.





# FORTUNE

*favors the bold*



## FEELING TOASTY, YET?

I'll drink to that. Certainly, in these chic Milan-made glasses that command distinct attention. These J.J. Martin goblets might even ignite your own *Game of Thrones* role-playing with party guests. \$4900 each. At [LaDoubleJ.com](http://LaDoubleJ.com)

It's the merriest time of the year. Whether you've been naughty (likely) or nice (hopefully), we have the perfect gifts for you to give and receive this holiday season. Join our style arbiters *Tori Johnson, Lance Avery Morgan and Jonathan Spindel* who scoured the globe to recommend the finest and most fun objects to desire.



## LET THE GAMES BEGIN

Lawn bowling at its best. Plus, Bocce is a ball sport with a common ancestry from ancient games played in the Roman Empire. We love a game with a pedigree. \$150. At [FredericksAndMae.com](http://FredericksAndMae.com)



## IF THE SHOE FITS

These Alepel mules are rendered in leather, hand painted and personalized for a special extra touch. \$245. Photo and availability courtesy of [Moda Operandi](http://ModaOperandi.com).

## WE'LL ALWAYS HAVE LAKE COMO

Inside scoop: Lake Como's first 5-star hotel, Vista Palazzo Lago di Como, is where the jets are now heading. No doubt famed local Clooney is ahead of the pack, as always. Price Upon Request. At [VistaLagoDiComo.com](http://VistaLagoDiComo.com)





### BEAUTY FOR DAYS

This charming advent calendar from Harrod's includes an assortment of the newest and finest English beauty products hand-selected for you to discover. \$328. At [Harrods.com](http://Harrods.com)



### ILLUSTRATING THE FACTS

A custom illustration artist for your next event? Yes, please. Dallas-based Kris Ammon of KCA Designs brings her post-modern design aesthetic to the fashionable surface for one-of-a-kind portraits. Price Upon Request. At [KCADesignCo.com](http://KCADesignCo.com)

### RACK'S SPACE

Need a mod place to keep your current and collectible back issues of *The Society Diaries* magazine? May we suggest this sleek, Curva magazine rack that also doubles as art? \$245. At [Amara.com](http://Amara.com)



### D.I.Y. MOVIESTAR HAIR

Even a bad hair day can get glam with this put-it-up-and-go sparkling, rhinestone-laden headband that goes from day to evening. \$355. At [JimmyChoo.com](http://JimmyChoo.com)



# DELIGHT



### CLEARLY IT'S IN THE STARS

This astrologically-inclined decanter could be a hallmark of any host's home bar. Made with substantial glass, this gold-tone makes it retro-fabulous. We love this Vista Alegre one the most. \$299. At [Frontgate.com](http://Frontgate.com)



### HAIR DRESSING 101

Hairclips and adornments are all the rage this fall, so we love these Simone Rocha faux-pearl and diamanté hair accessories. From \$95. At [SimoneRocha.com](http://SimoneRocha.com)



### MUSIC TO MY EARS

Designed to pair with the latest devices, these deluxe wireless headphones sound as good as they look. Jointly designed with Ermenegildo Zegna for an extra touch of luxury. \$650. At MrPorter.com

**PARIS, MEET TEXAS**  
A custom scent is one of the foremost luxuries in life. At Austin-based Roux St. James, it's elevated to a new level. A natural and bespoke perfume creation for women and men helps you understand the connection between the scent and the sacred. Prices vary. At RouxStJames.com



### SUPERSIZE ME, PLEASE

As big as flying saucers, the trend for oversize hats is just in time for holiday resort wear. Go big or go home in this Jacquemus La Bomba straw hat. \$430. At Jacquemus.com

# DESIROUS



### WORLDLY PURSUITS

Make a statement in yoga class with this Vivienne Westwood mat and bag that reads "Mirror The World" and is made of plant-based ingredients. \$175. At VivienneWestwood.com



### CENTER OF ATTRACTION

Both artful and delightful, this organically-shaped "Eve" centerpiece fruit bowl that is made of high-fired porcelain is the perfect accessory for any surface that represents glamour. \$250. At JonathanAdler.com

### PINK & GREEN DELIGHT

TheSIL.com has teamed with the Beverly Hills Hotel for a first-ever curated capsule collection that embraces the celeb lodge's famous pink and green colors. The holiday collection, featuring many Texas designers, is on view November 12-13 at the hotel. Shown, pink Hayden Lasher bag. At TheSIL.com



### MASTERFUL MIXOLOGY

If you can't always make it to New York's Polo Bar, bring it with you with this Kipton mixologist box. \$3,995. At RalphLauren.com





#### DRIVING IT HOME

Keep those precious memories, photos and videos secure for a lifetime with the state-of-the-art LaCie Rugged Mini that is the entertainment industry's BFF. Capacities from 1TB to 4TB. From \$69.99. Available at Amazon.



#### DAPPER DRESSER

For dresser top or travel bag, this three-piece leather gift set includes a coin tray, cufflink box and stud box, and is also available in four other colors. \$379. At HarveyNichols.com



#### THE WRITE STUFF

This Montblanc Starwalker stationery set is augmented with technology that lets you sync your notes to any device. \$755. At Montblanc.com



#### CUT TO THE CHASE

For your biggest celebrations, show them how it's done with this Champagne saber, crafted by Christofle silversmiths for St. Regis. Pop your favorite bottles in ultimate style — included is a private lesson from St. Regis. Price upon request. At StRegisRituals.com

#### BEST FOOT FORWARD

Crafted in Italy, found in Dallas, with rich suede and eye-catching tassels, these casual yet refined loafers are a classic way to complete a sharp holiday look. \$695. At Hadleighs.com



#### FIT FOR A KING

With its bold peak lapels and luxurious details, this Kingsman cashmere overcoat is designed for a globe-trotting style maven, who is our kind of guy. From \$1,250. At MrPorter.com

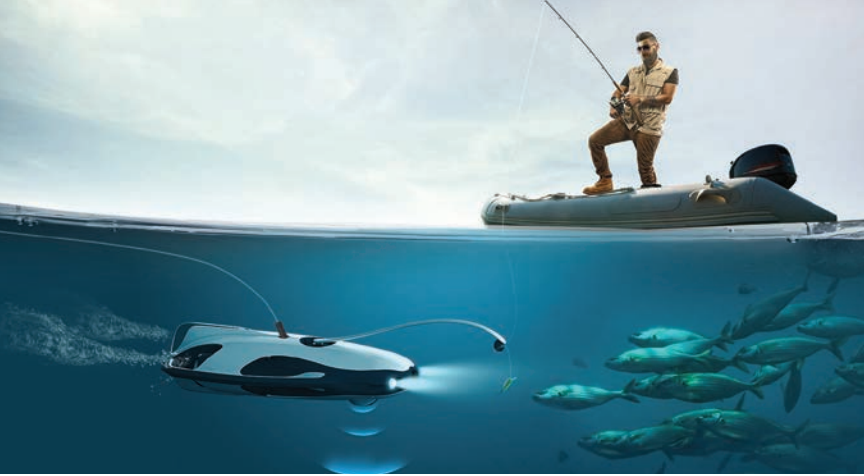


#### GIVE ME SOME SPACE

You and your family can navigate your own space exploration journey while engaging in science, technology and engineering related activities. Build model rockets, explore robotics and train for spaceflight in NASA's new Family Campouts. Priceless. At SpaceCenter.org



# ADMIRABLE



### THE CALL OF THE SEA

Call me Ishmael, yet call this cool trend-spotting with a new subterranean PowerRay Wizard drone that records HD videos underwater for up to four hours to simulate a real diving experience from the comfort of the deck. \$1500. At [DroneWorld.com](http://DroneWorld.com)



### BOOSTED BOARD

Loaded with a long-range electric motor, this state-of-the-art longboard lets you carve a route across town with style and speed. \$1,599. At [BoostedBoards.com](http://BoostedBoards.com)



### TREASURE TROVE

Gifting for someone who has it all? Give this fully functional sterling silver safe to store their treasures. \$14,900. At [Asprey.com](http://Asprey.com)



### ABOVE BOARD

This backgammon set will have you waxing for the 80s game nights again with this black and white treasure of a classic. Perfect for any coffee table with its glossy lacquer case. \$395. From [Jonathan Adler](http://JonathanAdler.com).



### QUENCH YOUR THIRST

The modern way to drink water, Gem Water offers reusable glass water bottles with pods of different gems such as diamonds, amethyst, garnet and more to promote balance and health among other beneficial properties. \$330. Photo and availability courtesy of [Gem Water](http://GemWater.com).

### MUSIC TO OUR EARS

Bang & Olufsen is the best in the biz when it comes to sound. This one-point music system features wireless connectivity to phone, tablet, or computer. \$2,699. Photo and availability courtesy of [Neiman Marcus](http://NeimanMarcus.com).



# MIETTEDORIC



### A TERRIFIC TOUCH

A perfect fit for crisp weather, these supple leather gloves with cashmere lining provide unmatched comfort and will age beautifully. Price Upon Request. At [FratelliOrsini.com](http://FratelliOrsini.com)



### BY CANDLELIGHT

Encased in hand-painted ceramic vessels depicting three unique Classical façades, this [Fornasetti](http://Fornasetti.com) "Ordine Architetonico" scented candle set is ornamental and fragrant in equal measure. \$525. Photo and availability courtesy of [Fornasetti](http://Fornasetti.com).



#### TRAVELER'S DELIGHT

Be your own United Nations expert with this Pilot translating earpiece that allows users to converse with other wearers who speak any one of 15 languages. \$299. At WaverlyLabs.com



#### BELLA CUCINA

Add a playfully colorful touch to your home kitchen with this delightfully Sicilian collection by Dolce & Gabbana for Smeg. From \$650. At Neiman Marcus.



#### PICTURE PERFECT

Make every moment last a lifetime with Leica's M10 digital camera, which features the latest technology in a timeless, old-school-cool body. \$6,895. At Leica-Camera.com



#### MINI ME FOR YOU

Red is the ultimate neutral accessory, we think. This Sylie bag is one of our top faves of this fashion season and we know it will look as fresh next season, too. \$2350. At Gucci.



#### AS HAPPY AS A CLAM

This is the personal sauna that allows users to lie in a comfortable supine position while infrared lamps provide deep penetrating, soothing heat. \$14,000. Photo and availability courtesy of Hammacher Schlemmer.

# CURATE

#### UNDER MY BELT

This elegant and classic reversible belt in two different calfskin textures is embellished with two Gancini interchangeable buckles in shiny palladium metal and horn resin. \$595. Photo and availability courtesy of Salvatore Ferragamo.



#### INITIAL IMPRESSION

Make a bold statement with this classic Mark Cross bag, customized in the European fashion in your favorite colors. From \$2,250. At FECastleberry.com



#### GENETICALLY INCLINED

Just how diverse is your background? Reveal your ancestral history with incredible scientific accuracy. You never know which historical figures you may discover in your family tree. From \$99. At AncestryDNA.com



**SWEET SMELL OF SUCCESS**

A sumptuous three-tier midnight blue velvet jewel box treasure chest, fitted with each of the Bond No. 9's Dubai eau de parfum. \$4,500. Photo and availability courtesy of Saks Fifth Avenue.



**WAY UNDER THE SEA**

Explore the waters in your personal submarine that dives up to 1,000 feet. \$2 million. Photo and availability courtesy of Hammacher Schlemmer.

# FROLIC

**BLANKET STATEMENT**

Curl up in your jet seat with this Sofia Cashmere Bon Voyage Travel set so you can be well rested upon landing. \$395. Photo and availability courtesy of Bergdorf Goodman.



**REAL SCREEN TIME**

The Panasonic TH-152UX1W is a whopping 152in. and offers a stunningly clear plasma display. \$770,000. Photo and availability courtesy of Panasonic.



**EYES ON THE PRIZE**

Designed for competitive athletes and passionate adventurers, these high-tech shades include an augmented-reality display and a front-facing camera, too. From \$649. At Eversight.com



**GAME ON, BABY**

Designed as a modern statement, this glass billiard table will ensure you have the ultimate game room. \$73,000. Photo and availability courtesy of Elite Innovations.



**COUTURE BOUQUET**

Couture is the ultimate gift. The ever-optimistic Valentino showed a floral motif everywhere for Fall 2018. They're so pretty, why not order two gowns? Price Upon Request. At Valentino.com

**HAVE A GOOD (HAIR) DAY**

L'Officine Universelle Buly's combs are famously invented in France and handcrafted in Switzerland, made of high-quality acetate and bronze. Starting at \$65. Photo and availability courtesy of L'Officine Universelle Buly.







### SPREADING THE LOVE

The greatest gift is love, so spell it out with this Sydney Evan 14k gold necklace with rainbow pave stones. \$1,455. Photo and availability courtesy of Neiman Marcus.



### ON VACATION

Walk the Cannes red carpet, swim with whale sharks or produce your own safari video – Chad Clark’s Certified experiences are completely customizable and always extraordinary. Price Upon Request. Photo and availability courtesy of Chad Clark Travel.

### QUEST FOR YOUTH

Valmont’s Time Master Intensive Program features a super high concentration of cutting-edge cosmetic ingredients, to target and act in synergy on the skin’s hydration, energy and radiance, with incredible results on wrinkles and firmness. \$1,400. Photo and availability courtesy of Saks Fifth Avenue.



### WHERE’S GOLDIE LOCKS?

Handmade and 14k gold plated, by coating each strand with a very small amount of sebum, the brush repairs dry hair and adds lustrous shine without using styling products. \$182. Photo and availability courtesy of Balmain.



### LET’S SEE A SHOW OF HANDS

This Czech & Speake leather bound manicure set includes all the essential accessories to make it a luxurious pleasure to keep your hands well kempt. \$689. Photo and availability courtesy of Mr. Porter.



### JET-SET READY

Modern Creation München (MCM) uses traditional craftsmanship and German engineered functionality to handmade every product. \$1,480. Photo and availability courtesy of Neiman Marcus.



### CHILL OUT ALREADY

You’ll want to stay warm in luxury this winter. Morris Kaye & Sons Furs and Fashions released their latest K Couture design; a mink stroller bleached, stenciled and hand painted with a Swarovski crystal button. \$6,000. At MorrisKayeFurs.com

### WHO HAS THE TIME?

The ultimate timepiece, Vacheron Constantin’s Traditionnelle Automatic Tourbillon watch is finished in 18k pink gold and alligator. \$120,000. Photo and availability courtesy of Mr. Porter.





Zodiac Room at Neiman Marcus,  
Dallas, 1960s

# Store Thing

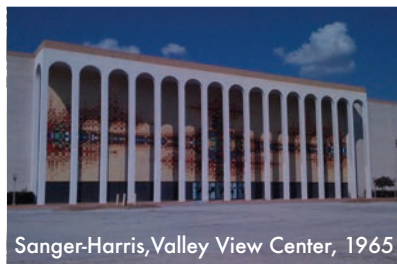
The way we shop has changed... dramatically. Here, join us as *our pop culture arbiter Lori Duran* takes us on a spin to look at the heyday of Dallas department stores as we journey down retail memory lane.



Highland Park Village, 1930s



Sakowitz, Dallas, 1980s



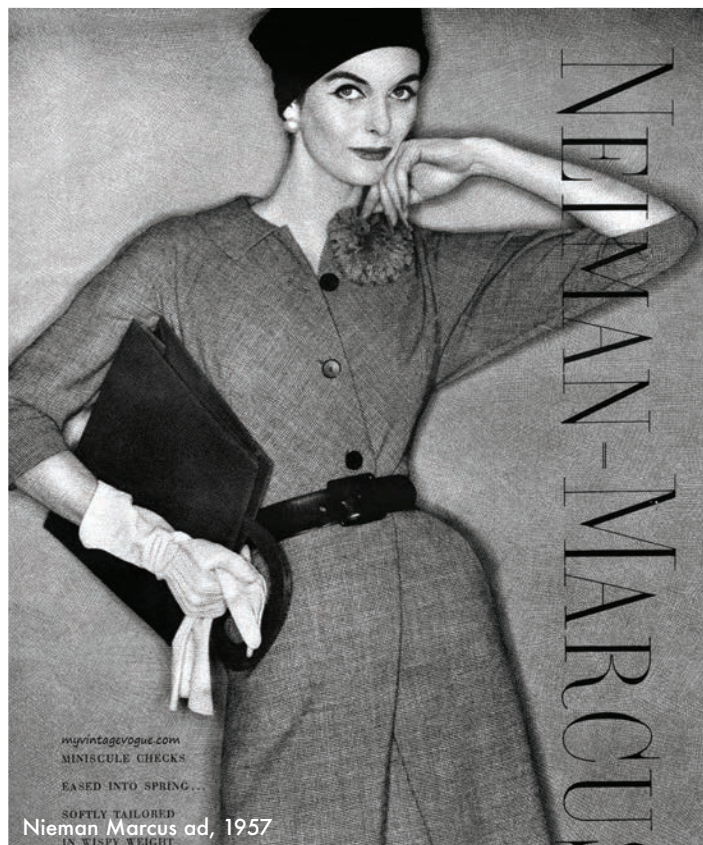
Sanger-Harris, Valley View Center, 1965



Nieman Marcus model, 1940s



Estée Lauder at Neiman Marcus, 1954



SOFTLY TAILORED  
IN WISPY WEIGHT  
Nieman Marcus ad, 1957

### DALLAS PALACE

THOSE OF US WHO RECALL AMERICA'S GREAT DOWNTOWN department stores remember that shopping used to be a bigger experience than it is now. In my mother's era, customers dressed up to shop downtown like it was a special event itself. When I was a teenager she took us to Dayton's and Donaldson's in Minneapolis and sparked my interest in these grand establishments, and especially those beyond my environment.

Downtown department stores were known for quality merchandise, beautiful display cases, tea rooms and special holiday traditions. Texas once had locally owned department stores in every town, so large they had their own street lights. As one of the largest cities in Texas, Dallas had major department stores such as Neiman Marcus, Titcher-Goettinger and Sanger-Harris, as well as other shopping destinations including Highland Park Village and Snider Plaza that offered downtown Dallas distinctive shopping competition. Meanwhile, by the 1960s, the Dallas suburbs were growing and eventually shopping malls like Northpark Center and the Galleria became the primary shopping destination for many suburbanites.

Neiman Marcus was founded in 1907 by Herbert Marcus, Sr., a former buyer with Dallas' Sanger Brothers, and his sister Carrie Marcus Neiman along with her husband, A.L. Neiman who were both former employees of A. Harris & Co. Lavishly furnished, Neiman Marcus was immediately successful with oil-rich Texans. Stanley Marcus took over the reins in the 1950s, and for decades the nine-story palazzo of a building in downtown Dallas has been the epicenter of luxurious and fine quality merchandise. Neiman Marcus may perhaps be the store that could have best fulfilled Oscar Wilde's declaration, "I have the simplest tastes. I am easily satisfied with the best."

### SUBLIME SUBURB

Under Stanley Marcus the company employed elaborate marketing efforts, including the luxurious gifts in their Christmas catalog and the Fortnight extravaganzas that celebrated the fashion and culture from a different country each year and were some of the most anticipated events in Dallas. The Zodiac Room tea room was another star attraction drawing celebrities to the store. Helen Corbitt, the celebrated food expert, was



Highland Park Village, 2017

recruited from the Driskill Hotel in Austin to manage the food service at Neiman Marcus. While patrons dined, store models, such as Raquel Welch, walked around wearing the latest fashions. Neiman Marcus expanded and added locations starting in the 1950s when they opened a store on Preston Road. However, in 1965 they closed that store and opened one at NorthPark Center.

In 1957, Neiman Marcus opened its first store outside the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex in downtown Houston. Currently in 2018, Neiman Marcus has store locations all over the United States, and its flagship store is still in downtown Dallas with the Zodiac Room. The restaurant's doyenne leader Helen Corbitt's recipe cards are encased for display just outside the revered restaurant. Stanley Marcus is gone, but the store continues to awe local shoppers and visitors alike. If you visit the Zodiac Room, you can enjoy the Popovers with Strawberry Butter that Corbitt made famous or you can make them yourself using the recipe found in *Dainty Dining: Vintage Recipes, Memories and Memorabilia from America's Department Store Tea Rooms* by Angel Webster McRae.

#### **DOWNTOWN DELUXE**

Another wonderful Dallas store was Sanger-Harris which operated in downtown Dallas from 1961 to 1987. It was formed when Sanger Brothers and A. Harris & Co merged into one store brand by Federated Department Stores. In 1965, Sanger-Harris opened its new flagship store in downtown Dallas. The legend is that they built a new downtown building

and turned down the opportunity to move into the brand new NorthPark Center. Sanger-Harris stores were known for their iconic columns and mural mosaics above the front entrance, which first appeared at their flagship store. The downtown store was also the first Dallas store building to use an air door that allowed visitors to walk in from the summer heat directly into a cool environment with no impediment.

The Carnation Room was on the top floor and was known for its delightful food served within provincial decor. In 1988, Sanger-Harris was absorbed and changed to Foley's, and a century of tradition ended. The mural on the downtown store was removed after Sanger-Harris, later Foley's, vacated the space in 1990, and the building was converted into Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) headquarters. In 2018, the building remains a Downtown Dallas landmark and the iconic white columns are still visible. You can see "Sanger-Harris" chiseled into a marble block remaining on the side of the building. Beyond that, few other building features remain to remind someone that this was once a magnificent store.

In addition to Neiman Marcus and Sanger-Harris there was the Titcher-Goettinger department store. Founded in 1902, by 1929 Titcher-Goettinger was located at Main and St. Paul and where it was greatly expanded in 1955. The seven-story flagship spanned the entire width of the block. A basement and sub-basement held the mechanical equipment, as well as a state-of-the-art refrigerated fur vault that could hold up to 3,000 fur coats. The building's price tag of \$2.5 million was very costly during



Northpark Dallas, 1970s



Neiman Marcus  
Fortnight model, 1954



Sanger-Harris



Highland Park Village, 1940s



Neiman Marcus, 2018



Raquel Welch modeling at Neiman Marcus, 1960s



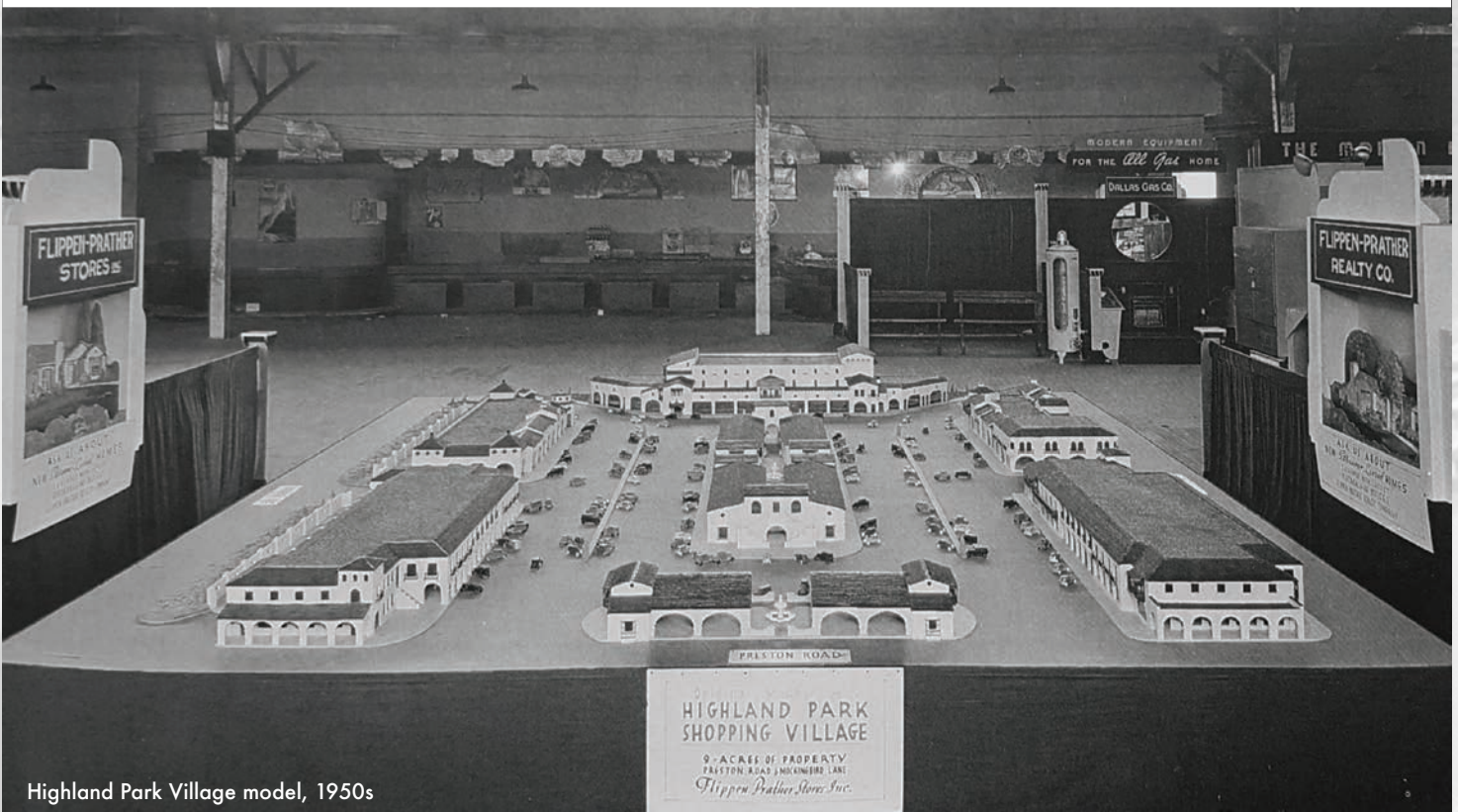
Snider Plaza, 2018



Dallas Galleria, 1970s



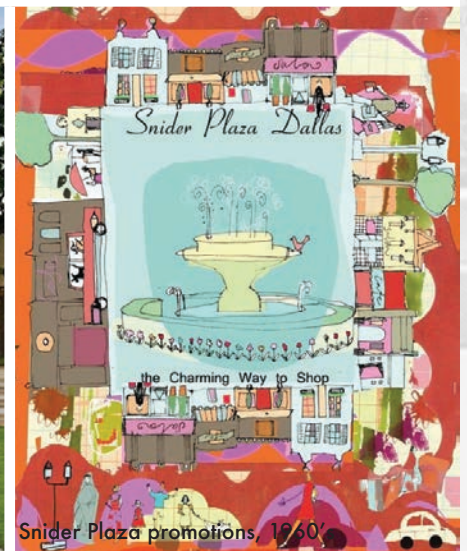
Neiman Marcus, 1950s



Highland Park Village model, 1950s



Northpark Mall's Louis Vuitton 2018





the Great Depression and no expense was spared to make it a showpiece of modern retail design. It was the largest building constructed in Dallas during 1928 and opened with much excitement in November of 1929. The store targeted upper middle-class and middle-class customers. In 1947, it was where many Dallas residents saw their first television set on display to purchase.

The 1955 addition made it the largest department store under one roof in the southwest. The Titcher-Goettinger Tea Room was designed to resemble an outdoor veranda with facades of houses and the building columns disguised as trees. A runway for fashion shows wound through the area and afternoon lunches always had a continuous parade of models walking the runway and between the tables. In 1978, all Titcher's stores were changed to Joske's, which was the name of their sister store in the Allied Group of San Antonio. Then, Dillard's purchased the Joske's assets in 1987, and the downtown flagship store was closed. The downtown Titcher-Goettinger store is listed in the National Register of Historic Places and is a contributing structure in Dallas' Harwood Historic District and Main Street District. In 2018, the former Titcher-Goettinger flagship now houses loft-style apartments and the higher education site known as the Universities Center at Dallas.

### SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

Besides the downtown destinations, Dallas also enjoyed numerous other upscale shopping choices for its many consumers. Highland Park Village opened in 1931 as a Mediterranean Spanish-style shopping plaza located

just north of downtown Dallas in the affluent neighborhood of Highland Park. It has evolved into a luxury shopping destination known for harboring stores such as Chanel, Christian Louboutin, Diane Von Furstenberg, Christian Dior, Tom Ford, and others.

In July 1965, NorthPark Center officially opened with anchors that included Neiman Marcus and Titcher-Goettinger. Built in the early 1960s, it was the largest climate-controlled retail center in the world, incorporating the developer's fine art collection. Charming Snider Plaza is a popular three-block shopping center, located in the Park Cities area of Dallas that has been in operation since 1927. It's known for its large fountain in the middle of petite stylish boutiques. The Galleria is an upscale shopping mall, built with an ice skating rink and a glass vaulted ceiling, with mixed-use development that is located in north Dallas. The Galleria brought in heavy competition such as Marshall Fields and Saks Fifth Avenue to the Dallas high end retail market. These, and other residential shopping areas, have lured customers away from the downtown for years.

Today, the downtown department stores with their refined tea rooms are mostly gone, except for Neiman Marcus. Shoppers today don't go downtown dressed up and wearing gloves. Now, decades after the fading of the department store era, shopping malls may become extinct as well. Beyond department stores, we may be left with mostly online shopping and specialty boutiques, yet pleasant memories linger and continue to live on well after the elegant glass doors have closed. **S**

# LIFE IS TO BE CELEBRATED

Seton Breast Care Center Luncheon Features High Fashion & Fun

By Rob Giardinelli | Photography by Ben Porter



Kendra Scott



## THE SCENE:

The Fairmont Hotel in Austin was recently the setting for Seton's *Celebration of Life* luncheon. The event featured 750 of Austin's most fashionable Sociables gathered for an impressive afternoon of memorable fundraising.

## THE VIBE:

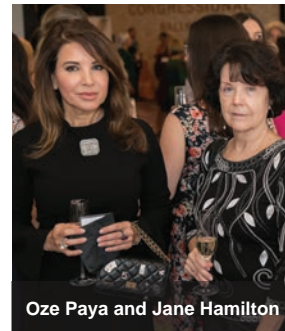
The luncheon-chic crowd began in the foyer outside the Fairmont ballroom where guests mingled and shopped the Kendra Scott Charm Bar Pop-up, with 20% of sales going directly to the event proceeds.

Highlights of the main program's festivities in the ballroom included a presentation of breast cancer survivors wearing their own curated looks courtesy of Kendra Scott Jewelry, Julian Gold fashions and Gatsby's Clothier. Singer-songwriter Darden Smith brought the audience to their feet with a show-stopping performance, which featured a special song he wrote about a breast cancer survivor's journey.

The crowd was then treated to a fashion show of Julian Gold's 2018 fall line with men's fashions, courtesy of Gatsby's Clothier. The event was capped with a champagne and dessert reception where the fashionistas and philanthropists toasted a successful afternoon.

## THE CAUSE:

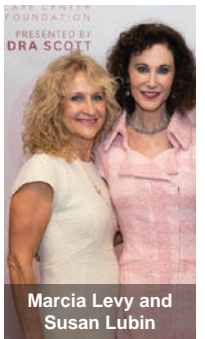
Co-chaired by Laura Burns, Mary Barker Evans, Brando Home, Marianne Rochelle and Anne Twomey, with Sarah Mansour and Andrea McWilliams serving as honorary chairs, the event raised over \$450,000 for Seton Breast Care Center to provide cutting edge medical equipment, support and care for breast cancer awareness. **S**



Oze Paya and Jane Hamilton



Andrea McWilliams and Sarah Mansour



Marcia Levy and Susan Lubin



Susan Ramirez, JK Baxter Hunt and Tavia Hrabovsky



Lindsay Warnock, Jamie Chandlee and Kirstin Ross



Karen Robinson and Katie Fore



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Models wearing Julian Gold



Models wearing Julian Gold



Kristi Bjornaas, Leslie Chunta, Hilary Dominguez and Erin Pitts



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Jane Driscoll, Gary Fegley and Cristi Petty



Kathryn Pace and Jessica Nelson



Darden Smith performs



Kathy and Tom Weiss



Evelyn Nelson, Marcia Oakes, Dr. Katie Simon and Becky Navarro



Liza Beth Soklove, Lisa Youngblood and Suzanne Erickson



Chris Hendel and Carley Lethco

# HEARTS FOR THE HUNGRY

No Kid Hungry Hosts Culinary Luminaries

By Jake Gaines | Photography by Greg Harrison



Ashley and Timo Hixon & Joe and Whitney Miller



Ben Rodríguez and Jacqueline Beretta



Chef Ben Ford

## THE SCENE:

Recently, a crowd of supporters gathered for the second annual No Kid Hungry benefit at the Pearl District's Hotel Emma for cocktails and dinner. The event is a project of Share Our Strength, a national organization based in Washington, DC, that is working to end childhood hunger. It currently provides 33,000 school children in San Antonio with meals each year... and dinners like the No Kid Hungry benefit raise important funds to make this happen.

## THE VIBE:

As guests wined and dined, chefs were involved throughout the event. The host was Chef John Brand (from Hotel Emma, formerly at the Little Nell in Aspen and the Broadmoor in Colorado Springs). The guest chefs included Chef Ben Ford, author of *Taming the Feast* and known for appearing on *Iron Chef* and for winning the Cochon 555 competition. Also on the scene was Heather Terhune (of Tre Rivali and The Outsider in Milwaukee and also a *Top Chef* TV star), Chef Bobby Matos (from James Beard-nominated restaurant State of Grace in Houston) and Chef Jaime Gonzalez (of Supper at Hotel Emma).

## THE CAUSE:

The event was co-chaired by Jackie Beretta and Catherine Cooke Atherton. No Kid Hungry raised important funds for the organization's mission— but the job isn't done, and won't be done until they've met the promise that every single child in America has the food they need to grow up healthy and strong. [S](#)



Bill Patrella & Tanya and Dargen Settles



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Chefs Ben Ford, John Brand, Jaime Gonzalez, Heather Terhune and Bobby Matos



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Andres Rizo and Danielle Stockton



Gretchen and Lance Lahourcade



Kit and Angie Goldsbury & Cathy Cooke Atherton and Geary Atherton

# IN HIGH ESTEEM

Fashion Show Event Benefits The Elisa Project

By *Cynthia Smoot* | Photography by *Bob Manzano*



## THE SCENE:

Several hundred guests recently attended the 9<sup>th</sup> annual Esteem fashion show event which benefited The Elisa Project. Partygoers mingled while enjoying signature cocktails and light bites, while raffle tickets were also available for sale for the chance to win fabulous prizes.

## THE VIBE:

Rhonda Sargent Chambers welcomed guests and thanked them for their support of the annual event that celebrates body image and self-esteem. Tootsies store director Nerisa von Helpenstill and sales manager Dustin Holcomb then took the podium to share some of fall's latest trends. A runway show presentation followed featuring models in the season's must-have looks, with make-up courtesy from Blushington at The Shops Of Highland Park. DJ Blake Ward kept the vibe going after the show as partygoers continued to mingle and shop.

## THE CAUSE:

The event's chairs Kathy Fisher, with daughter Isabella, and Abra Garrett, with daughter Charley led the support for The Elisa Project, founded in 1999 by Rick and Leslie McCall, in memory of their daughter Elisa McCall, who lost her life to an eating disorder. The organization is dedicated to fighting against eating disorder illnesses through education, support and advocacy. By helping to increase awareness about eating disorders and the importance of positive body image, Esteem encourages people to love themselves while striving to be healthy. **S**



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44<sup>th</sup> Annual Garage & Estate Sale  
settlementhome.org

**November 1-4**

Christmas at Caswell House Austin  
Junior Forum  
austinjuniorforum.org

**November 1**

Beauty of Life  
Hospice Austin  
hospiceaustin.org

**November 1**

Signature Chefs Auction  
March of Dimes  
marchofdimes.org

**November 1**

13<sup>th</sup> Annual Andy Roddick  
Foundation Gala  
arfoundation.org

**November 4**

41<sup>st</sup> Annual Seton  
Development Board Gala  
Elizabeth Ann Seton Board  
setonfund.org

**November 8**

Help Clifford Help Kids  
The Clifford Antone Foundation  
helpcliffordhelpkids.org

**November 9**

Austin FAVE Awards Gala  
Austin Young Chamber  
austinync.org

**November 10**

SAFE Storybook Gala  
The SAFE Alliance  
safeaustin.org

**November 12**

Terrance McNally 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
Gala Performance  
ZACH Theatre  
zachtheatre.org

**November 14-18**

A Christmas Affair  
Junior League of Austin  
jlaustin.org

**November 17**

Rags to Wags Gala  
Austin Humane Society  
austinhumanesociety.org

**December 1**

Dancing with the Stars Austin  
Center for Child Protection  
centerforchildprotection.org

## DALLAS

**November 1**

2018 Awards for Excellence In  
Community Service  
Dallas Historical Foundation  
dallashistory.org

**November 3**

Black Tie Dinner  
blacktie.org

**November 3**

Jade Ball  
Crow Collection of Asian Art  
crowcollection.org

**November 8**

ReuNight  
The Family Place  
familyplace.org

**November 8**

Havana Nights  
Heart of a Warrior Charitable  
Foundation  
hoawdallas.org

**November 9**

Night of Stars  
FGI Dallas  
dallas.fgi.org

**November 10**

Art for Advocacy  
Dallas Children's Advocacy Center  
dcac.org

**November 10**

Night at the Museum Rock the  
Perot  
Perot Museum  
perotmuseum.org

**November 16**

2018 Milestones Luncheon  
Junior League of Dallas  
jld.net

**November 28**

Tutu Chic Fashion Show &  
Luncheon Texas Ballet Theatre  
texasballettheater.org

**December 1**

The Crystal Charity Ball  
Big Brothers Big Sisters  
crystalcharityball.org

**December 9**

A Night For The Stars  
The Trish Hill Foundation  
anightforthestars.com

## HOUSTON

**November 2**

Una Notte In Italia  
Houston Area Women's Center  
hawc.org

**November 3**

True Blue Gala  
Houston Police Foundation  
houstonpolicefoundation.org

**November 5**

Art of Conversation Luncheon  
City ArtWorks  
cityartworks.org

**November 8**

The Forum Luncheon  
Texas Children's Hospital  
texaschildrens.org

**November 16-January 2**

Deck the Trees Alley Theatre  
alleytheatre.org

**November 17**

Celebrity Paws Gala 2018  
Citizens for Animal Protection  
cap4pets.org

**November 30**

Bright Lights in the City Gala  
Trees of Hope  
treesofhopehouston.org/gala

**December 4**

Angel's of Hope Luncheon and  
Fashion Presentation  
Friends of Child Advocates  
childadvocates.org

## SAN ANTONIO

**November 1**

Garden of Eden  
Southwest School of Art  
swschool.org/gala

**November 2**

Dobie Dichos  
8<sup>th</sup> Annual Texas Writers Event  
georgeweststoryfest.org/  
events/2018/dobie-dichos

**November 3**

10<sup>th</sup> Annual Diwali Festival  
sanantonio300.org

**November 8**

Live Life Gala  
Transplants for Children  
transplantsforchildren.org

**November 8**

Zoobilation Ball  
San Antonio Zoo  
sazoo.org/zooball

**November 9-11**

Luminaria Contemporary Arts  
Festival  
Luminaria  
luminaria.org

**November 10**

2018 Constellation of Stars Awards  
Gala  
The S.A. Women's Chamber of  
Commerce Foundation  
sawomenschamber.org

**November 23**

Ford Holiday River Parade  
The River Walk  
thesanantonioriverwalk.com

**November 29**

Best Night Ever Brighton Center  
brightonsa.org

**December 13**

Poinsettia Ball  
Friends of Hospice San Antonio  
friendsofhospicesa.org

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