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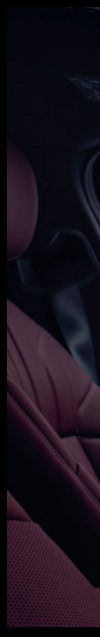
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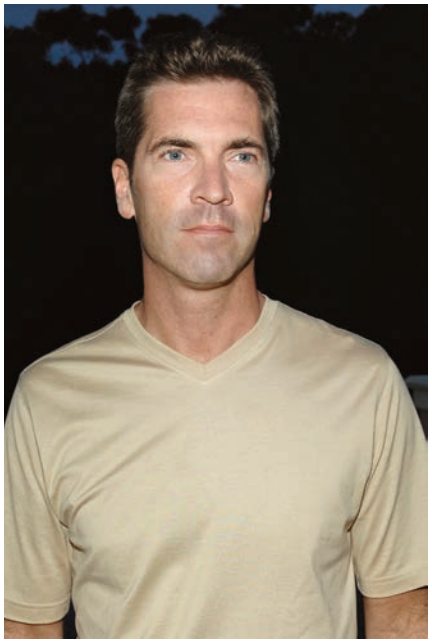
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By popular demand, welcome to our Holiday issue. We are best known for our Hamptons issues in the summer, but we wanted to publish an additional issue of *Social Life* this winter to please our loyal readers.

As we enter 2025, I can't help but think ahead to warmer weather and long summer days on the beach in the Hamptons.

Have a great winter!

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As snow blankets the city and transforms it into a glittering winter wonderland, I am struck by the season's dual nature — its quiet invitation to reflect and its vibrant call to celebrate. In New York, winter isn't just a season; it's a mood, a stage, and a canvas for the stories we create.

This issue, as always, is a love letter to New York — its boundless energy, intricate layers, and the people who bring it to life. Winter may chill the air, but it sparks a warmth in our hearts, a sense of wonder, hope, and renewal.

Here's to embracing the season's elegance and the endless possibilities it holds. Thank you for joining us on this journey. May your winter be filled with inspiration and joy.

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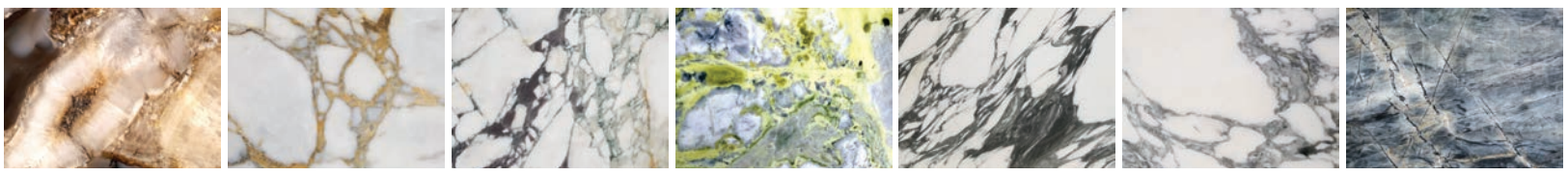
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There is something undeniably magical about Christmastime in New York City. The city that never sleeps becomes the city that sparkles, with twinkling lights, festive displays, and holiday cheer.

The holiday season in New York always begins with the lighting of the Rockefeller Center Christmas tree. This year, the breathtaking Norway spruce stands 74 feet tall and is dressed with 50,000 multicolored LED lights. Another sight to be seen during the holidays are the iconic window displays, which are nothing short of spectacular. Each window is carefully curated, with elements of couture fashion, storytelling, and magnificent craftmanship. For holiday shopping, Fifth Avenue is the gold standard, and this year flagship stores such as Bergdorf Goodman and Louis Vuitton are offering exclusive holiday collections. For a quintessential dining experience, why not consider Tavern on the Green in Central Park, where the menu includes honey-roasted figs and grilled rainbow trout?

Lastly, for enchanting performances, be sure to get tickets to the Radio City *Christmas Spectacular* featuring the Rockettes, or the New York City Ballet's performance of *The Nutcracker*.

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RUNWAY

By Gregory DelliCarpini Jr.

Ornamental Opulence

This season, ornament provides the ultimate style statement, inspired by the radiant themes seen on Spring 2025 runways. Chanel showcased intricately beaded embellishments and crystal-encrusted accessories that evoke a sense of wearable art, while Gucci played with metallic fabrics and jewel-tone accents, adding a glint of glamour to every piece. Louis Vuitton embraced opulence with bold sequins and sculptural silhouettes, transforming everyday looks into showstopping ensembles. Whether it's shimmering dresses or gem-studded bags, this trend is all about taking sparkle to new heights, inviting you to step into the spotlight with pure luxury.



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ACCESSORIES

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Golden Touch

In the world of high fashion, gold accessories have surged as the ultimate statement of opulence and modern edge. Whether it's chunky chains or gilded earrings, gold isn't just an accent; it's the star. This season, luxury houses like Gucci, Bottega Veneta, and Marc Jacobs have embraced the allure of gold, crafting pieces that are both timeless and audacious. Gucci's oversize gold cuffs evoke an unapologetic 1980s glamour, while Bottega Veneta's minimalist chains redefine elegance, adding a subtle glow to any ensemble. Marc Jacobs takes a playful approach, blending edgy design with radiant gold finishes, perfect for those looking to make a bold statement. Whether paired with streetwear or couture, gold accessories offer a transformative touch that elevates any look, embodying a luxe yet rebellious spirit that is captivating the fashion elite.



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The Heartwarming Story of Two Moms



Katie Krol, Lyss Stern

Nebraska Meets New York

In response to the tragic events of October 7, when the world witnessed devastating attacks and violence in Israel, two New York women, Lyss Stern and Katie Krol, channeled their grief into a creative and heartfelt project. Together, they launched the Hero Collection, a unique line of jewelry designed to honor the Jewish victims of the Hamas attacks. This collection is more than just an artistic venture; it is a symbol of resilience, remembrance, and unity.



Stern and Krol, the founders of the Lyss & Kat Collective, come from different backgrounds but share a deep commitment to promoting kindness, humility, and solidarity. Their collaboration is rooted in a desire to inspire and uplift women, and through their jewelry, they hope to spread a message of hope and strength to those affected by the violence. The Hero Collection is a reflection of their shared belief that beauty and compassion can emerge from even the darkest of times. Stern and Krol felt compelled to do something meaningful in response.

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As Stern put it, "We wanted to create something that would both honor the victims and offer support to the broader Jewish community during this painful time."

The Hero Collection features a range of beautifully crafted jewelry and accessories that incorporate the Star of David, a significant symbol of Jewish identity and faith. Each piece in the collection is designed to serve as a reminder of the strength and perseverance of the Jewish people throughout history. With every purchase, 10 percent of the proceeds go to support various Jewish organizations that provide vital resources to those affected by the violence, helping them rebuild and find healing.

What sets the Hero Collection apart is the intention behind its creation. Stern and Krol see their jewelry and accessories not just as fashion but as a means of fostering unity and making a positive impact. The duo emphasizes that their collection is for people of all faiths and backgrounds, aiming to bridge divides and remind us of our shared humanity.

The Lyss & Kat Collective demonstrates that fashion can serve a higher purpose, one that transcends aesthetics and taps into deeper emotional and cultural connections. By supporting the collection, customers are not only purchasing a beautiful piece of jewelry but also contributing to efforts that support Jewish organizations, reminding the world that even in the face of tragedy, kindness and unity prevail.

In a time when the world feels increasingly divided, the Hero Collection serves as a powerful reminder that through compassion, creativity, and community, we can come together to honor those we've lost and build a better future.

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BEAUTY

By Jeanette Zinno



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Winter Skin Secrets

By Jeanette Zinno

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What is one skin-care rule that everyone should live by?
Remember to remove your makeup before bed and let your skin breathe and recover overnight, as sleeping with makeup on can clog pores and cause skin irritation.

What are your celebrity skin-care secrets?
Regardless of celebrity status, the fundamental skin-care formula remains the same: clean, tone, moisturize, and apply sunscreen, with regular facials and microdermabrasion every six to eight weeks for optimal results.

What are your top tips for healthy winter skin?
Moisturize, moisturize, moisturize: Use a rich, hydrating moisturizer to combat dry air and lock in moisture. Use products that have ingredients like hyaluronic acid and niacinamide. Exfoliate wisely, once or twice a week to remove dead skin cells, but avoid over-exfoliating, which can strip your skin of its natural oils. Protect your skin from from harsh winds and cold temperatures with a scarf, mask, or other protective gear. Stay hydrated from the inside out by drinking plenty of water to keep your skin plump. And use sunscreen with at least SPF 30 daily, even on cloudy days, to protect your skin from UV rays and windburn.

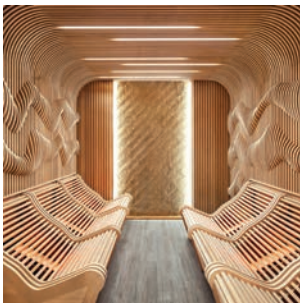
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By Stephen T. Greenberg, M.D., F.A.C.S.

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SEVEN WAYS TO KEEP INFLAMMATION DOWN THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

By Liana Werner-Gray

The holidays are a time of joy, family, and celebration — but they can also bring indulgence, stress, and exposure to inflammatory triggers. From rich holiday feasts and sugary treats to the hustle and bustle of endless to-do lists, it's no surprise that many people find themselves feeling bloated, fatigued, or unwell during this time of year. The connection between inflammation and chronic disease, including cancer, is well-documented, making it more important than ever to take steps to reduce inflammation. By prioritizing anti-inflammatory practices this holiday season, you can support your body in staying vibrant, healthy, and energized.

Here, in an excerpt from my book *Anxiety Free With Food*, are seven powerful ways to reduce inflammation and set yourself up for a healthier holiday season — and beyond.



1. Stay Away From Toxic Sugary Breakfasts

What you eat in the morning sets the tone for your entire day, and starting with a toxic sugary breakfast is a surefire way to increase inflammation. Sadly, many popular breakfast products on the market, like Kellogg's cereals, are filled with artificial ingredients like Red 40 and BHT, a preservative linked to cancer, ADHD, and even infertility. These products offer no nutritional value and contribute only to brain inflammation and other chronic issues. You've probably seen the Cancel Kellogg's movement that is gaining traction, led by Vani Hari (a.k.a. The Food Babe), and I'm proud to be part of it. No child or parent deserves to suffer from the harmful effects of these products.

Instead, begin your day with real, whole foods like pasture-raised eggs, organic turkey bacon, chicken sausages, or a Truvani protein smoothie made with clean ingredients. If you're a cereal lover, opt for healthier options like Lovebird, made entirely with ingredients we could find in nature. By making these simple switches, you'll fuel your body with anti-inflammatory nutrients and skip the toxic load.

2. Start Your Day With Ginger Tea

Ginger is one of the most potent natural anti-inflammatory remedies. Sipping on ginger tea first thing in the morning can fire up your body by boosting circulation, aiding digestion, and supporting the lymphatic system. In the evening,

ginger tea works wonders to curb sugar cravings and help your body detoxify, promoting better sleep and recovery. Ginger's active compounds, such as gingerol, have been shown to reduce inflammation and provide relief from pain and swelling, making it a must-have during this indulgent season.

Tip: Brew fresh ginger slices in hot water with a squeeze of lemon and a touch of raw honey for a soothing, inflammation-fighting tea.

3. Make Chlorophyll a Daily Ritual

Chlorophyll is a powerhouse when it comes to reducing inflammation. This green pigment found in plants is not only a natural detoxifier but also helps alkalize the body, reducing the acidity that often fuels inflammation. Many people notice an almost instant sense of calm and balance after consuming chlorophyll.

Start your day with a glass of water mixed with liquid chlorophyll to stabilize blood sugar, improve digestion, and fight inflammation at the cellular level. You can also get potent chlorophyll from a green juice made with celery, cucumber, ginger, lemon, and broccoli sprouts. It's also excellent for supporting your skin, immunity, and energy levels — perfect for navigating the holiday season's challenges.

4. Eat Anti-Inflammatory Foods

Your holiday plate can still be festive without being inflammatory! Focus on incorporating anti-inflammatory, nutrient-dense foods like:

- **Leafy greens** (kale, spinach)
- **Brightly colored vegetables** (carrots, sweet potatoes)
- **Healthy fats** (avocado, walnuts, and olive oil)
- **Spices** (turmeric, cinnamon, and cayenne pepper)

These foods combat oxidative stress, support your body's natural repair processes, and nourish your immune system. Conversely, limit sugar, refined carbs, and seed oils, as these are some of the biggest contributors to inflammation and chronic disease.

5. Take an Anti-Inflammatory Supplement

The holidays can be stressful, and stress is a major trigger for inflammation. To counteract this, consider taking my Anxiety Free supplement, which is designed to nourish the nervous system and reduce inflammation. This powerful blend contains anti-inflammatory ingredients like ashwagandha, turmeric, spirulina, and chlorella, which not only fight inflammation but also promote relaxation and focus during busy times.

Taking this supplement daily can help you feel calmer and more balanced, while also supporting your body's ability to heal and detoxify. It's a natural way to destress and reduce the physical toll of holiday stressors. Get it at **LianasOrganics.com**.

6. Drink Redmond Bentonite Clay for Purification

Drinking Redmond bentonite clay is a powerful way to purify the body and reduce inflammation. This natural remedy works by binding to toxins, heavy metals, and harmful substances in the digestive tract, helping your body eliminate them more effectively. I've personally been drinking bentonite clay once a week for the past 15 years, and it's an essential part of my wellness routine.

This detoxifying practice not only supports gut health but also helps reduce the toxic load that contributes to inflammation and chronic disease. To use, mix 1 to 2 teaspoons of Redmond bentonite clay with water and drink on an empty stomach. Your body will thank you for this natural reset!

7. Hydrate and Support Your Lymphatic System

Dehydration is often overlooked as a cause of inflammation, but staying hydrated is essential for reducing it. Drinking plenty of water supports your lymphatic system, which helps flush out toxins and inflammatory waste. To amplify the benefits, add a pinch of Redmond Real Salt or a splash of lemon to your water to restore electrolytes.

Pairing hydration with gentle movement, such as walking or yoga, can further stimulate lymphatic drainage. Remember, a well-functioning lymphatic system is key to reducing swelling, boosting immunity, and fighting inflammation.

Healing from inflammation isn't just about feeling better in the moment; it's about protecting your long-term health. Chronic inflammation is a driving force behind illnesses like cancer, diabetes, and heart disease, and it's tragic how many products on our grocery-store shelves contribute to this epidemic.

This season also marks a turning point for our nation. With Robert F. Kennedy Jr.'s Make America Healthy Again movement, we have the opportunity to clean up our food supply, reduce the epidemic of chronic disease, and support healing for all. This is an epidemic and a tragedy for America, but we're on the cusp of significant change. Let's step into a healthier future together!

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DR. BARRY WEINTRAUB

THE BOARD-CERTIFIED PLASTIC SURGEON IDENTIFIES THE LATEST COSMETIC-SURGERY TRENDS

By Clara Morgan



Dr. Barry Weintraub, a board-certified plastic surgeon practicing in the heart of New York City at Fifth Avenue and 61st Street, was recently named one of America's best plastic surgeons by *Newsweek*. Here, he identifies six new surgical trends for fall and winter 2024.

"The first three trends involve male patients. In a way, one could say that the marked increase in plastic surgery for men is a trend in itself," Dr. Weintraub says. "While there still exists somewhat of a public social stigma regarding men and plastic surgery, there has been a true removal of private stigma. In other words, guys are entirely comfortable seeking plastic surgery as long as they know the results will be natural and undetectable, and won't exhibit any hallmarks of surgery, such as obvious incisions. In my practice, male surgery has increased over the past year by more than 40 percent. Guys want to look their best, not just for personal improvement but also for competing in the workplace."

Male blepharoplasty — eyelid surgery — is becoming extremely popular, Dr. Weintraub says. "Just like with female patients, male patients don't want to look tired. Female patients have the ability to camouflage under-eye circles and puffy lower lids with makeup, but guys don't have this resource." Bags under the eyes, Dr. Weintraub explains, are formed by an excess of lower eyelid fat that is either genetically based or caused by the lower-eyelid skin losing the collagen and elastin that keep this fat contained, allowing the fat to push forward. "The solution to this problem," he says, "is a transconjunctival lower-eyelid blepharoplasty, where the fat is removed without any visible incisions from the back or pink side of the eyelid. If the lower-eyelid skin is wrinkled or saggy, a laser can provide tightening without incisions." If the upper eyelids are heavy, Dr. Weintraub removes this excess skin with an incision sewn with suture material as fine as a human hair. The incision is placed low on the lid so it becomes virtually invisible once healed. "I wear magnifying loupes for all my surgeries," he says, "like what a jeweler wears when working on fine watches. They allow me to see five times human vision."

Male neck lifting is the second trend. "Age manifests first in the eyes and the neck, and a sagging neck is emphasized by a collar and tie," Dr. Weintraub says. There are two approaches to eliminating the dreaded "turkey neck": removing the excess skin via an incision hidden in the back of the ear, or removing the excess skin and snugging the neck via a fine incision hidden under the chin. "When a man has a razor-sharp jaw," Dr. Weintraub points out, "he not only looks better but he feels better about himself and has a tendency to present himself with more confidence."

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Scarless gynecomastia surgery. Gynecomastia is a condition commonly nicknamed "man boobs." It is caused by genetics or is attributed to medications that create excess male breast tissue. "In the past, many guys didn't realize that surgery was available to eradicate this condition," Dr. Weintraub notes. "Now, however, guys are realizing that there is a very effective cure. By using special basket cannulas (not liposuction cannulas) that have blades on the tip, I can — without any incisions around the nipple-areola complex — extract all the fat and male-breast tissue via a tiny 1/64-inch dot located in the armpit." The recovery time for this procedure is very quick, allowing a patient to return to remote work the next day and office work after just three days.



Decrease in brow lifting in female patients. "Quite frankly," says Dr. Weintraub, "I never understood why people thought that brows located halfway up the forehead looked natural, attractive, or young. If you look at attractive, youthful faces, the brows sit naturally on the browbone. If someone wants to look better, a slight lateral lift — toward the outer edge of the brows — can help combat any droopiness that comes with age. But lifting the brow in the middle creates only a very odd aesthetic, causing someone to look perennially surprised." Rather than brow lifting, patients are now opting for carefully placed Botox to provide this lateral lift. As Dr. Weintraub points out, the Botox helps raise the outer edge of the brow, creating a pretty arc that is much more natural-looking.

The hybrid facelift trend is along the same lines as a brow lift; it's about wanting a more natural and attractive aesthetic result. "Patients always say to me, 'I don't like the way I look as I get older, but I'm afraid of a facelift because I don't want to look fake,'" Dr. Weintraub explains. "Think of the face and neck in three separate layers. Old-style facelifts pulled all three layers with the same tension. You can create this weird look by taking your hands and pulling your face back. Notice how the mouth widens, the nose splays, and the cheeks look too tight." The secret, according to Dr. Weintraub, is to suspend these three different layers with different amounts of tension. The deep plane is addressed to correct the marionette lines (from the corner of the mouth to the chin) and jowls; the SMAS lift corrects the sagging neck, and the subcutaneous lift allows a natural, gentle lift to the midface. "If you lie flat on your back and hold a mirror above your face," he says, "this gentle, hybrid triplanar lift can be mimicked by gravity, allowing for the tissues to drape naturally."

The last trend is that the popularity of the "Instagram nose" is declining. "I have fortunately seen a decrease in young patients wanting a highly stylized nose, no matter their own natural features. I was never one to create this type of result because my hallmark is to create very natural, understated results, and the 'Instagram nose' is just the opposite. Of all the features on the face, the nose is a benchmark of someone's identity, and all aspects of the face must be considered to create a result that looks flawless, with a keen eye toward natural beauty. Patients are now much more interested in what will look good not just 10 months from now but 10 years from now."

ABOUT DR. BARRY WEINTRAUB:

Regularly listed as one of the Best Plastic Surgeons in America and Best Doctors in New York by Castle Connolly, Dr. Weintraub holds in high regard the ideals he was taught at Cornell, both in medical school as well as in his plastic-surgical fellowship, during a time when patient care and compassion were almost religiously revered. Dr. Weintraub believes that physicians should be welcoming and respectful and must never lose sight of the fact that it's a sacred privilege to operate on another human being. Each patient is a person possessing real-life issues and concerns.

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Building a World of Luxury With Chiffique

Aimee Lettich-Pearson, founder of the luxury fashion brand Chiffique, embodies a fascinating blend of elegance, tenacity, and vision. Known for her ability to balance the creative and industrial worlds, Aimee's journey is nothing short of inspiring. From the mountains of Colombia to the ateliers of Orlando, her story is steeped in passion, family ties, and an unwavering dedication to sustainable luxury. Chiffique is not just a brand; it's a movement that redefines femininity, craftsmanship, and luxury.

From the Mountains to the Runway

Aimee's story begins in Colombia, where she was raised by her father, a business mentor who instilled in her a strong work ethic and an entrepreneurial spirit. Losing her mother at a young age, Aimee found inspiration in her father's resilience and business acumen. "My dad was my mentor," she says. "I learned so much from him about navigating the business world."

It was in the majestic mountains of Colombia that Aimee's vision for Chiffique began to take shape. The mountains' power, beauty, and richness became her muse. "The mountains inspired me," she explains. "From minerals to the breathtaking views, they are full of majesty and power. That's what I wanted Chiffique to embody."

During a long flight, Aimee revisited the 1980s TV series *Dynasty*, and the glamorous silk gowns and elegant pajamas reignited her love for timeless luxury. "I realized that luxury loungewear had been forgotten," she recalls. "Women deserved something beautiful, comfortable, and elegant to wear — whether at home or receiving guests." This epiphany laid the foundation for Chiffique.

Crafting Luxury With Purpose

Chiffique specializes in handcrafted, one-of-a-kind pieces made from 100 percent silk. Each garment is a masterpiece, finished by hand at Aimee's atelier in Orlando. "It's not just about creating beautiful clothes," she says. "It's about empowering the women who make them." Many of Chiffique's seamstresses previously worked in noncreative roles but have now found joy and purpose in their craftsmanship. "They didn't realize their passion for sewing until they joined us," Aimee shares. "Seeing them flourish and appreciate their work makes me proud." This commitment to uplifting others is integral to Chiffique's ethos.

Moreover, Chiffique's dedication to sustainability sets it apart. The brand uses eco-friendly practices and materials wherever possible. "Luxury doesn't have to compromise the environment," Aimee asserts. "It's challenging, but it's worth it."


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Views from the boutique hotel overlooking the mountains



The peacock sanctuary



The cacao harvest

Expanding the Vision: Chiffique Boutique Hotel

Aimee's entrepreneurial spirit extends beyond fashion. Nestled in the Colombian mountains, the Chiffique Boutique Hotel is a luxurious retreat that harmonizes with nature. Featuring eight villas, the hotel offers guests an immersive experience of tranquility and opulence.

"Each villa combines the comforts of a five-star hotel with the raw beauty of nature," Aimee says. "You wake up to breathtaking views, fresh mountain air, and the sounds of nature." The hotel is a reflection of Chiffique's brand values: luxury, sustainability, and authenticity. The property is also self-sustaining, sourcing fresh produce, eggs, and coffee from its own land. "Everything we serve comes from the surrounding area," Aimee says. "It's about offering guests an experience that's both luxurious and grounded in nature."

The hotel is not just a retreat; it's a statement about the possibilities of sustainable luxury. The design, Aimee explains, blends modernity with tradition. "We've taken inspiration from the natural beauty around us and combined it with cutting-edge design," she says. "It's about creating harmony between the built environment and the natural world."

The Industrial Edge

While Chiffique celebrates femininity and luxury, Aimee's ventures in the industrial world showcase her versatility. As a key player in the energy sector, she owns mines in Colombia and is working on transitioning to green energy solutions. "Creating sustainable energy is a challenge," she admits. "But innovation is key. We've spent years developing a formula for biocarbon in order to facilitate the transition from fossil fuels. It's expensive, but it's the future."

Aimee's dual pursuits in fashion and energy may seem worlds apart, but they share a common thread: a commitment to innovation and sustainability. "Whether it's a silk gown or a new energy solution, my goal is to create something impactful," she says.

Her work in the industrial sector has also given her unique insights into global sustainability challenges. "The transition to green energy is complex," she explains. "It's not just about new technologies; it's about changing mindsets and creating systems that support sustainable practices."

Empowering Through Employment

One of Aimee's greatest joys is creating jobs for others. "There are so many people working in roles they don't love,"


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she says. "Through Chiffique and my other ventures, I've been able to help people discover their passions and build fulfilling careers."

At her Orlando atelier, seamstresses not only hone their craft but also gain confidence and pride in their work. Similarly, the Chiffique Boutique Hotel provides employment opportunities in a region where jobs can be scarce. "It's about more than just business," Aimee says. "It's about building communities."

A Future Built on Dreams

Chiffique's future is as dynamic as its founder. Beyond expanding her fashion line and boutique hotel with a peacock sanctuary, Aimee has plans to launch a chocolate brand. "I've always been passionate about creating," she says. "Whether it's fashion, hospitality, or sustainable energy, I'm driven by the desire to make a difference."

The chocolate brand, which will feature cacao grown on the hotel's grounds, is a testament to Aimee's commitment to sustainability and quality. "It's not just about making chocolate," she says. "It's about telling a story of heritage and craftsmanship."

The peacock sanctuary, meanwhile, is a reflection of her love for nature. "Peacocks are such magnificent creatures," she says. "I wanted to create a space where they could thrive and where guests could enjoy their beauty."

As Aimee Lettich-Pearson continues to build her empire, one thing is clear: her vision goes beyond luxury. It's about crafting a world where beauty, sustainability, and empowerment co-exist seamlessly. In her words, "luxury isn't just about products; it's about the stories they tell and the lives they touch."

Through Chiffique and her other endeavors, Aimee is redefining what it means to be a modern entrepreneur. She is a trailblazer, a creator, and an advocate for a better world — one silk gown, one villa, and one innovation at a time.



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Château de Vaux-le-Vicomte

Famed architect Peter Marino, who redesigned Tiffany's on Fifth Avenue; billionaires Christine and Stephen Schwarzman; and Louis Vuitton's chairman, Pietro Beccari, hosted a black-tie ball at the Château de Vaux-le-Vicomte outside Paris. The 17th century estate was the inspiration for Louis XIV's Versailles. Count Patrice de Vogüé, who owns the property now, welcomed 200 of the jet set, including shoe designer Christian Louboutin in a red fez, jeweler Paloma Picasso, Tom Ford designer Haider Ackermann, actresses Marisa Berenson and Cornelia Guest, Isabelle Marino, Susan Gutfreund, Eugenia Bullock, and architect Norman Foster. The evening raised over $1.6 million to help restore the château's 22 fountains. **vaux-le-vicomte.com**



Michael Kors, Anna Wintour

God's Love We Deliver

Sarah Jessica Parker, Megan Thee Stallion, Cole Escola, and Pat Costello were among the honorees at the God's Love We Deliver Gold Heart Awards at the Cathedral of Saint John the Divine. The organization is New York City's only nonprofit provider of medically tailored meals for individuals living with severe illness. Remarks were made by Kristin Chenoweth, GLWD CEO David Ludwigson, and Michael Kors, and event co-chairs included Anna Wintour, Blaine Trump, and John Idol. The evening concluded with a performance by Sam Smith, who said, "I never turn down a request to sing from three people: my mom, dad, and Anna." Leading the applause were Kristin Davis, Cynthia Nixon, Chloe Fineman, Zoey Deutch, Huma Abedin, and Luann de Lesseps. The event raised more than $4 million. **glwd.org**



Oliver Johnson Kennan, Princess Yasmin, Wayne Brady

Rita Hayworth Gala and the Alzheimer's Association

The Hollywood goddess Rita Hayworth was remembered by her daughter Princess Yasmin Aga Khan, who hosted the 40th anniversary of the Alzheimer's Association's Imagine Benefit. "My fight against Alzheimer's began in 1981, when I became a caregiver for my mother when she was diagnosed with early-onset Alzheimer's disease. I knew at that moment that this would become my life's work." Tony winner Leslie Odom Jr. sang "The Room Where It Happens" from *Hamilton*. The benefit raised more than $1.2 million, adding to the $90 million that has been raised for care and research into Alzheimer's since the association's inception in 1984. **alz.org**

The Art Show and Henry Street Settlement

Agnes Gund, Beth Rudin DeWoody, Liliana Cavendish, interior designer TC Chou, and Yvonne Force Villareal led the way to the opening of the Art Show at the Park Avenue Armory, benefiting the Henry Street Settlement. More than $1 million was raised to provide vital social services to 50,000 New Yorkers in need of shelter, education, and art programs. The show has raised more than $38 million for the organization since 1989. Also in the mix was Galerie Gmurzynska's Isabelle Bscher and Mathias Rastorfer. Adam Lindemann had a booth for his gallery, Venus Over Manhattan, which featured a solo show by Seth Becker. **theartshow.org**



Isabelle Bscher

Harry's Bar: London

Laurence Graff; Emilia and Pepe Fanjul; Lady Lynne Rothschild with her beau, Lord Saatchi; and Lord William and Lady Annabel Astor were among the guests at Hillary and Wilbur Ross's dinner celebrating the English launch of his book *Risks and Returns* at Harry's Bar in London. After the fete, the Rosses went on to be the guests of the

Luc Castel, PMC, Getty



Hillary Ross, Wilbur Ross

Duke of Marlborough and his sister, Lady Henrietta Spencer-Churchill, at Blenheim Castle. Ross then flew to California for a book signing at the Nixon Foundation, where he talked about how a Trump administration will differ from a Harris one.

Gert and Giesela



Wir Feiern We Celebrate Mardi Gras

Photographers Gert and Gisela made their New York City debut with an eponymous exhibition at Alfred González's Gallery 71. Through artistic double-nude portraits, the exhibition shed light on the themes of connection, beauty, and female empowerment. "Germany's culture of nudity as something supportive of physical, mental, and spiritual health is not always easily understood by a U.S. audience," Gisela said. "By inviting the viewer to consider what might at first be surprising or even shocking about each photograph, we are hoping to start conversations about expectations that we typically hold about both society and ourselves." **gallery71.com**



Mariska Hargitay, Audrey Gruss

Mariska Hargitay and Hope for Depression

Law and Order's Mariska Hargitay received an award for depression advocacy from Audrey Gruss, the founder of the Hope for Depression Research Foundation, at its 18th annual luncheon and seminar at the Plaza Hotel. Previous honorees include Dakota Johnson, Anderson Cooper, and Michael Phelps. Gruss also hosted a cocktail event for the organization's junior committee at Doubles, the private club in the Sherry-Netherland hotel headed by Wendy Carduner. The party, which featured a fashion show of the foundation's KIP pajama collection, was hosted by Elizabeth Meigher alongside Gillian Hearst, Harrison LeFrak, and Melissa Breitbart. Earlier in the month, Meigher's father, Christopher Meigher, the publisher of *Quest* magazine, and its diarist David Patrick Columbia welcomed VIPs including Martha Stewart, Deborah Norville, Muffie Potter Aston, Jamee Gregory, Somers Farkas, and Margo Langenberg, all of whom are on the publication's prestigious 400 List of notable New Yorkers. **hopefordepression.org**

Brenda Vaccaro and Peter Thomas Roth



Ryan Roth, Peter Thomas Roth

Brenda Vaccaro, who has been guest-starring in the *Sex and the City* spin-off *And Just Like That*…, congratulated skin-care mogul Peter Thomas Roth on being the honoree for this year's Global Lyme Alliance Gala at Cipriani. Candace Bushnell, the author of *Sex and the City*, introduced the entrepreneur, who talked about his personal experience with the disease and how he conquered it. *Good Day New York* host Rosanna Scotto served as the emcee for the organization that's fighting for a Lyme-free world. **globallymealliance.org**

Larry David, Susie Essman, and Aphrodise

Vin Diesel, Tina Fey, and Steve Carell are among the dozens of stars scheduled to be in scenes that include Frank Schilling and Gabi Petrylaite's new sparkling rosé Aphrodise from Greece. The couple's bubbly has become such a hit in Hollywood and New York that it's being featured in more than 50 shows on Netflix, Hulu, Prime, and Apple TV — including the latest season of *Curb Your Enthusiasm*, with Larry David and Susie Essman. "Whether they're at a bar, a dinner party, or if it's a romantic scene between a couple, and they share a glass, we'll have a lot of these moments in big TV and film productions," Petrylaite said. "It's very flattering and exciting to see how much Hollywood loves Aphrodise." **drinkaphrodise.com**



Gabi Petrylaite, Frank Schilling



Sharon Bush, Lauren Bush Lauren,

First Ladies Luncheon

Philanthropists Lauren Bush Lauren, Sharon Bush, and Amy Green; designer Juliet Guo; filmmaker Eva Orner; author Yue-Sai Kan; and the Bicester Collection's Chantal Khoueiry were honored at Evie Evangelou's Fashion 4 Development's 12th annual First Ladies Luncheon. The luncheon spotlighted Moroccan culture with exhibitions by Education Above All's Weaving Hopes, from Silatech Beneficiaries; kaftans by Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al-Thani, founder of the Institute of Arab and Islamic Art, and Siham Elhabti; along with Berber jewelry and vintage pieces by Kenza Melehi in collaboration with Yves Saint Laurent and Jean Paul Gautier. Libby Klein also hand-painted bottles depicting scenes from different countries. "Global Runway is an international initiative that brings together 100 nations through fashion as well as art and culture," Evangelou said. In process is a 450-page art book published by Skira Publishing and art directed by LDF Studio with a pilot documentary in the works. The show will open at the UN in 2026 as a symbol of tolerance, reconciliation, and global unity. **fashion4development.com**

New York Philharmonic

Hilaria and Alec Baldwin joined composer Karen LaFrak and her husband, real estate mogul Richard LeFrak, as well as billionaire Neil Bluhm and his wife, Kimberly Paige Bluhm, at the opening of the Phil. *Sweeney Todd* and *Muppets Most Wanted* star Josh Groban sang at the benefit, which raised $3.8 million and honored Klara and Larry Silverstein, who rebuilt the World Trade Center. **nyphil.org**



Karen LeFrak, Josh Groban, Kimberly Bluhm

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THE 64TH ANNUAL QUADRILLE BALL

THE GERMAN CONSULATE LAUNCHES THE QUINTESSENTIAL WHITE-TIE GALA, TO BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 8

By Lillian Langtry



Dr. Barbara Elling, Irmintraud Jost



Lisa Hollenbach



Atmosphere



Dr. Radwa Saad



Participants for the 64th Annual Quadrille Ball in February 2025



Dr. Barry Weintraub



Brian Hutchinson, Bettina Bennett

A formal reception to launch the 64th annual Quadrille Ball was held at the German Consulate in New York City. The storied white-tie charity event will take place on Saturday, February 8, 2025, at the iconic Plaza Hotel in New York City.

The exquisite gala, one of the highlights of the New York social season and one of the very few white-tie events, is a supremely elegant night where guests enjoy a cocktail reception and a three-course dinner followed by dancing: The highlight is the quadrille performance by the participants who have spent months in training.

The annual ball is a fundraiser for scholarships awarded to highly qualified students enrolled at U.S. or German universities to offer them the opportunity to study and conduct research across the Atlantic. The Quadrille was founded decades ago to strengthen transatlantic relationships through education and exchange. Through its nonprofit parent organization, the German-American Scholarship Association, the Quadrille supports undergraduate, master's, and Ph.D. students. More than 700 students have benefited from the association's support over the years. Scholarship recipients are chosen in cooperation with the Fulbright program, the Institute of International Education, and Columbia University.

The reception included a demonstration by participants who will perform at the forthcoming ball, as well as a brief introduction and comments by Dr. Barbara Elling, JB Kresser, Irmintraud Jost, Lisa Hollenbach, and Billy Hughes. Other notable attendees at the reception included Heide Herz, Dr. Dorothea von Mücke, Bettina Bennett, Dr. Radwa Saad, Rachel Faeth, Dr. Beverly Ortiz McCombe and Clark McCombe, Dr. Barry Weintraub, Susanne von Türk and Philipp von Türk, and Jeffery King.

The Quadrille is organized by volunteers to ensure that the tax-deductible contributions from sponsors, advertisers, donors, and ball guests benefit the stipend fund, which could not succeed without their continued and generous support. Recent sponsors have included Microsoft, the Mejean Family Foundation, Max Kade Foundation, the Bye Family, Lya and Joseph Pfeifer, Dr. William Radin, and Dr. and Mrs. Andrew Shiva.

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SOMOS COMMUNITY CARE

FOUNDED BY DR. RAMÓN TALLAJ UREÑA

By Margaux Rowan

Somos Community Care was honored at the 67th Annual New York Emmy Awards on October 28, winning in the Religion category for *Benedict XVI: In Honor of the Truth*. The documentary was produced by independent television agency Rome Reports in collaboration with TV2000, the Joseph Ratzinger Vatican Foundation, and Somos Community Care, which was founded by Dr. Ramón Tallaj Ureña. The documentary was distributed in more than 10 countries, and has Italian, Spanish, and English versions.

Dr. Tallaj accepted the award with these heartfelt words: "First of all, thank you to the Academy for this honor. We dedicate this award to all the employees of Somos Community Care. Most important, we look forward to a time when peace may return to this world and understanding among human beings — regardless of their religion — can arise again. Amen."

The subject of the documentary, Pope Benedict XVI, was the head of the Catholic Church and sovereign of the Vatican city-state from April 19, 2005, until his resignation on February 28, 2013. He died on December 31, 2022. The 48-minute documentary highlights his legacy and doctrine, and seeks to explain why he became the first Pope to resign in 700 years. Was it the coming to the fore of the sexual-abuse cases being filed against priests? Did it have to do with a butler stealing the Pope's confidential documents?

The answers are revealed through the study of documents in the Vatican archives and a series of interviews with people close to the pope who witnessed the most significant moments in his life closely. These include his brother, Georg Ratzinger; Father Federico Lombardi, the former spokesman of the Holy See; and other close collaborators, such as Cardinal Christoph Schönborn and his assistant Stephen Horn.



Ines Hernandez and Dr. Ramón Tallaj Ureña

Somos Community Care is the largest nonprofit physician-led network in New York City and serves nearly a million Medicaid patients from the city's most marginalized communities. Inspired by Dr. Tallaj's spirit and his social vision of the medical profession, Somos's mission is to work with talented young people of low socioeconomic status to help train physicians, general surgeons, and professionals in health-care-related fields. The Dr. Ramón Tallaj Foundation strives to positively impact the lives of outstanding individuals and the communities they serve in the U.S. and the Dominican Republic.

To celebrate the holiday season, Yankee Hall of Famer Mariano Rivera and Dr. Tallaj kicked off the giving season by distributing 4,000 Thanksgiving turkeys to underserved families in Washington Heights on November 26. On December 14, David Ortiz, a.k.a Big Papi, hosted Somos's annual toy drive in the Bronx, where more than 400 families were welcomed with presents and holiday cheer.

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LUISA DIAZ FOUNDATION'S "KINDNESS IS COOL" FASHION SHOW DAZZLES AT CUCINA 8 ½

By Anna Rothschild



This autumn, the Luisa Diaz Foundation hosted a spectacular fashion show, "Kindness Is Cool," at the elegant Cucina 8 ½, drawing a star-studded crowd dedicated to promoting kindness through fashion. The event showcased a vibrant collection of designs while highlighting the importance of compassion in our communities.

Among the notable attendees were *Real Housewives of New York* star Dorinda Medley and Barbara Kavovit, the owner of Evergreen Construction and a former housewife known for her entrepreneurial spirit. Kavovit, who has authored three books and even ran for mayor of New York City, brought her signature flair to the occasion.

Fashion designer Nicole Miller, celebrated for her chic and timeless creations, also graced the event, alongside prominent real estate developer and philanthropist Ian Reisner, the owner of Parkview Developers. Their presence underscored the event's mission to blend philanthropy with fashion, proving that style can be a powerful vehicle for positive change.

The highlight of the show was undoubtedly Luisa Diaz herself, Mrs. Universe, who closed the event in a breathtaking sequin dress that captured the audience's admiration. As she walked the runway, the applause echoed throughout the venue, a testament to her influence and the foundation's impactful work.

The "Kindness Is Cool" fashion show not only celebrated stunning designs but also fostered a sense of community and compassion, reminding everyone that kindness is always in fashion.

Luisa Diaz Foundation
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2024 SOUTHAMPTON HOSPITAL FOUNDATION GOLF OUTING

On Wednesday, October 16, golfers teed off for a great cause during the Southampton Hospital Foundation's annual Golf Outing. Held in support of Stony Brook Southampton Hospital, this year's charity outing took place at the renowned Atlantic Golf Club in Bridgehampton.

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2. Matt Chasin
   Gerry Chasin
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   Matt Bruce
4. Peter Derrenbacker
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   Mike O'Connor
5. Jason Russell
   Podi Palin
   Brett Fanning
   Scott Jones
6. Joey Jurist
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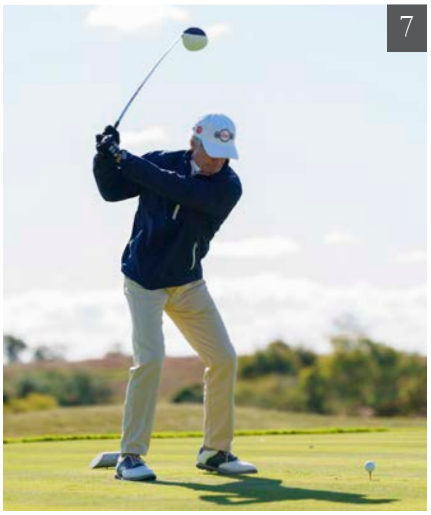

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5. Missy Lubliner
6. Sharon Bush
   Pamela Wright and guests
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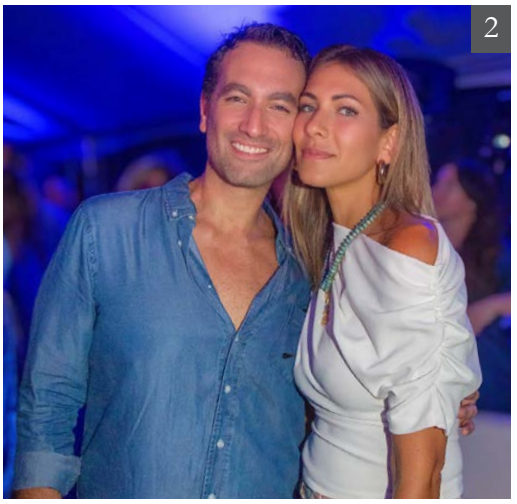



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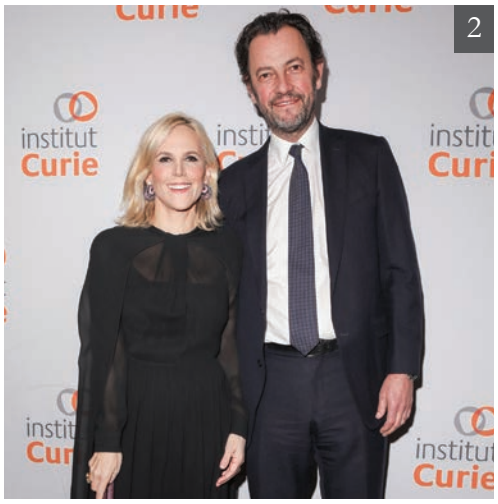
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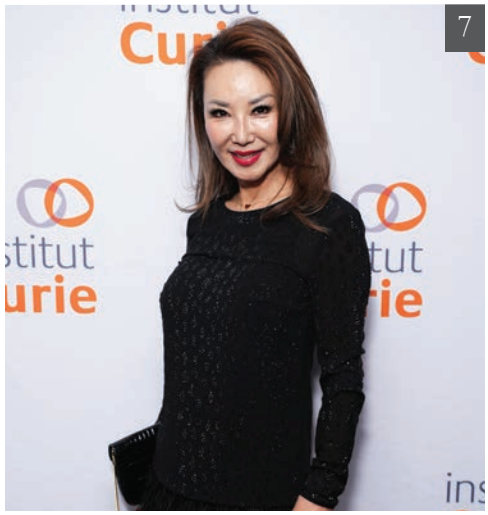


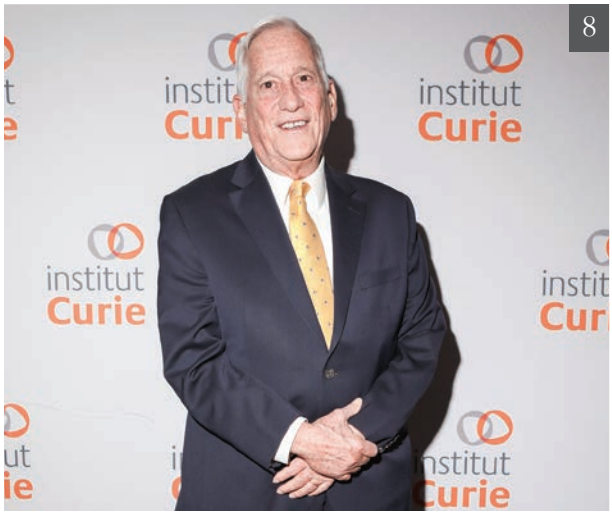














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Victims of the Twin Towers tragedy and the war in Ukraine were honored in videos by Ukrainian artists Kostiantyn and Vlada Liberov in an exhibition titled *Show Me Peace/War/Life* at Mriya Gallery in Tribeca. The works were displayed using frames provided by FRMD, a new digital art service that is revolutionizing how art collections are shown. The exhibition was curated by FRMD founder Max Stanšić and Mriya Gallery's Artem Yalanskiy. **mriya.nyc**



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BY ALISA KÓRMACH

SALON ART + DESIGN GALERIE GMURZYNSKA

At the Salon Art + Design fair at the Park Avenue Armory, the booth of third-generation gallerist Isabelle Bscher's Galerie Gmurzynska was the talk of the town. Her exhibition featured a wide range of 20th century masters, including works by Henri Laurens, Roberto Matta, Marjorie Strider, Wifredo Lam, László Moholy-Nagy, and more. The fair had 54 exhibitors, including Adam Lindermann's gallery Venus Over Manhattan. **gmurzynska.com**



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THE SCHWEIZERHOF FLIMS

ROMANTIK HOTEL

By Gregory DelliCarpini Jr.
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Nestled in the storybook landscape of Switzerland, the Schweizerhof Flims, Romantik Hotel offers an enchanting escape that effortlessly blends the allure of alpine grandeur with timeless luxury. Located in Flims, a village that feels almost otherworldly, the Schweizerhof radiates old-world elegance and modern sophistication. It's a destination that captivates not just with its stunning surroundings but with a promise of truly immersive relaxation — a sanctuary for travelers who yearn for both tranquility and adventure.

As you approach the property, the sight of the Swiss Alps rising dramatically in the background sets the tone for an unforgettable stay. Originally built in 1903, the Schweizerhof embraces its heritage as a Belle Époque landmark, evoking the romance of a bygone era while subtly incorporating every contemporary amenity for today's luxury traveler. Lavish yet inviting, the interiors offer a seamless fusion of history and modernity. Original wooden beams, intricate moldings, and graceful chandeliers create an atmosphere that's both sumptuous and serene.



Each room at the Schweizerhof is a masterpiece of design, offering panoramic views of snowcapped peaks and lush valleys. Spacious and beautifully appointed, these suites are decorated in soft, natural hues that mirror the surrounding landscape, complemented by touches of Swiss elegance in custom furnishings and fine textiles. Think cashmere throws, deep soaking tubs, and windows that open to let in the pure mountain air — a rarity that guests are encouraged to savor.





Dining at the Schweizerhof is an experience unto itself. The on-site restaurant, led by a renowned chef with a deep respect for local ingredients, showcases the finest of Swiss culinary traditions. From fresh lake fish to alpine herbs and wild game, each dish is a celebration of the region's flavors, presented with a creative twist that will delight even the most discerning palates.

For those seeking wellness and rejuvenation, the hotel's spa offers an expansive range of treatments inspired by alpine botanicals. Whether you're relaxing in the heated outdoor pool surrounded by panoramic mountain vistas or indulging in a signature Swiss massage, every experience is designed to renew both body and spirit. The Schweizerhof also offers curated excursions, from skiing and snowshoeing in winter to hiking and biking in summer, allowing guests to fully immerse themselves in the natural beauty of Flims.

The Schweizerhof Flims, Romantik Hotel isn't just a getaway; it's where Swiss elegance meets pure alpine tranquility. Step into a world where every moment feels timeless. Explore and book at **schweizerhof-flims.ch/en**.





JET-SETTER STYLE

RESIDENZA DONNA OLIMPIA

ITALY

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In the heart of Rome's iconic Piazza Navona, where Gian Lorenzo Bernini's masterpiece, the F*ountain of the Four Rivers*, awes every passerby, Residenza Donna Olimpia offers a glimpse into the secrets and splendor of the Roman Baroque. Once the private residence of Pope Innocent X, this grand apartment melds historical intrigue with a level of luxury that's both regal and contemporary. Here, beneath the graceful shadow of the Sant'Agnese church, guests are invited to walk in the footsteps of the powerful in halls of artistry and elegance.

The interiors of Residenza Donna Olimpia are replete with centuries of history. As you step inside, you're embraced by the intimate yet opulent décor, where fine marble, elaborate frescoes, and hand-carved furnishings tell stories of a bygone era. The essence of the Baroque period is preserved in every corner, particularly in the papal suite designed for Innocent X himself. This room, bathed in the soft glow of morning light, is anchored by a grand papal bed that exudes an almost mystical charm. Overhead, a fresco from the 17th century crowns guests with a vivid work that connects the sacred past with the refined present.

Residenza Donna Olimpia welcomes you with exclusive services designed to make your stay unforgettable. Upon arrival, a private transfer whisks you directly to the residence, where a dedicated property manager greets you with an aperitif and Italian specialties. Each morning, a chef prepares your breakfast to your exact preferences, so that the day begins with indulgence and authenticity. The dedicated concierge stands ready to curate your Roman experience, organizing guided tours around Piazza Navona or uncovering Rome's hidden treasures just for you. The discreet housekeeping service attends to every detail, ensuring that everything remains pristine, so you can relax at your preferred time and savor every moment of your stay.





The residence is designed to be rented as a whole or divided into two splendid suites, giving guests an option to design their experience. The reading room invites contemplation, offering books on Italian haute couture and the illustrious Pamphilj family, grounding guests in a world of exclusive culture and style. Moving into the lounge, you find a stunning harmony of gold and muted purples, with thoughtful details balancing the sacred with the sensual. Here, modern conveniences remain hidden yet perfectly accessible: A sleek bar, an elegant entertainment system, and a curated selection of Italy's finest spirits await.

Perhaps the crowning jewel of Residenza Donna Olimpia is its bath suite, a spacious retreat draped in pale marble, highlighted with golden mosaics that catch the afternoon light. A whirlpool awaits amid this decadent display, offering an unparalleled escape after a day in the vibrant city below.

Just beyond the suite, a private terrace offers an unobstructed view of Piazza Navona. Imagine sipping an espresso here, watching the light shift over Bernini's fountain, and feeling, even for a moment, that you inhabit a world outside time.

As a space where history, art, and luxury meet, the Donna Olimpia Residence isn't just a place to stay; it's a portal into the grandeur and intimacy of Rome itself. Here you experience the Eternal City's wonder as though it's yours alone. Head to **residenzadonnaolimpia.com** to book a stay.







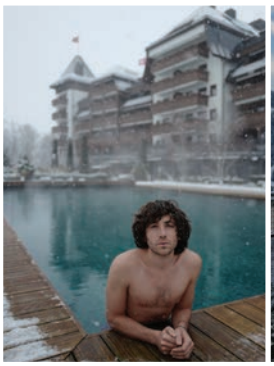
JET-SETTER STYLE

THE ALPINA GSTAAD

SWITZERLAND

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Tucked away in the heart of the Swiss Alps, the Alpina Gstaad is more than just a five-star location; it is a true alpine sanctuary that redefines luxury. Set high above the charming village of Gstaad, this gem offers a world-class retreat where Swiss tradition meets contemporary elegance. Upon arrival, you're greeted by sweeping views of snowcapped peaks and lush valleys, and by pristine alpine air that feels like a soothing balm for the soul.

The Alpina is not just a hotel but an architectural masterpiece. Crafted with locally sourced wood and stone, it exudes warmth and authenticity while embracing a modern design ethos. Inside, understated elegance reigns supreme. Each of the 65 rooms and suites boasts a private terrace with breathtaking views, complemented by a curated collection of art and furnishings that balance rustic charm with refined luxury.

Dining at the Alpina is an elevated experience. Every dish is a celebration of refined flavors and exceptional craftsmanship. Whether you're enjoying a casual bite or a multicourse feast, the culinary offerings are as impressive as the alpine vistas.

For those seeking rejuvenation, the hotel's spa is a haven of tranquility, offering holistic treatments, a heated indoor pool, and an outdoor infinity pool that seems to merge into the surrounding mountains.

Winter or summer, the Alpina Gstaad offers a plethora of activities. Whether you're skiing down the slopes of the Bernese Oberland or hiking through alpine meadows, every moment spent here immerses you in natural beauty.

For the discerning traveler, the Alpina Gstaad offers more than just a stay; it provides a transformative experience where refined luxury and the serene beauty of the Alps coalesce into an unforgettable escape. Book your stay at **thealpinagstaad.ch/en**.

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By Norah Bradford





One of the last opportunities to purchase new construction on a grand scale in South Florida's most exclusive enclave is now officially breaking ground. A one-of-a-kind estate, 16745 Stratford Court, is nestled within the only gated portion of the coveted Southwest Ranches, a community that's become synonymous with star power, world-class real estate, and equestrianism. This 34,000-square-foot, 10-bedroom, 11-bathroom designer home will be located on one of the last privately held lots available in the Ranches.

"Southwest Ranches is the Hamptons of South Florida," says Tommy Crivello, the property's exclusive broker, noting its convenient location just 30 minutes from the Miami and Fort Lauderdale airports. "Like the Hamptons, it's an area full of spectacular homes within little neighborhoods. This home is in the Landmark Ranch Estates, a very exclusive gated community."

And just like the Hamptons, the area comes with high-profile neighbors: Gisele Bündchen, Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson, Reggie Wayne, Rick Ross, and Gucci Mane are just a few of the celebrities who have been attracted to the Southwest Ranches' privacy, security, and vast acreage.

It's a neighborhood where 20,000-plus-square-foot homes are becoming the norm. Crivello says that to raise the standard, developer RCR Homes had to come up with something unparalleled for the Stratford Court site. The plan is for an energy-efficient smart home, slated for completion in just 18 months. It will cater to collectors, featuring a 15-car garage with a unique twist: separate garages for the mister and missus of the house, each equipped with lifts and elevators. The amenities don't stop there. Situated just above are a hair salon, massage room, steam room, and exercise studio.

That's not the only spot where the new owners won't be expected to share. The master suite includes expansive his and her walk-in closets. The kids won't be left out either, with their own four-bedroom wing that includes a study, a TV room, a laundry, and a safe room.

But opportunities for the family to come together are just as abundant. The property features a home theater with a 120-inch screen, a family lounge, a formal dining room, a 1,200-bottle wine cellar, and a sprawling outdoor space built like a private resort with a large swimming pool and cabana plus a full summer kitchen. To help facilitate the fun, there's a two-bedroom staff quarters, as well as an additional two-bedroom, two-bathroom guesthouse.

"This house is not for everybody," says Crivello, who has been one of the top agents in Southwest Ranches for 15 years running, with over $325 million in sales. "It's for the person who appreciates quality." He points to the costly materials and luxury appliances (Gaggenau 400 series everything) found throughout and the thoughtful architecture by Toma Design Group, known for creating many of Miami's best residences.

"We asked ourselves, 'What does a sophisticated person who is used to the best of everything want?' And that's how we created this floor plan," Crivello says. "It's a house designed to have every component, every amenity, that you can think of. It checks all of the boxes."

HOLIDAY MAGIC AT LOEWS REGENCY NEW YORK HOTEL





The holidays in New York City are a time of sparkling lights, festive cheer, and unparalleled luxury, and the Loews Regency New York Hotel on Park Avenue captures the spirit of the season with its curated holiday programming. This December, the iconic hotel has transformed into a hub of sophistication and seasonal joy, blending high-end shopping, exquisite libations, and thoughtful experiences that create memories to last a lifetime.

Whether you're a local savoring the magic of the season or a visitor seeking an authentic New York holiday experience, Loews Regency New York Hotel invites you to shop, sip, and celebrate in style.

A CURATED HOLIDAY SHOPPING EXPERIENCE

The Loews Regency's holiday celebrations began on Small Business Saturday, November 30, with the unveiling of a limited-edition holiday ornament crafted by New Jersey–based artist Karin Battle of Artful Designs. As part of the Local by Loews Hotels program, this hand-painted ornament celebrates local craftsmanship and makes for a beautiful keepsake. Available through January 1, it's the perfect way to commemorate your stay and support local artisans.

Adding to the festive charm are exclusive designer pop-ups featuring premier brands. These intimate retail experiences bring the season's most coveted items directly to guests and visitors. On December 6 to 8, Jo Malone London immersed visitors in the art of fragrance with stylists guiding them through the creation of a personalized scent. Signature classics like English Pear & Freesia and seasonal favorites were available for layering.

The pop-up from December 13 to 15 by London's famed fashion house Reiss offered a holiday boutique showcasing elegant winter essentials like cashmere scarves and leather gloves.

The Zadig & Voltaire pop-up, from December 20 to 22 is where French chic meets holiday glamour, with a curated selection of accessories including signature cashmere sweaters, handbags, and more, perfect for last-minute gifts or personal indulgences.

These exclusive shopping experiences epitomize the hotel's commitment to delivering luxury with convenience, making it a one-stop destination for holiday preparations.

MAKING SPIRITS BRIGHT: FESTIVE SIPS WITH A TWIST

At the Regency Bar & Grill, the festive season extends to the beverage menu, where the hotel's Free Spirited by Loews Hotels program takes center stage. This innovative approach to mindful drinking offers creative alternatives for those who prefer their celebrations without alcohol alongside traditional seasonal cocktails.

Loews Regency New York Hotel







Signature offerings include Holiday Sangria, a warm and festive mix of Pinot Noir, brandy, orange juice, apples, cranberries, and simple syrup, and Cranberry Gimless, a nonalcoholic delight featuring Lyre's Dry London Spirit, cranberry juice, lime juice, and simple syrup, delivering a sophisticated holiday flavor with a mindful twist.

Whether you're indulging in a celebratory toast or savoring a quiet moment, these seasonal sips are designed to elevate your holiday experience.

STAY IN STYLE: WINTER SUITE SAVINGS

Guests looking to extend their holiday magic can take advantage of the hotel's Winter Suite Savings Package, offering exclusive rates and amenities to make your stay even more luxurious. Whether visiting family, exploring Manhattan's iconic sights, or simply seeking a cozy winter retreat, Loews Regency New York Hotel provides a haven of comfort and elegance.

THE HEART OF THE HOLIDAYS IN NEW YORK CITY

"We look forward to welcoming back our frequent guests and introducing new visitors to the hotel this holiday season," says John Maibach, managing director of Loews Regency New York Hotel. "Every year, our guests crave unique and collectible items to commemorate their visit to the Big Apple, and we believe our one-of-a-kind offerings will make this holiday season truly unforgettable."

From its thoughtfully curated shopping experiences to its festive libations and luxurious accommodations, Loews Regency New York Hotel transforms the holiday season into something extraordinary. Whether you're hunting for the perfect gift, enjoying an elevated cocktail, or simply soaking in the magic of the city, every detail has been designed to create a season worth celebrating. Discover the magic of the holidays at Loews Regency New York Hotel. For reservations and details, visit **loewshotels.com**.

Loews Regency New York Hotel

ISLAND HOPPING IN THE MALDIVES

By Jeanette Zinno







As winter sweeps through the Northeast, a tropical paradise awaits in the Indian Ocean, with endless sunshine and mesmerizing turquoise waters. The Maldives are an archipelago located southwest of India composed of more than 1,000 coral islands, about 200 of which are inhabited. This dreamy destination is best visited between November and April to avoid the monsoon season. The Maldives' coral reef systems are the seventh largest in the world and home to 1,100 species of fish — ideal for snorkeling, diving, and water excursions like swimming with manta rays.

There are dozens of resorts in the Maldives that cater to visitors seeking relaxation, including Sun Siyam Resorts, a Maldivian family-owned selection of properties. When you arrive at one of their resorts, you instantly feel like family. Whether you have a special request or forgot your sunscreen, the kind staff will take care of you.

Sun Siyam has a variety of accommodations, from bucket-list overwater villas with direct access to the lagoon to beachfront suites burrowed among lush tropical gardens. Each room is unique, with panoramic ocean views or private pools, and some have slides that take you directly into the ocean. The resorts' dining options are also diverse, with international cuisine, fresh seafood, and Maldivian delicacies.

Nestled in the South Malé Atoll, Sun Siyam Olhuveli is a beautiful resort for couples spread across three islands. The spa has a glass-bottom floor, allowing guests to watch fish pass while they enjoy a massage. And if you're looking for adventure, you can take an excursion to swim with whale sharks, gentle marine giants.

Sun Siyam World offers a wide array of activities from go-carts and a water park to a professional soccer field and an animal sanctuary. Guests can also enjoy a lobster barbecue and exclusive private dining experiences like a wine-cellar dinner. The resort also has a dedicated kids' club, making it perfect for families.

Located in the northern part of the Maldives, Iru Fushi is a magical destination for groups. Here, guests can participate in conservation efforts such as coral reef restoration, where damaged coral is collected and replanted on metal frames. Visitors can also go to a private island called Thanburudhoo for a picnic lunch and snorkeling safari.

To reach Sun Siyam's properties from New York, take two flights to reach Malé, the capital of the Maldives, and then a boat or seaplane to your destination.

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RACHEL'S RADAR

By Rachel Heller



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The November art auctions have set the market ablaze, smashing predictions of a downturn and proving that great art knows no limits. What some forecasted to be a bloodbath turned into a celebration of record-breaking bids and electrifying sales. The energy was palpable, with collectors vying fiercely for rare treasures.

At Christie's, Ed Ruscha's *Standard Station Ten-Cent Western Being Torn in Half* (1964) stole the spotlight, selling for an impressive $68 million. Not to be outdone, Claude Monet's luminous *Nymphéas* (1914) soared to $65.5 million at Sotheby's, reaffirming the timeless allure of Impressionist masterpieces.

But the moment that silenced skeptics? When René Magritte's *L'empire des lumières* (1954) shattered expectations, selling for $121 million. This reignited conversations about the impact the 2022 auction of works from Paul Allen's collection has had on today's market. It was a resounding reminder that scarcity rules the game. Great art is harder to find than ever, and the demand for it has never been higher.

THE EXCITEMENT OF THIS SEASON PAINTS A CLEAR PICTURE: THE ART MARKET ISN'T JUST ALIVE; IT'S THRIVING.

My advisory group, Park Avenue Arts Inc., is here to help you navigate and acquire good art that holds value and makes your walls sing.

FRMD

A NEW YORK LAUNCH FOR A NEW DIGITAL ART SERVICE, FEATURING AN EXHIBITION SPOTLIGHTING UKRAINIAN ARTISTS

By Margaux Rowan

FRMD, the new digital art service revolutionizing how exhibitions and art collections are displayed, celebrated its U.S. launch this past November with an evocative exhibition entitled *Show Me Peace|War|Life*, at Mriya Gallery in Tribeca.

The idea for the exhibition came from a competitive hackathon that FRMD conducted from October 18 to 20. From among 17 online teams, *Show Me Peace|War|Life*, curated by Olesya Shevchuk, won first prize; it features the talents of artists Olha Lets, Kormach Alisa, and Vladyslav Diachenko. This project, which uses a variety of media including VR technology, aimed to show how the peculiarities of personal experience are intertwined with global challenges.

For Shevchuk, "the concept of the project is a deep analysis of the devastating consequences of war and tragedies, as well as in the lessons that we can learn from the history that happened to us. Visitors immerse themselves in modern history through three main zones, exploring the essence of destruction and postapocalyptic possibilities."

Each of the exhibition's three components encouraged the audience to consider how war, personal circumstances, and life experiences alter our perception of reality. A viewer's journey through the exhibition began with eye-opening drone photos and videos created by Kostiantyn and Vlada Liberov (LIBKOS) featuring heartbreaking scenes from the war in Ukraine, which has devastated the country over the past three years. Then, via a VR headset, the viewer was transported back to 9/11 and the fall of the Twin Towers in lower Manhattan. From there, the viewer saw the devastation of the Mariupol Drama Theater in Ukraine in March 2022. The exhibition's final installment showcased the future after all these terrible moments in our lives.

"We are showing the public that apocalypses are a part of every life," says Anna Avetova, a curator at FRMD. "You can be a part of the tragedy, or you can be many miles away — it will influence you, and it will make you stronger. From my perspective, the main point is that after the apocalypse, there is life we must live, and we must find the strength to make it happy in the future."

FRMD showcased each digital artwork in the company's signature digital frames that enable a secure and seamless display of art, NFTs, photos, and videos. These frames are incredibly versatile, making them a perfect addition to art galleries, residences, offices, restaurants, hotels, and more. FRMD seamlessly integrates digital and physical art, allowing users to control and manage content and access an array of international digital works through its app.



Max Stanišić

"Launching FRMD in America is an incredible milestone for us," says Max Stanišić, FMRD's founder. "The U.S. is a vibrant hub for digital innovation and contemporary art, making it the perfect environment for our digital frames. We're excited to bring artists, collectors, and galleries an entirely new way to showcase digital art — transforming spaces and immersing audiences in visual experiences like never before. It's not just about frames; it's about redefining how art lives and interacts in our everyday environments."

ABOUT FRMD:

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A DAY AT ART BASEL MIAMI BEACH

By Kevin Berlin



The Great Elephant Migration installation, Ocean Drive, Miami Beach. Photo Daisy Lee

It's 11 a.m. on a Wednesday morning, and I'm standing in the only place in Miami where the billionaires are waiting in line: It's for the VIP private view of the 22nd edition of Art Basel Miami Beach, at the Miami Beach Convention Center, across the street from the historical botanical gardens. This is the cornerstone of what started as a dream to expand the legendary Art Basel from Basel, Switzerland. The 90 people in line and myself are about to experience 286 galleries from 38 countries, including 34 first-time exhibitors, and thousands of artists and artworks. ABMB is the easily the largest and most important art fair in the Americas. It is said that more private planes arrive in Miami this week than at any other moment in any place around the world.

But first, let's go back in time. How did Miami become so popular as an art destination? At first glance: It's the weather, stupid. Yet in the early 1900s, Miami was hardly a luxury destination. Three things made for a transformation: new technology for getting rid of mosquitoes, the invention of the air conditioner, and a railroad system that finally linked Miami to the rest of the country. All this, for you history buffs, occurred in the only major city in the U.S. founded by a woman, Julia Tuttle.

Let's get back to the fair and take a stroll. What do we see? An endless labyrinth of illuminated booths featuring paintings, sculptures, installations rising to enormous heights, and a sea of very well-dressed people, some of them impossibly fit. How to even start? Here are the latest presentations of artworks represented by many of the most influential galleries and gallerists in the world: Hauser & Wirth, Perrotin, Larry Gagosian, Pearl Lam — the list goes on. There are also unique areas like Meridians, which feature large-scale projects that push the boundaries of the traditional art-fair layout. Those in the know might recognize Matthew Marks by his signature eyeglasses. I see women Insta-posing next to sparkly, multi-faceted sculptures. Nearby, a guy chatting in a corner with a baseball cap on turns out to be Leonardo DiCaprio.



First Look! Kevin Berlin with Alice Aycock's *Goya*, VIP Special Guest Opening, Art Basel, Miami Beach. Photo Marina Mazepa



Chiachio and Giannone with Kevin Berlin, *La Familia*, hand embroidery, Art Basel, Miami Beach. Photo Chiachio



Taking it to the streets! Kevin Berlin, Wynwood Walls, Museum of Graffiti, Wynwood Art District Miami. Photo Daisy Lee



Kevin Berlin with Barbara Kruger's *A Thing Called You*, Art Basel Miami Beach Convention Center, Spruth Magers Gallery. Photo Marina Mazepa

Unbeknownst to me, Fredric Snitzer Gallery has just sold all 13 paintings by Hernan Bas, at prices ranging from $23,000 to $400,000. There are also works in the secondary market, including by Josef Albers, Tom Wesselmann, and Andy Warhol, ones I never saw before. I admire monumental new works by figurative giants like the 97-year-old Alex Katz, and the ever irreverent Ai Weiwei.

If a work has made it onto a wall at ABMB, it is an achievement, the dream of many young artists. What's different this year? Surprisingly very little politics, almost no religion, lots of flowers, and for the first time in recent memory, lots of nudes. A crowd is gathering around an enormous white marble sculpture of a hand with truncated fingers, except the middle one. It's another surprise from Italian artist Maurizio Cattelan, who is perhaps best known for *Comedian*, a work that consists of an actual banana duct-taped to the wall that recently resold at an auction for $6.2 million.

It's almost 6 p.m., and I'm standing in the Collectors Lounge drinking espresso martinis with the usual suspects. Samsung is sponsoring a small reception to unveil its new collection of digital screens to display artwork. I chat with close friends from New York and London that I haven't seen since last year. I make the acquaintance of a whole family from Medellín, Colombia. We chat about who's doing what later tonight. The Pérez Museum's not-to-miss reception opens in two hours. I haven't yet been to the other 20-plus art fairs, including Design Miami, Art Miami, Red Dot, NADA, Pulse, Scope, Untitled, Wynwood Walls, and the Graffiti Museum. The entire city is wide awake. I just realized that it's only the first day, four more to go. Oops. I'm not a car, but I do run out of gas.

CONSUELO VANDERBILT COSTIN AND XIMENA KAVALEKAS

By Elizabeth Darwen



Consuelo Vanderbilt Costin, Ximena Kavalekas

Handbag designer Ximena Kavalekas and recording artist and entrepreneur Consuelo Vanderbilt Costin have teamed up for a new line of clutches released on December 11. The line aims to be "classic, elegant and contemporary," Vanderbilt Costin says.

The clutches in the new collection, designed by Kavalekas and Vanderbilt Costin, feature a gold strap and come in three colors: black, royal blue, and tan. They are practical and minimal, with an elegant edge. "I love the day-to-night aspect of the clutch," says Vanderbilt Costin. "I love the architecture and how much you can fit inside the clutch, and it feels effortless, no weight."

The structured clutches have a removable strap and a card holder on the inner wall. Inside the clutch, gold lettering reads "Consuelo Vanderbilt Costin" alongside the Ximena Kavalekas logo. "This collaboration represents sophistication, style, and uniqueness," says Vanderbilt Costin. "A woman can dress this clutch up or dress it down and wear it every day."

For each customer, there is a secret gift in each clutch. "It's one of my favorite touches — a personal surprise from my family to you," says Vanderbilt Costin. "As we continue to grow, this tradition of discovery and thoughtful gifting will remain at the heart of what I do. It's my way of sharing a piece of my story and making each piece you receive feel truly special."



Vanderbilt Costin, a *Billboard*-charting artist and philanthropist who has performed alongside Joe Cocker, Mya, and many others, is the co-founder of SohoMuse, a networking site for creatives. She is also the great-great-great niece of Consuelo Vanderbilt, the Duchess of Marlborough, and a seventh-generation descendant of the shipping and railroad industrialist Cornelius Vanderbilt. Having grown up in England and studied in Italy, she is a fixture in the fashion world and was recently a judge at the Elysian Impact's second annual Catwalk Furbaby runway show at New York Fashion Week. Vanderbilt Costin also recently released her own line of jewelry on HSN called the Homage, honoring five generations of women in her family.

Kavalekas is an Ecuadorian fashion designer who studied at the famed fashion school Polimoda in Florence, Italy, as well as at L'Academia Italiana. She represented Italian brands in Miami before launching her handbag label in 2015. Known for honoring Italian craftsmanship while fusing it with a modern aesthetic, her handbags have been worn by Hollywood celebrities, solidifying the brand's reputation in the luxury market. In 2020, the brand opened its first flagship store in the Miami Design District.

Kavalekas and Vanderbilt Costin met at a vibrant event in Miami and discussed the collaboration from there. "Ximena is a renowned designer, and I love her creativity and meticulous sense of style and professionalism," says Vanderbilt Costin.

Describing her inspiration for the collaboration, Kavalekas comments, "I believe Consuelo's natural elegance inspired me so much — it seems effortless, sophisticated, and cool. And of course, she's a New Yorker that really knows how to play with different elements at the same time. Also, she is involved in different philanthropic initiatives, and at Ximena Kavalekas we truly believe in helping, that in giving and supporting our communities the universe gives back to us in so many good and different ways."

The clutch collaboration between Vanderbilt Costin and Kavalekas is symbolic. "Fashion represents a powerful way to understand and communicate who we are," says Vanderbilt Costin. "Fashion is important because it serves as a creative outlet to experiment with styles, colors, and trends to reflect my mood, whether it be performing or attending fashion shows or business meetings. This clutch has it all."

For more information, please visit **ximenakavalekas.com**.

ATTORNEY JASON GOLDMAN

THE LIFELINE OF CRIMINAL DEFENSE

By Grace Katich



Practically overnight, Jason Goldman has become one of the most in-demand defense attorneys in New York City. How did it happen so fast for the 34-year-old, whose offices are on the 35th floor at 275 Madison Avenue? Currently he's appealing the guilty verdict of Hannah Gutierrez-Reed, the armorer convicted in the high-profile Alec Baldwin movie shooting case.

THE HUSTLE BEHIND GOLDMAN

Goldman was lured into the world of criminal defense when he began skipping class at Cardozo Law School to go down to Centre Street to watch the likes of famed attorney Gerald Shargel and others in action. Goldman says that he became fascinated with the criminal underworld and the task of convincing 12 strangers to believe his narrative as opposed to the government's. After graduating, he was recruited to become a Brooklyn prosecutor, an office known for breeding scrappy trial lawyers. In that role he hustled, going desk to desk "in search of the biggest case file that nobody wanted" and taking it to trial, honing his fundamentals and building his courtroom reputation.

A PRACTICE OF PASSION

After a few years, Goldman jumped from the DA's office to work for Jeffrey Lichtman, and then he opened his own shop. He has become the go-to defense lawyer for society figures and those in the tabloids for all the wrong reasons. Goldman built his name by taking on clients "from all walks of life and doing right by them," he says. Given his trajectory, it's clear he did do right by them. The attorney likes to say he represents "all collars" — a single day can include defending an accused murderer and a C-suite executive charged with bank fraud. Goldman says that trial lawyering, regardless of the charges, is about "telling a persuasive, emotional, and compelling story about an individual."

EMPATHY IS KEY

Goldman stresses that he is always humanizing his clients. "A lot of my success is taking a supposed villain of society and conveying to a jury, Look, you don't need to have dinner with the guy to find him not guilty." At the end of the day, Goldman says, "even those accused of the worst crimes — you go down to their core and they have the same blood running through them, the same emotion and empathy, the same fears and vulnerabilities that we all have."

THE LIFELINE

When asked why he thinks his career has taken off recently, Goldman reverts right back to mentioning his passion. "When I quote a client, they know that it doesn't just mean they get me nine to five. What kind of retainer would that be? They get me at midnight, on the weekends. I defend them as if they're a family member."

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RICK SPRINGFIELD

A PICTORIAL RENAISSANCE — UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL

By Christine Montanti
Photography by Donald Fitzgibbon



The Australian-born singer-songwriter and global rock star Rick Springfield continues to connect with audiences through more personal and introspective projects. His latest mission includes the release of *Big Hits: Rick Springfield's Greatest Hits, Vol. 2*, dropping on Valentine's Day 2025.

The deluxe version is currently available for preorder and includes a single CD, a double LP on clear vinyl, and a stunning photography book, *Burning Film: Rick Springfield Through the Lens*. The exclusive coffee-table book is a visual diary of Springfield's life on and off the stage, curated by photographer and longtime friend Jay Gilbert, who captured many moments of the rock legend's incredible journey over the past two decades.

The Grammy Award–winner has undeniably proved to be a musical genius, and his creativity isn't bound by time. It evolves, intensifies, and becomes more compelling. Springfield's live performances are beyond concerts; they are communal experiences, and his passionate storytelling and intense guitar playing not only energize his existing fans but also create new ones.

The new *Greatest Hits* collection includes music from *Karma*, released back in 1999, through to his most recent album, *Automatic*, which dropped last year, as well as his latest single, "Lose Myself." It also features a combination of remastered versions of his hits, rare tracks, and unreleased tracks, including "Party at the Beach Bar," a single recorded with Sammy Hagar.

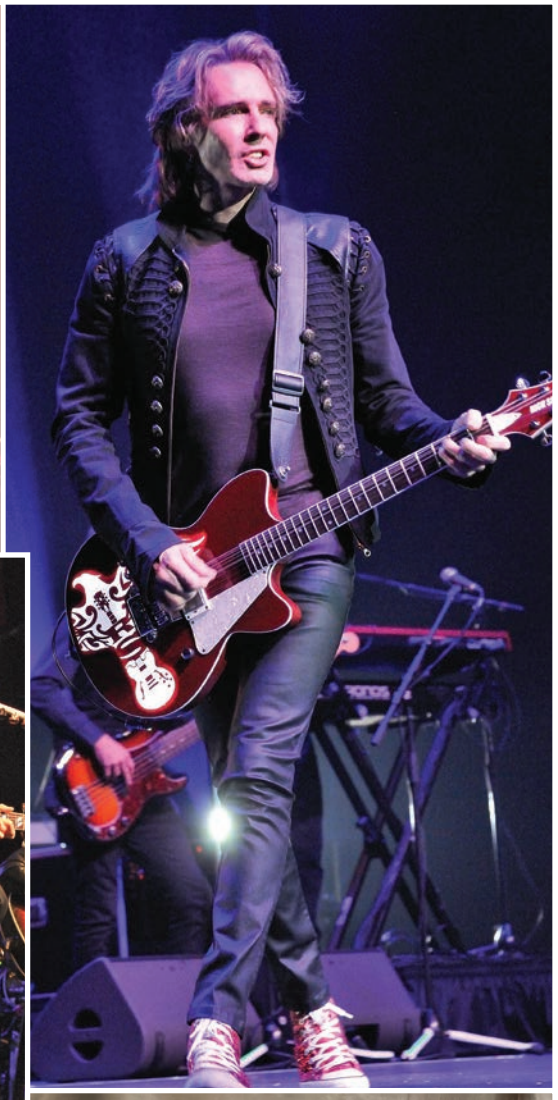
Springfield is currently performing solo concerts as well as shows with Richard Marx on an acoustic tour, and he recently announced on TalkShopLive that he will be doing a summer tour in 2025. Thanks to the pop icon's timeless catalog of music and his obvious agelessness, multiple generations of fans find themselves spellbound by his talent. Bonnie Ebner, a lifelong fan of Springfield's, describes what it has been like to be a devoted supporter of the rock legend for over 40 years:

"I have been a fan of Rick Springfield since I was a teenager in high school. When I was young, I was more attracted to his good looks, but over time, Rick has provided a source of comfort and connectivity for me. Especially when I attend a live concert — I feel as if time just stops. It's as if I am 18 years old again. He is very giving to his fans, and he loves to perform. He never cancels a show unless he is really, really sick. Where can you find a musician that shares his struggles with his audience onstage, and then tells fans he is there to help and that they should not be ashamed if they suffer from depression? There is no other musician in the world that would go onstage and share their difficulties like that. There is absolutely no one like him. If you are lucky enough to find a musician that you connect with like I have, it is really a gift, and Rick Springfield is the gift that keeps giving!"

The deluxe edition of *Big Hits: Rick Springfield's Greatest Hits, Vol. 2*, is currently available for preorder.

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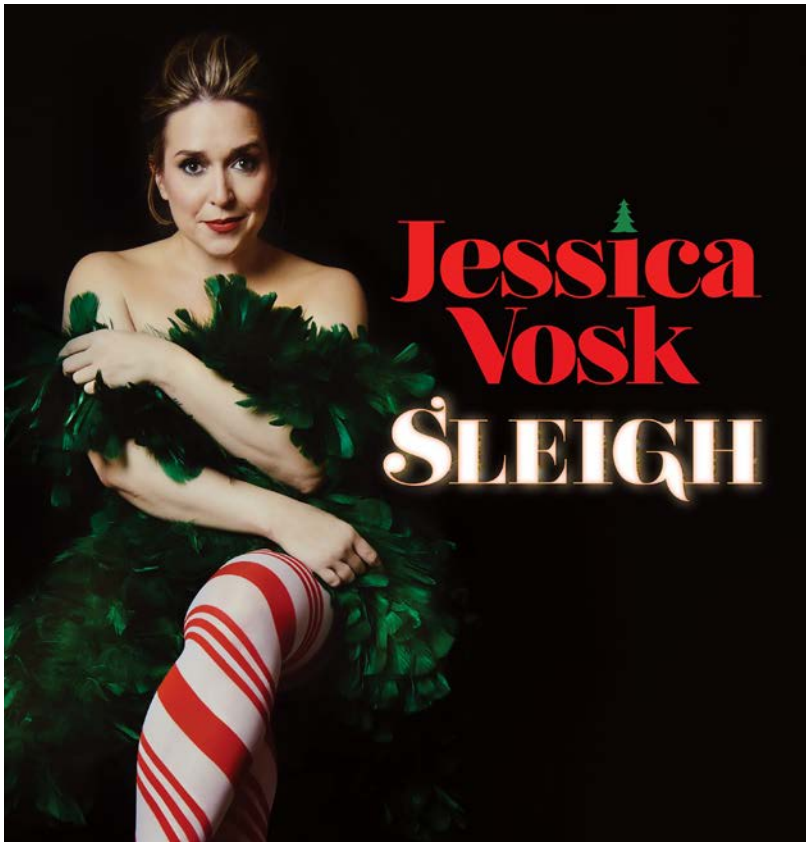

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JESSICA VOSK

BROADWAY SENSATION RELEASES FIRST CHRISTMAS ALBUM AND LAUNCHES SYMPHONY TOUR

By Christine Montanti

Known for her powerhouse vocals and transformative stage presence, Jessica Vosk is redefining holiday magic with her full-length Christmas album *SLEIGH*, a nationwide symphonic tour, and a starring role on Broadway. Vosk will be performing at some of the nation's most notable venues during her December Symphony Christmas Tour, which will feature a magical assortment of songs from *SLEIGH* as well as other classic holiday favorites. She performed at Carnegie Hall in New York City on December 20 and 21, accompanied by the National Symphony Orchestra and the New York Pops.



The full-length digital version of *SLEIGH* was released in November, while the physical CD and vinyl version became available on December 6. It is composed of classics and unique interpretations created with an impressive roster of collaborators. Produced by Scott M. Riesett, Mary-Mitchell Campbell, Terrence Meck, and Vosk herself, the album features contributions from David Foster, Neil Patrick Harris, Ariana DeBose, and Scott Hoying. The first single is a cover of Ariana Grande's "Santa Tell Me," which Vosk, a friend of Grande's, reorchestrated and arranged in time for the song's 10th anniversary.

In response to Vosk's holiday album release, Grande said, "I'm so thrilled and excited for my dear friend and sister witch Jessica Vosk to be releasing her first Christmas album! After being a fan of hers for so long, I am so humbled and honored that she happens to be covering my song, "Santa Tell Me," on its 10-year anniversary. I'm actually screaming."

Vosk explains how they became friends. "Ariana Grande and I met while I was playing Elphaba on Broadway, during *Wicked*'s massive 15th anniversary year," she says. "We became soul-sister friends, as we both filmed an NBC special to celebrate the anniversary. We've kept in touch ever since, and I'll never forget getting a FaceTime from her just before the news broke that she would be playing Glinda in the *Wicked* film."

Making *SLEIGH* fulfilled a long-held wish for Vosk. "It's always been a life dream of mine to make a holiday album," she explains. "As my good friend Kristin Chenoweth told me, 'It's a rite of passage, girl!' So when I had the idea to bring this to life very early this year, I put together a wish list of guests I could have with me on this album, and all my wishes came true when Neil Patrick Harris, David Foster, Ariana DeBose, and Scott Hoying all said yes." Vosk has dedicated the album to her father, who taught her how to sing.

As if Vosk's holiday schedule weren't busy enough, the actress returned to Broadway on December 12 to play the role of Jersey in the critically acclaimed hit musical *Hell's Kitchen*. The singer replaced Shoshana Bean, bringing her distinctive energy and depth to this beloved character.

To preorder *SLEIGH*, visit **found.ee/SLEIGH**

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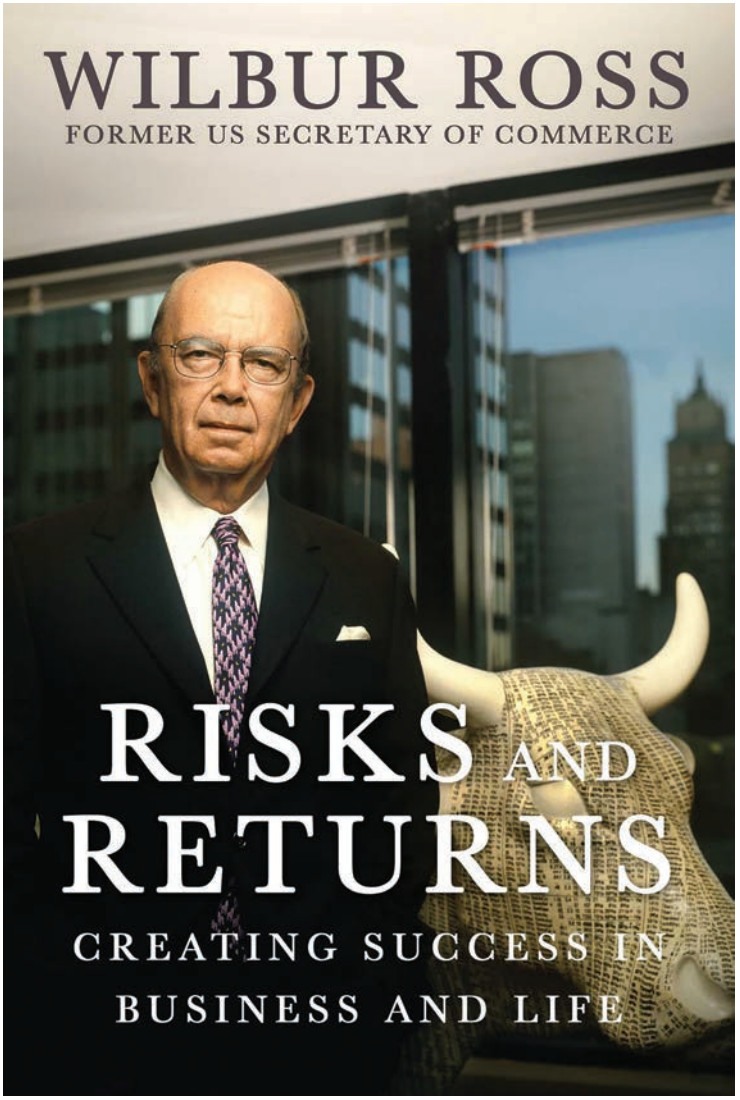
RISKS AND RETURNS

FINANCIER WILBUR ROSS'S NEW MEMOIR

By Bennett Marcus

We all know Wilbur Ross, the Wall Street titan once dubbed the King of Bankruptcy who served as commerce secretary in the first Trump administration.

Now, at 87, after his illustrious 55-year career, Ross has written a memoir, *Risks and Returns: Creating Success in Business and Life*. The book is full of surprises. While he talks about how he became successful in business and politics, mixing with tycoons like Warren Buffett, Carl Icahn, and the Rothschilds, some details of his personal life —like hanging out with King Charles and potluck dinners at the Dakota with John Lennon and Yoko Ono — are revelations.



LIFE AT THE DAKOTA WITH JOHN, YOKO, AND BETTY BACALL

Ross lived for 20 years at the Dakota, the Central Park West apartment building known for its artsy residents like John Lennon, Leonard Bernstein, and Roberta Flack. "I was an anomaly because it was not a big hangout for Wall Street people," Ross says. "But I found it fascinating." Did he meet Lauren Bacall, a Dakota resident for more than 50 years? "Yes, but we knew her by her real name, which was Betty."

MODEST BACKGROUND

Despite his Wall Street success, Ross came from a modest background. His father, a lawyer, passed away when Wilbur was a student at Yale, so to cover his living expenses he obtained student aid, got a part-time job, and joined the ROTC, which paid a small stipend. "I had two younger siblings, and my mother was a third-grade teacher, so it was a heavy lift for her to bring up another two children and get them properly educated and all that," he says. "So I became self-sufficient when I was a teenager."

BOOK TOUR

Ross has embarked on an ambitious book tour, with stops at the Reagan Library in California, Sea Island in Georgia, Nantucket, and the Hamptons this summer. This fall, Ross held events in New York and others in cities around the country, including Houston, Dallas, Detroit, Chicago, and Washington.

A DREAM REALIZED

In a way, the publication of this book is a full-circle moment in Ross's life. As a student at Yale, his dream was to be a fiction writer. He signed up for a course that required him to write 1,000 words of fiction or poetry daily by 10 a.m. "By the end of the second week, I was out of material, so I dropped the course, and it saved me from a life of poverty," he says. "Now, all these decades later, I have a lot of material. It's not fictional; it's factual. But in that sense, this is the result of a 60-some-odd-year preparation."

MOMOYA SOHO

THE PREMIER JAPANESE RESTAURANT

By Lillian Langtry



Kwangho Lee



Maria Christiansen, Nancy Pearson, Katlean De Monchy, Cindy Farkas, Elizabeth Steimberg



Pier Guenci, Carmen D'Alessio, Enrico Proietti



Ann Dexter-Jones





Michael Musto



Larry Wohl, Leesa Rowland

Momoya Soho, the premier Japanese restaurant, located at 47 Prince Street in New York City, held a party to celebrate the start of the holiday season, hosted by Studio 54 legend Carmen D'Alessio. Known for its contemporary approach to traditional Japanese cuisine, Momoya Soho offers a sophisticated dining experience that combines exceptional food, elegant design, and outstanding service.

Guests enjoyed craft Japanese cocktails and exquisite sushi platters for which the restaurant is known. It's a celeb secret enjoyed by such fans as Adam Sandler, Camila Cabello, Julianne Moore, Liev Schreiber, Katie Holmes, Nicky Hilton, Jesse Eisenberg, and Jeffrey Dean Morgan.

Notable attendees at the party included Kwangho Lee, Pier Guerci, Enrico Proietti, Ann Dexter-Jones, Tina Radziwill, Michael Musto, Leesa Rowland, Larry Wohl, Friday Jones, Brigitte Segura, David Weiner, and Elizabeth Steimberg.

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VEERAYS

NEW INDIAN SPEAKEASY EXPERIENCE IN MIDTOWN

By Lexi Wolf



Veerays, the new Indian speakeasy in Midtown, is the brainchild of Michelin-starred Chef Hemant Mathur, restaurateur Sonny Solomon, and Chef Binder Saini. Blending traditional Indian flavors and drawing inspiration from the roaring 1920s, Veerays is bringing a new perspective to Indian cuisine. "I wanted to do something different than what everybody else is doing," Solomon said. "The best way to describe this place is sexy and sophisticated with Bollywood beats."

ONE-OF-A-KIND DECOR

At Veerays, the dining experience begins before you enter the space, with only a brass triangle marking the unassuming exterior. The interior, designed by the visionary architectural duo Vinciane Albrecht and Anne Carcelen — co-founders of OulipO Architecture Studio — cultivates an ambiance that transports guests to the era of Prohibition. OulipO's reputation for creating immersive environments shines through. The blend of old-world elegance with contemporary touches creates a captivating atmosphere, enhanced by the luxurious materials used throughout the space.

UPSCALE INDIAN

At the heart of Veerays is, of course, the food. Chef Mathur has crafted a menu that pays homage to traditional Indian cuisine while embracing the spirit of the 1920s. Dishes like the Bootlegger Bison — a modern take on a South Indian pepper fry — reflect this fusion of old and new. "We work on flavors rather than keeping it spicy and hot. Our food is elevated Indian, and served gourmet style with beautiful presentation," Solomon explained.

The menu offers an array of "Showstoppers" that promise to dazzle diners. The Rogan Josh — a slow-braised lamb shank with Kashmiri chilies — and the Duck Vindaloo are just a couple of highlights. Tandoor-grilled meats, labeled as "Prime Picks," are a specialty of Chef Mathur. Also offered are a few retro classics and a tasting menu of exotic meats. No Indian meal is complete without naan, and Veerays offers creative takes on the classic with flavors like rosemary-mint, olive-garlic, and coconut naan.

DESSERTS & DRINKS

The "Giggle Water" cocktail menu is a tribute to the Prohibition era, with classic 1920s drinks named after infamous gangsters. The Diamond Joe — a refreshing take on the French 75 — and Charles 'King' Solomon — a modern Sidecar — are just two options that complement the restaurant's theme.

On a sweet note, Veerays' dessert offerings are as imaginative as the main courses. For instance, "A Killer Cake" offers layers of decadent chocolate indulgence. Solomon's primary goal is to leave diners in a state of happiness, and although the food is exceptional, he also wants to exude a sense of playfulness. "It's not just a 'fine dining' Indian restaurant. It's a 'fun dining' Indian restaurant," he said.

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