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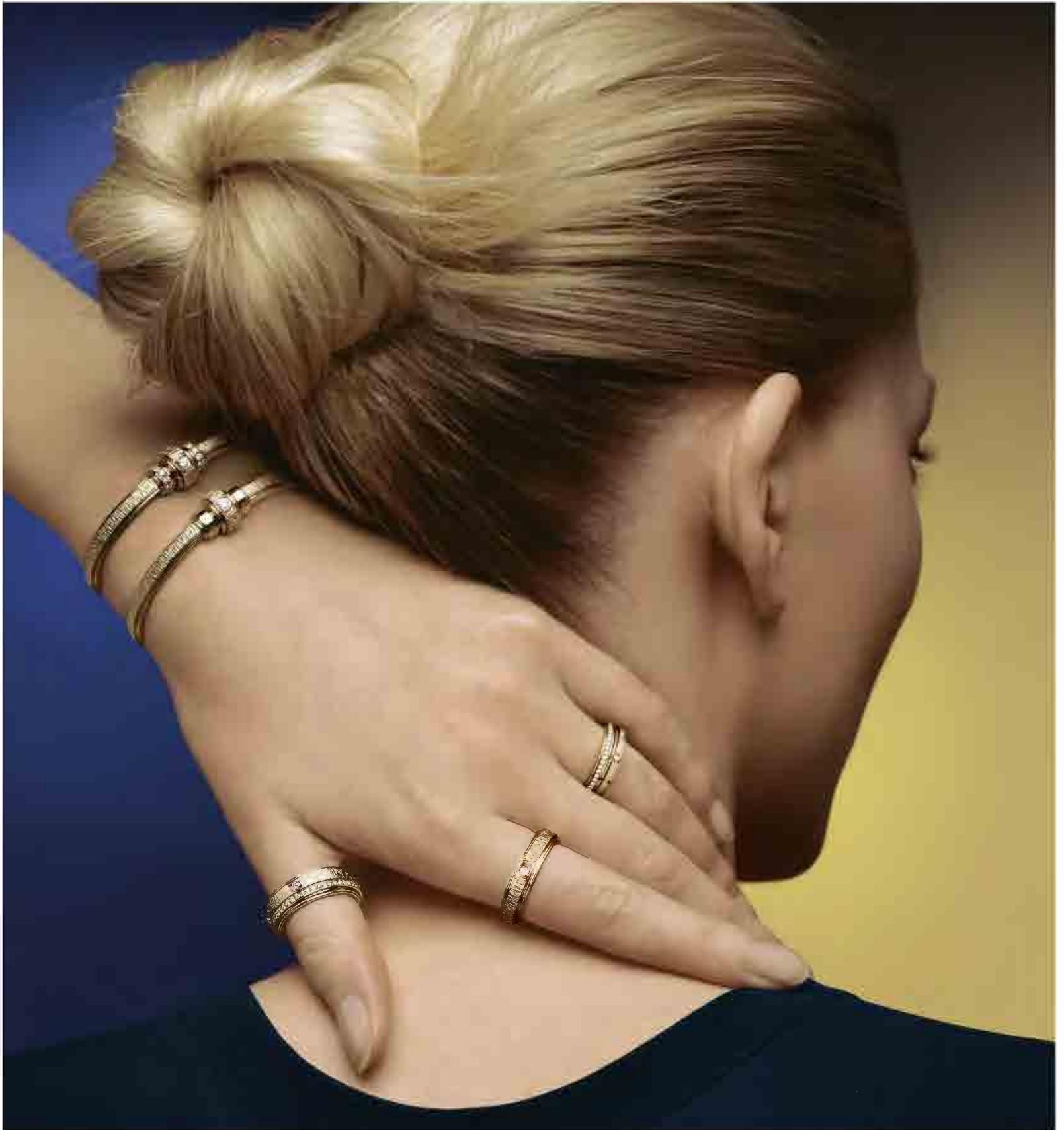
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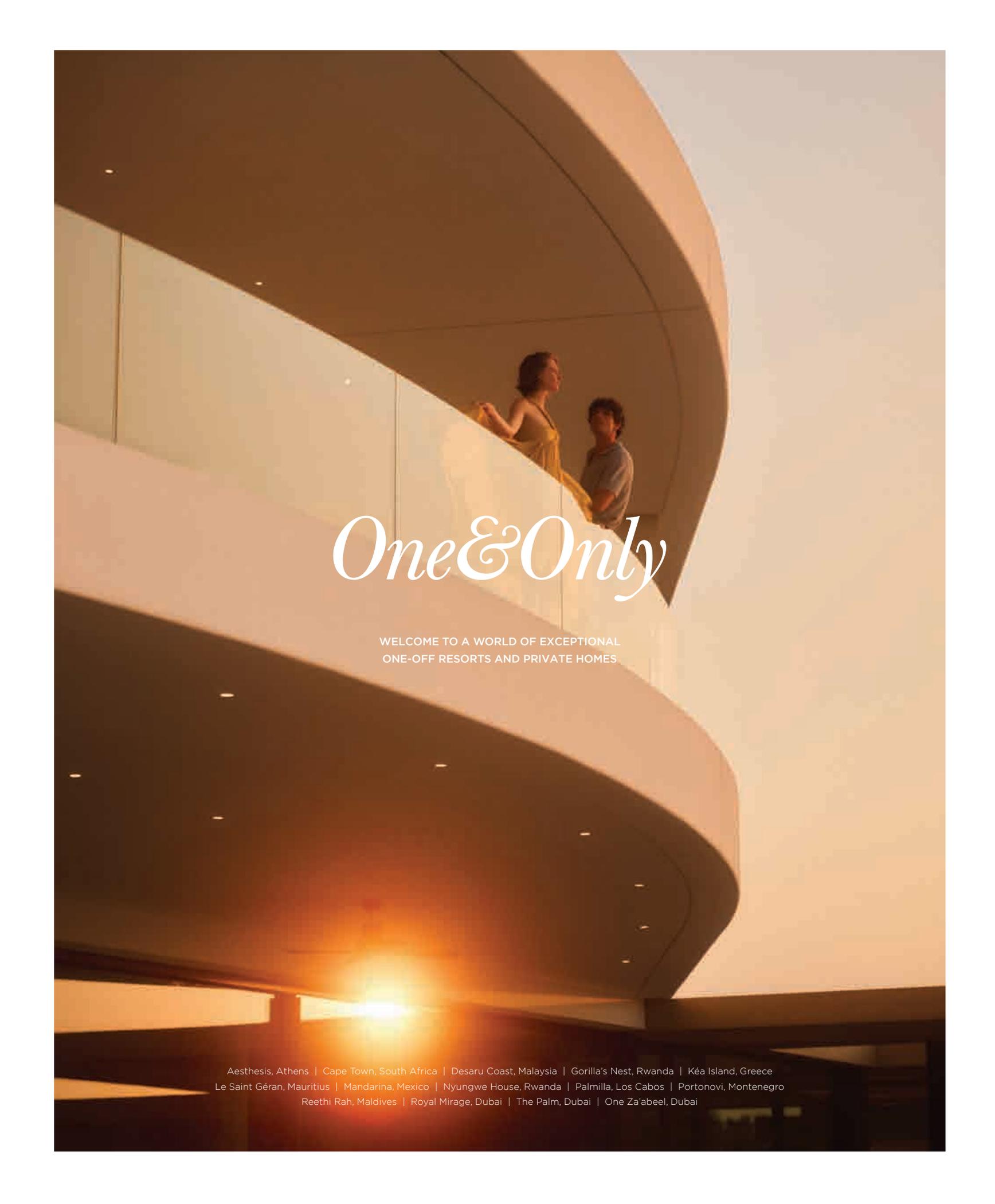
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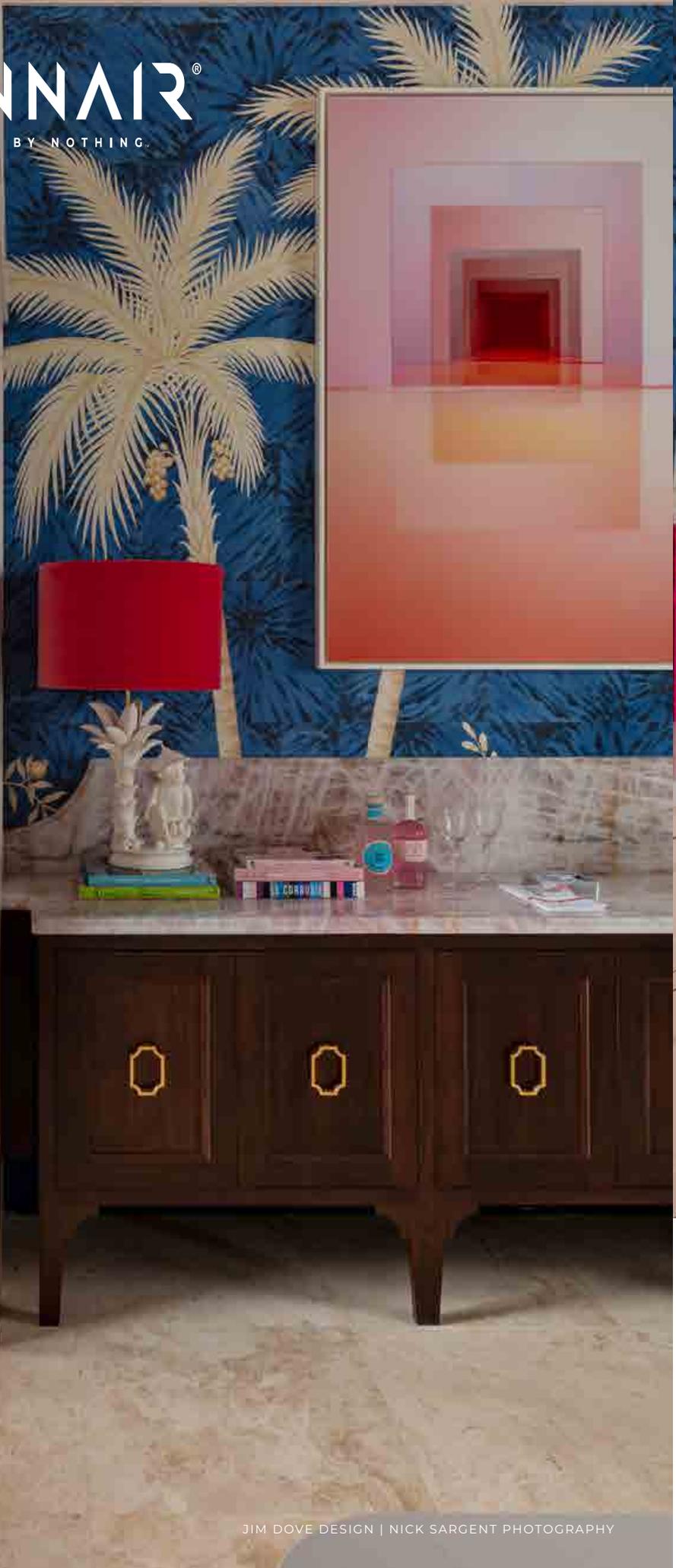


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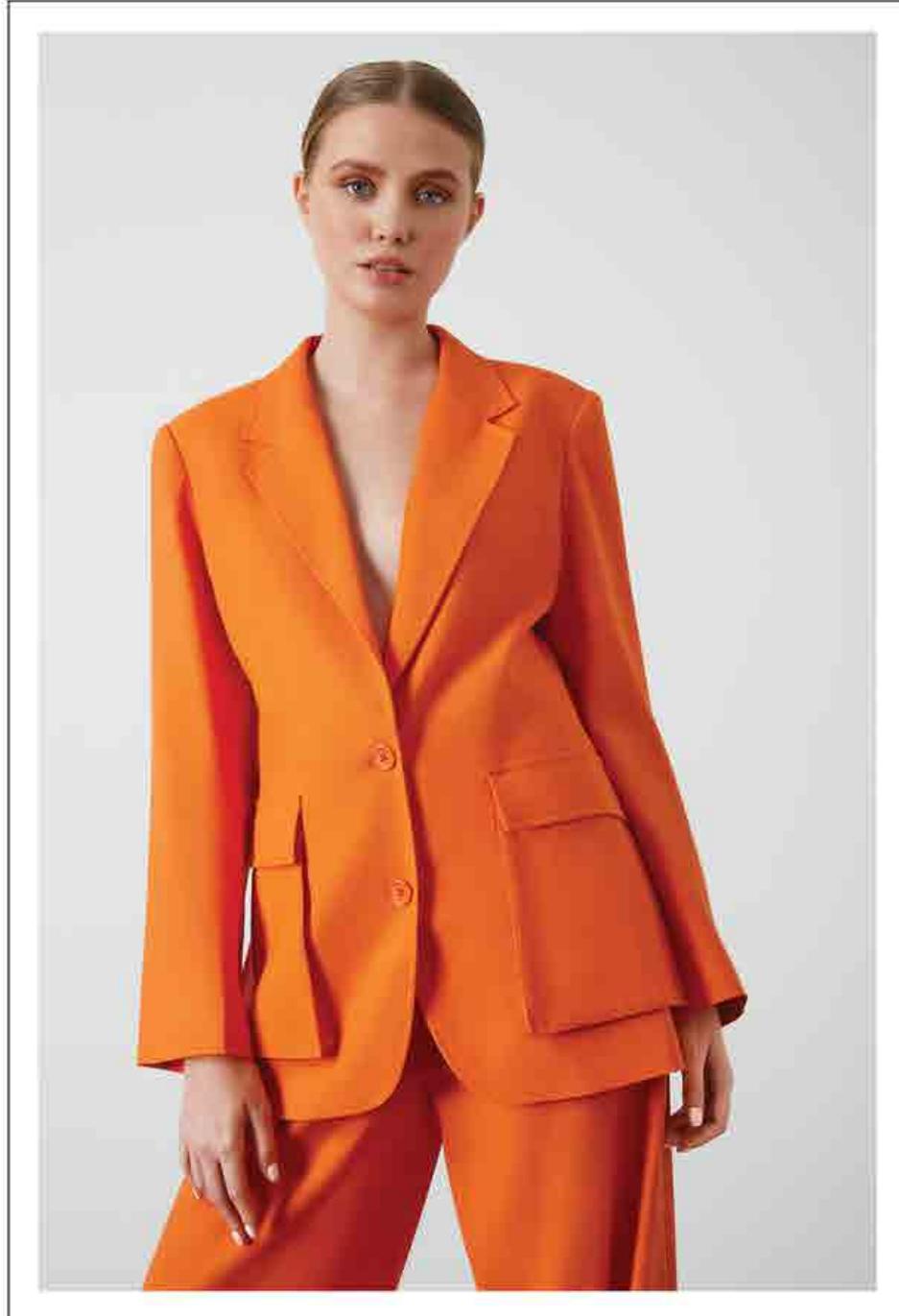
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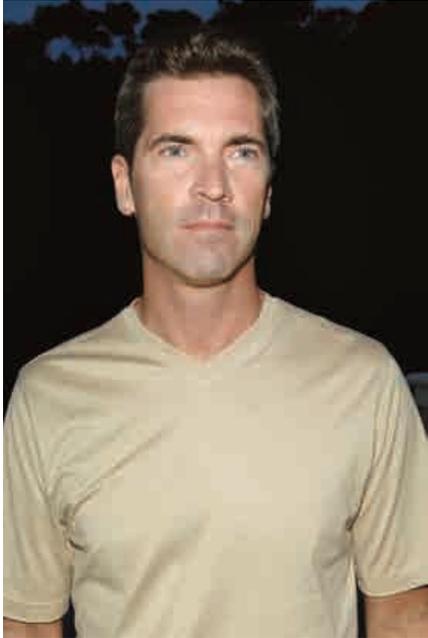
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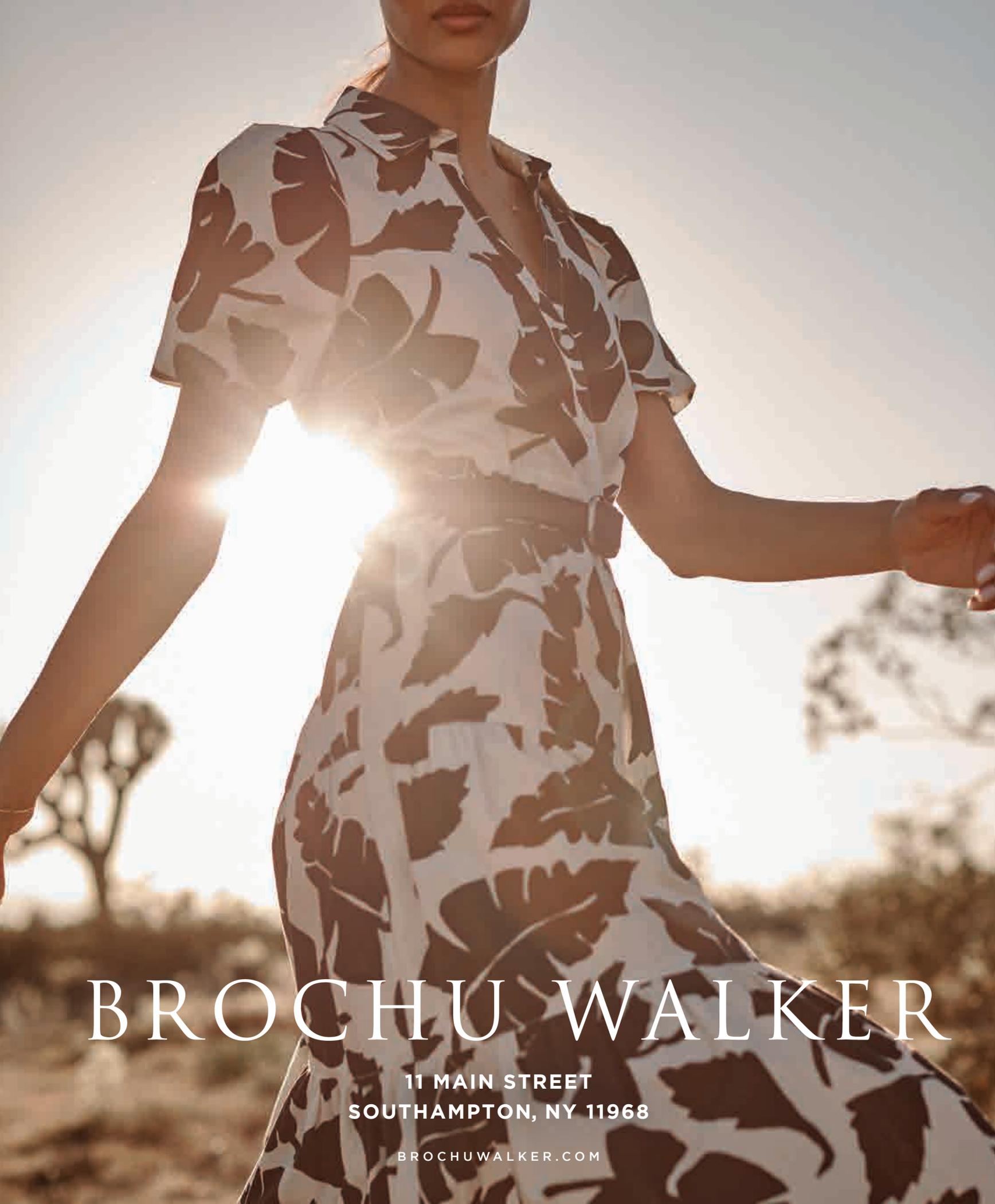
I have always loved Memorial Day weekend in the Hamptons. For me, it means the start of summer. This time of year recalls some of the greatest memories in my life, beginning when I was in my early teens up to the present day. The Hamptons will never get old to me. I am excited for the summer ahead!

This year I am especially looking forward to socializing with my family and friends — and making new ones. At the top of my list are dinner parties, long beach days, and charity events. It's time to start being social again: going to events and restaurants and doing all the things we love to do. I believe an active social life is important for everyone. It fulfills our human need to connect with other people and partake in the world around us.

Summer in the Hamptons has so much to offer. Life here is truly wonderful. The ocean beaches, farm stands, vineyards, open fields, and natural scenery as well as quaint villages and great restaurants are unmatched. It is an ideal locale for occasions big and small, whether you are getting merried or just gathering with family or going on a bike ride.

With a world of choice here, you can clearly make a year-round life in the Hamptons, as many of us have already done. Have a great Memorial Day weekend!

Justin Mitchell



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Dear Readers,

As the warm breeze of summer begins to sweep across the Hamptons, it is with great pleasure that we welcome you to our Memorial Day kickoff issue. This is a time of reflection, gratitude, and anticipation for the season ahead. At the beginning of the summer, I think we all share a giddy anticipation for what the season will bring. This year, I've decided to buy a summer journal and jot down what I hope will unfold now, and then I'll revisit it at the end of the summer with an update on what transpired. I invite you to join me!

While Memorial Day is often associated with celebrations, it also holds great significance, as we honor the brave individuals who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our country. Their bravery and selflessness serve as a reminder of the debt of gratitude we owe to those who have protected our freedoms.

As we come together with loved ones to commemorate this occasion, let us also celebrate the strong sense of community and resilience that defines the Hamptons. From its peaceful beaches to its vibrant cultural scene, this area embodies the essence of summertime living at its best.

In this issue, we invite you to discover new and long-standing boutiques, dining options, and entertainment venues. We also offer exclusive insights into the hottest events and activities lined up for the upcoming season. Whether you prefer elegant soirées or laid-back beach days, there is something special for everyone to enjoy as we embark on yet another unforgettable summer in the Hamptons.

With love,

Devorah Rose



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I can't believe it's already that time of year: Memorial Day weekend is upon us, a time to honor the men and women who graciously served our country by nobly sacrificing their lives. This special weekend also signals the unofficial start to summer, so with that, we are incredibly excited to be launching our 21st anniversary season as the leading luxury lifestyle publication of the Hamptons.

In the quaint little seaside villages of the East End, energy and vibrance are apparent from the upsurge of full-time residents. As we embark on the summer season, we are pleased to announce that we will be hosting many exciting events including two polo matches in July; please be on the lookout for additional information which is forthcoming.

As with many holidays, we enjoy festivities celebrating with friends and family, so join with them to remember those who served in our military. Whether you are at a traditional backyard barbecue, picnic, or family reunion or are merely soaking up the sun on any one of the pristine ocean beaches, you also might consider taking a scenic drive along the East End. There you can enjoy spectacular beach views, the scenery of picturesque farmland, and lush greenery bathed in cascading sun and glimpses of some of the beautiful and varied wildlife that call the forests and ponds of the East End home. It is all truly breathtaking and memorable. Have a happy and safe holiday weekend!

Warm wishes,

*Christine Montanti*

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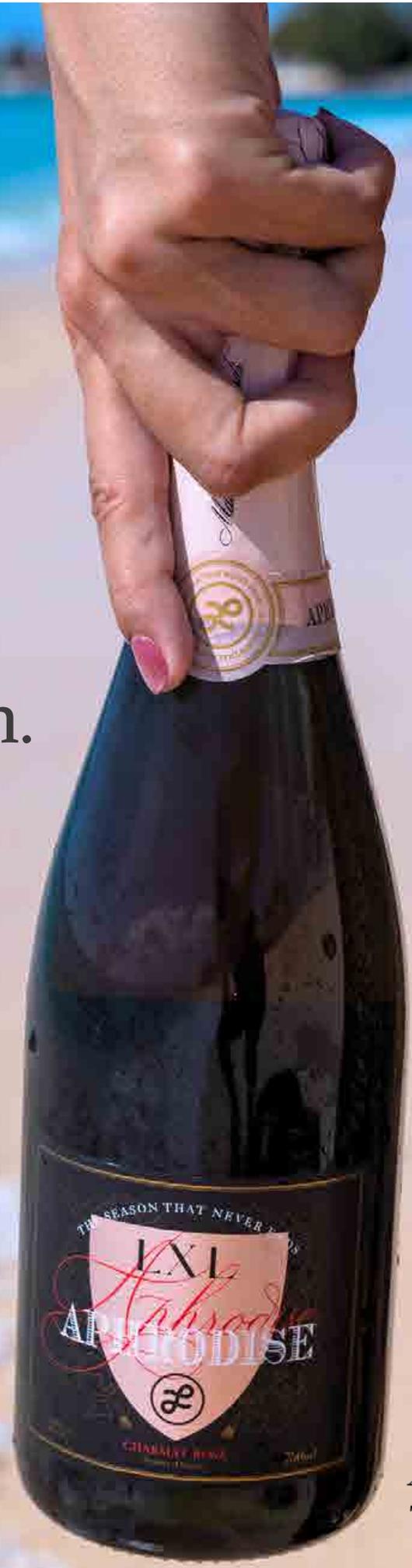
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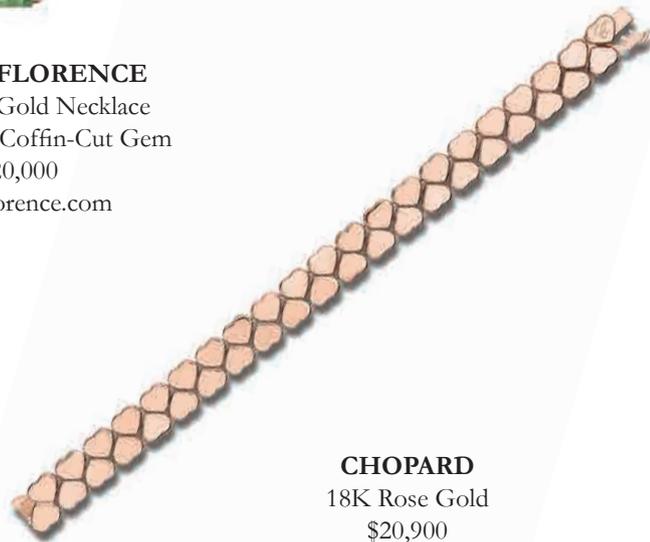
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# SHOPPING

BY GREGORY DELICARPINI JR.

*These shops offer an array of items for any occasion. Whether it's a walk on the beach or an evening painting the Hamptons red, these four shops know how to cater to your needs.*



## GUCCI

The famous luxury Italian brand is back for another season in the Hamptons. The iconic shop sells men's, women's, children's, and home collections. The unique boutique also offers an exclusive capsule collection of bags and small leather goods embossed with "The Hamptons."

Make your summer filled with Gucci!  
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## A WILD DOVE

Located in the posh hotel Solé East, this shop is an edgy beachgoer's dream.

Stylist and onetime trend forecaster Lynn Levoy is at the helm of this chic spot, and she has curated a magical shopping experience that includes brands from R13 and Linda Farrow to Moon Juice and Joanna Vargas.

You will walk away with something unexpected and effortlessly cool.

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## CHRISTIAN LOUBOUTIN

The famed ruby-bottomed shoe brand has returned to Southampton this summer. Louboutin's pop-up is featuring both men's and women's styles, with a three-piece capsule collection that's available only here.

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# RUNWAY

BY GREGORY DELLI CARPINI JR.

## *Fringe Fever*

*As the flowers bloom and the temperature rises, the world of fashion comes alive with new looks for the spring and summer seasons. Among these, one standout that has captured the attention of designers and trendsetters alike is the resurgence of fringe. Fringe in its various forms has been spotted across a spectrum of garments and accessories, from flowing dresses to tailored jackets, adding a touch of bohemian flair to contemporary silhouettes. Designers like Prada and Dior have incorporated fringe in innovative ways, creating looks that are both sophisticated and effortlessly cool. This season, expect to see fringe not only adorning hemlines and sleeves but also making unexpected appearances on handbags, shoes, and even jewelry. Sashay out in this fun and free trend this summer.*



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BY SOFIE MÄHLKVIST

## EVERYDAY LINGERIE



Sofie Mählkvist is a 24-year-old fashion columnist and social media consultant. She works with fashion brands overseeing their social media channels while also analyzing trends to forecast for upcoming seasons. Mählkvist is working on her master's degree at Harvard University in fashion marketing management.

She graduated from Regent's University London, where she finished with honors in fashion marketing and global management. She lives in New York City, London, and Paris, which allows her to attend all the fashion shows. She made her debut in 2023 at the 67th Viennese Opera Ball and was proclaimed the Deb of the Year.

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BY MJ PEDONE



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Memorial Day weekend has arrived, the official start of the summer. The bright blue skies, pristine beaches and vineyards, restaurants, events, and luxurious homes make the Hamptons the most desirable destination to spend the season. I hope these exciting items will become some of your favorites while you're spending time on the beautiful East End. Here's wishing you a wonderful summer filled with great friends, family, health, and all that life has to offer in the Hamptons.



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BY LYSS STERN



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# BEAUTY

By JEANETTE ZINNO

## Ready, Set, Summer!

*Put your best face forward this season with these luxe beauty items.*



### TRAVEL SET

Restore and hydrate skin post-winter with this Stella by Stella McCartney Travel Essentials Set. The skin-care routine includes the Reset Cleanser, Alter-Care Serum, and Restore Cream, housed inside an eco-designed travel bag made from recycled nylon. **Space NK, \$160**

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Ultra-cooling eye pads from Annemarie Börlind instantly brighten and refresh the eye area. The PR<sup>3</sup> rose complex protects against blue-light damage and environmental stressors, while Chaga mushroom and mullein rejuvenate skin for a luminous glow. **Neiman Marcus, \$48**

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## Unique Beauty Treatments

By JEANETTE ZINNO

*Hitting the spa is one of my favorite pastimes. Here are some of the most indulgent spa treatments I've tried lately.*



### MARINE EXTRACTS BODY WRAP

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Restore elasticity and combat water retention and dehydration with the spa's Recherche algae body wrap. Sea minerals and wild thyme and cypress essential oils target excess adipose tissue, firming the skin. A hydrating massage follows to replenish and regenerate the skin. Special treatment add-ons include cupping, dry brushing, CBD topical, and hot stones — all of which will leave you relaxed and revived. 60 minutes, \$275



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Exfoliate the skin and boost the circulatory system with this invigorating body polish. Salt and sea elements with organic seaweed leave the skin buffed and glowing. It includes a 40-minute Undaria neck, shoulder, and scalp treatment, which calms the mind by relieving tensions from mental and emotional stressors. Melt away with soothing brushing as warmed Undaria algae oil is drizzled through your hair. 70 minutes, \$310



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Combat fine lines and stimulate collagen production through this holistic alternative to invasive anti-aging procedures. It features such ingredients as vitamin C, retinol, and alpha hydroxy acids, paired with Hydrafacial technology. Special treatment add-ons include lymphatic facial massage, microcurrent therapy, and eye and lip enhancements — leaving you with glowing skin. 60 minutes, \$275



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# SUMMER BODIES ARE MADE BY STEPHEN T. GREENBERG, M.D., F.A.C.S.

BY LAUREN JOHANSSON



Want to be beach-body ready for the heart of the summer? “Rapid recovery procedures make this possible in a short amount of time,” says award-winning cosmetic plastic surgeon Dr. Stephen T. Greenberg, M.D., F.A.C.S. “The combination of advanced surgical techniques with cutting-edge technology has my patients back to daily routines quickly without evidence that they had anything done.”

From surgical to nonsurgical options, now is the time to rejuvenate your face and body to achieve the look you desire. One procedure that’s currently popular is Dr. Greenberg’s “Modern-Mommy Makeover.” More and more women are having children later in life, and

their bodies do not bounce back the way they did when they were younger or after their first pregnancy. Although diet and exercise are essential, areas such as the lower abdomen, where the skin has been stretched and the muscles weakened, may never return to normal.

By creating a highly individualized plan to meet each patient’s specific needs and aesthetic goals, Dr. Greenberg offers a variety of both surgical and nonsurgical procedures to address concerns with the breasts, abdomen, arms, and thighs that entail little to no downtime. Surgical procedures such as breast augmentations with or without breast lifts, abdominoplasty, liposuction, and Cellulaze for stubborn cellulite, as well as surgical and nonsurgical vaginal rejuvenation, can help you achieve the body you desire. In addition to these body-contouring and enhancement procedures, surgical facial procedures are a quick solution that will refresh and restore your look quickly with amazingly little downtime. “Having my patients restaurant ready in a matter of days is possible with my modern mini-facelift approach,” Dr. Greenberg says. “It is one of our quick fixes.”

Each patient is treated in Dr. Greenberg’s state-of-the-art accredited ambulatory center. The raft of technology at his MedSpa includes treatments for a variety of enhancements, such as skin tightening, cellulite reduction, and nonsurgical fat reduction with CoolSculpting and Emsculpt, as well as tattoo removal and sweat reduction with the revolutionary MiraDry system. “My Morpheus8 device combines microneedling with radio frequency to stimulate the natural healing process of your own cells and tissue and achieve radiantly younger and healthier skin,” Dr. Greenberg explains.

**“I use cutting-edge imaging to help patients visualize their surgical results and mentor them on how a natural-looking and effective outcome can make a significant impact on reaching their individual goals.”**

**DR. STEPHEN T. GREENBERG**

“Throughout the entire process, I want each patient to be happy with their full experience,” he says. “I use cutting-edge imaging to help patients visualize their surgical results and mentor them on how a natural-looking and effective outcome can make a significant impact on reaching their individual goals.”

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BY L. A. DAWSON



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For a touch of Fourth of July patriotism, I often make delicious Bob's Red Mill gluten-free muffins. Adding raspberries, coconut, and blueberries can turn this basic recipe into an explosion of color. Your taste buds will awaken, and your guests will be delighted.

### *FIREWORKS MUFFINS* (12 to 14)

2 cups Bob's Red Mill gluten-free 1-to-1 baking flour  
 2 teaspoons baking powder  
 ½ teaspoon salt  
 1 stick butter, softened  
 1¼ cups plus 2 tsp. sugar  
 2 large eggs  
 ½ cup buttermilk  
 ½ cup sweetened shredded coconut  
 ¼ cup blueberries  
 ¼ cup raspberries

Preheat oven to 425°F. Line muffin pans with paper liners. Whisk together flour, baking powder, and salt. Cream butter and 1¼ cups sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in eggs one at a time. Add flour and beat until blended. Beat in buttermilk. Gently fold in fruit and coconut. Spoon batter into muffin pans and sprinkle with remaining sugar. Place in oven and immediately reduce temperature to 375°F and bake for 30 minutes.

Let the muffins cool to develop flavor. Place them on a bright white platter with blueberries and raspberries sprinkled between the muffins. Enjoy the tasty treat, and the compliments from your guests. Let the holiday celebrations begin!





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# A MEDITERRANEAN WEIGHT-LOSS RECIPE PLAN FOR THIS SUMMER

BY LIANA WERNER-GRAY



Besides the Hamptons, I spent part of last summer in Spain and Italy, where I admired their Mediterranean diet and the purity of their cuisine. Unlike in the U.S., where seed oils are predominantly used, in Spain and Italy they use olive oil in all their cooking. Inspired by their flavorful and wholesome salads, I crafted my own recipe for a salad that I've since incorporated into my diet. I'm aiming to eat it once a

day, as lunch or dinner. It's an excellent staple! This salad is not only nourishing; it's also incredibly satisfying while still being light, and energizing with excellent macros. When shopping, opt for organic ingredients whenever possible, as conventional fruits and vegetables likely contain glyphosate, which has been linked to cancer and inflammation leading to weight gain.

The top compound for accelerating weight loss is chlorophyll, which is abundant in dark leafy greens. Spinach, spring mix, collard greens, broccoli sprouts, kale, and Swiss chard are packed with nutrients, low in calories, and high in fiber, helping you feel full while eating less. They also have a low glycemic index, regulating appetite and preventing overeating. Additionally, they're rich in vitamins, minerals, and antioxidants, supporting overall health and promoting weight loss. That's why I advise my clients to start their day with chlorophyll water immediately upon rising. The first thing you consume is crucial: That's when your cells are receptive and primed to absorb nutrients.

I also recommend alternating each day between a green juice (for more chlorophyll) and beet juice, nature's laxative. Beets thoroughly

cleanse the gut and can be a great hack for a quick reset. Consider drinking beet juice daily for seven days or until you notice a difference. Beets help remove compacted waste from bowel walls and saturate the gut walls. Did you know the average person carries five to ten pounds of compacted waste in their gut? Beet juice alone can lead to incredible weight-loss results.

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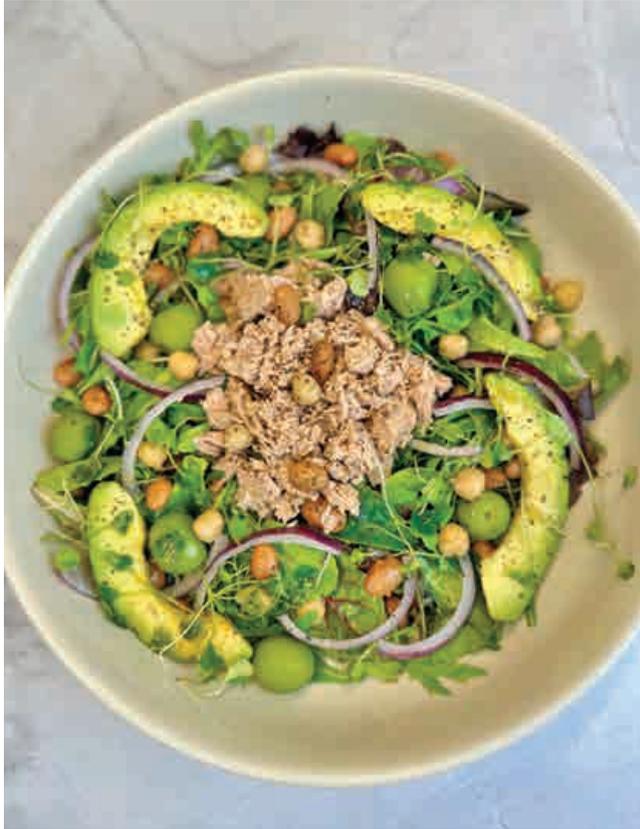
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## Liana's Summer Mediterranean Salad

**Serves:** 1

**Total time:** 10 minutes

**Ingredients:**

- 1 can wild tuna
- 1 to 2 tablespoons red onion
- 2 cups organic greens
- 9 olives
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- ½ teaspoon Redmond Real Salt
- ½ teaspoon black pepper
- ¼ teaspoon oregano
- ½ cup pinto beans

**Actions:**

Add all ingredients to a bowl and toss until well combined.

Calories 475  
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**Instead:** Use olive oil for salads and light cooking, and avocado oil and coconut oil for high-heat cooking.

I've created a 14-day summer weight loss program. Go to [TheEarthDiet.com](http://TheEarthDiet.com) to purchase and download the guide. It includes a video course on natural weight loss using natural remedies.

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# DR. KENNETH MARK

## COSMETIC DERMATOLOGIST

BY LEXI WOLF



### MEET THE DOCTOR

A world-renowned cosmetic dermatologist, Dr. Kenneth Mark prides himself on both his outstanding work and the relationships he builds with each of his patients. Although he manages four practices — in East Hampton, Southampton, New York City, and Aspen — Dr. Mark makes sure he embeds himself in each community, relying on patient recommendations to acquire new clients and remaining the sole physician at each location. “Most other practices operate like factories,” he says. “But we try to provide a real VIP boutique experience for our patients. When they call, we want them to know us and for us to know them. We’re striving to provide the best patient-care experience and the most exceptional cosmetic results.” Dr. Mark is also assisted by popular nurse practitioner Glenn Donatelli.

**“We’re striving to provide the best patient-care experience and the most exceptional cosmetic results.”**  
**DR. KENNETH MARK**

The personalized aspect is what drew Dr. Mark to dermatology in the first place. “When I was in medical school, I liked that I could treat multiple generations,” he says. “In my practice, I have treated the grandparents, the parents, the kids, and the grandkids. I love the continuity-of-care aspect.”

### MASTER OF HIS CRAFT

After three years of training in dermatology at New York University, Dr. Mark completed a two-year fellowship with a cosmetic dermatology surgeon and a plastic surgeon to sub-specialize in cosmetic procedures, plastic reconstruction, and minimally invasive Mohs micrographic skin-cancer surgery. During his education, he witnessed unprecedented advancements in the dermatology field, including the development of lasers, Botox,

Courtesy of Dr. Kenneth Mark

and hyaluronic-acid fillers, leading him to gain unparalleled experience in the art of injectables. “All of what’s being done in dermatology today was brand-new when I was coming out of my residency,” he says. “So the timing was excellent.”

### HIS METHOD

Dr. Mark is famous for his layering technique, which involves strategically placing various fillers over time and at different depths of the skin. This methodical approach not only minimizes the amount of filler required; it also maximizes the longevity and efficacy of the results. “I don’t want to do the maximum amount for my patients; I want to do the optimal amount, and I’m certainly not in a rush to get it done in one visit,” he explains. “It is always a work of art in progress.” For Dr. Mark it’s all about consistency. “We’re layering and topping off, like a good bartender,” he quips. Although anyone can study the craft, full mastery involves an innate sense of facial aesthetics. “Some of it is having a good eye. I am attracted to beauty, so I know what cheekbones and jawlines and lips should look like,” he says.

### NEW PROCEDURES: VOLUX, SKINVIVE, AND EMSCULPT NEO

Allergan, the maker of Botox and Juvederm fillers, chose Dr. Mark to be part of its faculty group to train other doctors, which he has been doing for the past five years. He is also in the top 1% of Allergan’s accounts in the U.S. “Allergan is the number-one company for a reason. They’re not just sitting back and resting on their laurels,” he says. “Constantly learning and seeing these new products hit the market and how they can make people look and feel better is one of the best things about my career.”

His favorite of Allergan’s new innovations is Volux, the first and only FDA-approved hyaluronic-acid filler made solely for jawline definition. Another new product, Skinvive, increases hydration to improve skin smoothness and provide a lasting glow for up to six months. Dr. Mark believes these recent advancements have already created a paradigm shift in the field of cosmetic dermatology. “It’s not just about lips and lines anymore,” he says. “It’s about thinking like an artist and lifting and sculpting the face. Twenty years ago, everyone who hit 50 was getting a facelift, but now, with tactful injections, those facelifts can be pushed off until 60 or 70.” Dr. Mark also offers Emsculpt Neo, the most cutting-edge treatment in body contouring today. One half-hour session is the equivalent of 24,000 abdominal crunches.

### FINDING BALANCE

Dr. Mark has a passion for extreme skiing. He first fell in love with the sport during his childhood, visiting such resorts as Jiminy Peak in Massachusetts and Mount Snow in Vermont.



Aleksandra Mark and Dr. Kenneth Mark at the Samuel Waxman Cancer Research Foundation event in the Hamptons

His favorite skiing locale, however, is Aspen, where he has a condo and opened a practice. “Traditionally, the Hamptons practice quiets down in the winter and that gave me the opportunity to do a lot of skiing,” he explains. “I just love the people, the town, the nature, the beauty of Aspen, the food, the wine, everything.” Dr. Mark’s passion for skiing has been passed along to his family as well. His son, who is only four years old, has already become an accomplished skier. “He took to skiing like a fish to water,” Dr. Mark says. “He’s already been skiing the top of Aspen Mountain. So I spend hours and hours skiing with him in the winter, which is phenomenal, and luckily, my wife is extremely supportive, loving, and a great mother, so it has all just worked.”

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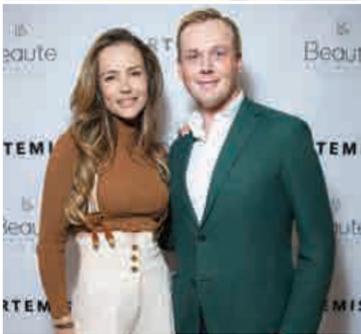
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Hey Upper East Siders, an exclusive med spa event was the talk of the town as Candace Bushnell and Amir Rostamirad, the suave owner of Beauté Aesthetics, pulled out all the stops for a night of beauty and intrigue, introducing the T-Shape 2 machine. From the moment the doors swung open, it was clear that this wasn't your average soirée. A-listers and trendsetters rubbed shoulders with socialites and influencers, all vying for a glimpse of the new T-Shape 2 machine, the only one of its kind in the U.S. T-Shape 2 is the newest noninvasive state-of-the-art body-shaping system: a body-sculpting solution that targets fat reduction, skin tightening, and improved lymphatic drainage without requiring surgery. It is designed to provide a comprehensive approach to body sculpting. We're here for it!

Bushnell, the queen of chic herself, held court with her trademark wit and style, captivating the crowd with her insider knowledge on all things beauty. Meanwhile, Rostamirad

wowed guests with a glimpse into the world of Beauté Aesthetics, showcasing their cutting-edge T-Shape 2 machine and their luxe pampering services.

As the night unfolded, attendees were delighted with phenomenal hors d'oeuvres and artisanal cocktails. The air was thick with excitement and anticipation as guests indulged in the opulent offerings and reveled in the glamour of the evening. In true New York fashion, the med spa event hosted by Bushnell and Rostamirad was a night to remember, filled with secrets, surprises, and a healthy dose of glamour. In the world of beauty and luxury, anything is possible.

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BY LAURIE NEWKIRK



While many professionals claim to be the most highly qualified cosmetic dentist in the world, it's Dr. Steven Fox who is internationally known for revolutionizing oral care. He's called upon by a who's who of royals, celebrities, and other luminaries to design perfect veneers, achieve outstanding whitening, and perform more complicated reconstructions like implants. Dr. Fox is the only cosmetic dentist in the U.S. who has served on the faculty of the Harvard School of Dental Medicine, New York University's College of Dentistry, and on a technology board at the University of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Fox, who was dubbed the "father of dentistry in the 21st century" by a Nobel laureate for chemistry, sat down with *Social Life* to tell us more about all the good work he is up to these days.

**You've worked with some of the most prominent names and oral-care companies in the industry. Can you tell us about this?**

In partnership with the U.S. government and the American Dental Association, I developed many of the products used in oral care, from the back-end products used to ensure proper placement of veneers and crowns to some of the formulations that make toothpaste as advanced and effective as it is today. At my direction, my team has developed 64 patents in oral care.

I collaborated with two Nobel Prize winners in chemistry and the heads of neuroscience at three pharmaceutical companies, and received the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year award and the Medal of Freedom from U.S. Senators. I follow my father's advice: Treat a patient as you would a member of your own family.

**What are your patients focused on right now?**

As people begin to live life again after the pandemic, they want to look and feel their best. The first thing people see is another person's teeth. And then there's another person's breath. These things can make or break an experience. Helping people is my forte and my passion, and there's no time like the present to truly improve your presence.

**How do you help with bad breath?**

Halitosis — as doctors call bad breath — bad taste, and periodontal disease occur because of a bacterial imbalance in the mouth. It's possible for a bacterial infection to travel through the bloodstream to other areas of the body and contribute to systemic disease. I recently founded Fox Fresh Breath Dental, a highly specialized New York City practice where we use high-tech diagnostic equipment to analyze the bacterial imbalances of the mouth and apply evidence-based prescribed treatments, developed over the course of 40 years, to cure bad breath and treat periodontal disease with a nonsurgical solution. Bad breath is eliminated, and other potential health issues may be reduced or avoided altogether.

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# HAIRSTYLIST CHAZ DEAN

## INDUSTRY LEADER IN BEAUTIFUL HAIR

BY LAURIE NEWKIRK

**GWYNETH PALTROW,  
BROOKE SHIELDS,  
ALYSSA MILANO, AND  
JULIANNA MARGULIES**

“The energy, the culture, the history, the people...” Celebrity hairstylist and successful entrepreneur Chaz Dean talks with great passion about why he opened a luxury salon in New York City. Despite living in Los Angeles and owning a thriving salon in Hollywood, he dreamed of adding a Manhattan location. Why now? He finally found the ideal venue, a landmark building from 1845 in the West Village that he has painstakingly restored to its original beauty, style, and old-world charm.

Dean has a growing roster of A-list clientele. His noted clients have included Gwyneth Paltrow, Alyssa Milano, Julianna Margulies, and Nicolette Sheridan. His meteoric rise can be traced back to his early career as a photographer who dearly wanted his glamorous models to have equally glamorous hair. Determined in his quest, he attended cosmetology school, quickly became a rising hairstylist, and began working on a new approach to hair care focusing on nourishing the hair’s natural oils instead of stripping them with the harsh detergents and chemicals found in traditional shampoos.

**WEN BRAND: HOLISTIC APPROACH TO BEAUTY**

With his understanding of hair chemistry and natural ingredients, Dean created a conditioner that both cleaned and protected the scalp and follicles, resulting in lush, hydrated hair. From there, the groundbreaking Wen brand was born. Between his new hair-care line and his magic touch as a stylist, Dean quickly gained his celebrity following. In 2015,



Brooke Shields, whose hair had suffered immensely from decades of overprocessing for her modeling and acting jobs, became a product ambassador. She has said that by using the brand’s cleansing conditioner and nourishing mousse she was able “to turn back the clock on my hair . . . It feels healthy again.”

In keeping with his emphasis on a holistic approach to beauty focused on overall well-being and self-care, Dean chose the name Wen because it echoes the word *Zen*. His unique, scientifically sensible approach has worked so well, the brand now touts more than 700 hair, skin, and beauty products. It has received numerous awards and continues to be one of the top-selling beauty product lines on QVC.

**BRAVO’S FLIPPING OUT AND QVC STAPLE**

When asked about his philosophy of success, Dean mentions a piece of family wisdom: “One thing I always remember from my grandmother is, ‘You can do or be anything you want in life as long as you’re willing to work hard for it.’” Family is deeply important to Dean, and he talks with great love and affection about both his birth mother, Millie, and his adoptive mother, Joan Dean. When Joan passed away after battling cancer, Chaz created a special deep-cleaning protective product line, 613, to honor her, named for her June 13 birthday.

Dean has become a celebrity, a star of the Bravo show *Flipping Out* and a QVC fixture, but he notes that he often surprises people with his grounded and down-to-earth demeanor. Along with his stunning hair — itself quite a compelling

advertisement for his products — he is a mixture of incredible knowledge, charm, and gentleness. His kind heart is evidenced by his extensive philanthropic endeavors. He's worked for decades with the Los Angeles Mission, the HollyRod Foundation, the Oprah Winfrey Leadership Academy for Girls, and Project Angel Food, and he is involved with countless other charities including Best Friends Animal Society and the Vanderpump Dog Foundation.

### CLASSIC HOLLYWOOD GLAMOUR AND WEN PETS

Dean has a deep love of animals — all animals, but especially Labs. His current loves are Bella and Riley. He talks fondly about two previous pets, a black Lab and a white Lab. “I named them Grace and Montgomery after Grace Kelly and Montgomery Clift, because I was in Hollywood and I wanted to bring back old Hollywood,” he says. “They grew up with me, they came to the salon. Every time I would go live on QVC, I would put up new pictures of them, and they grew up with our QVC customers.”

It's not surprising, then, that Wen Pets came into being. People kept asking him for a product for their furry friends. Dean used his traditional product as the base, but then “by doing my research,” he says, “I realized that a dog's pH level is higher than ours. So I adjusted the Wen Pets to a higher alkaline level and added more appropriate essential oils for the fur.” People often bring Wen Pets products to their dog groomers to use.

### CHAZ DEAN'S STUDIO NYC

What's next for this pioneer? In addition to introducing a new, delightful-sounding piña colada scent, plans are in the works to extend the Wen brand with an exciting line of color products that are vegan, ammonia-free, and cruelty-free. Living up to his grandmother's words about working hard,



Dean is also launching a new lightweight, low-heat blow-drying tool. This idea is based on an older client who sadly thought she was losing her hair. Dean came to her rescue and diagnosed her real issue as burnt hair from her unnecessarily hot straightener.

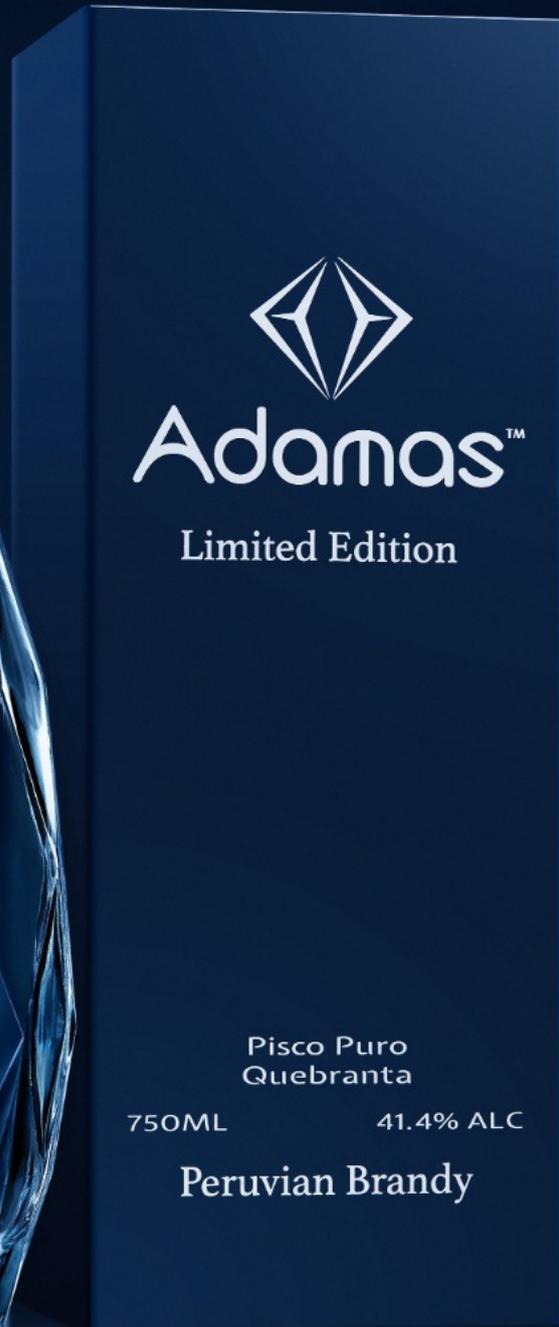
With Dean being in New York for only part of each month, one senses that the next hot, hard-to-get reservation in the city will be an appointment with the man himself at his salon.

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ELIZABETH HURLEY & DAMIAN HURLEY



FAMILY FRAMES:  
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 DAMIAN HURLEY  
 ON CRAFTING *STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL*

BY DEVORAH ROSE

In the wake of an unexpected earthquake in Manhattan, I find myself hastening to the refined sanctuary of the Pembroke Room, where I meet Elizabeth and Damian Hurley. As we nestle amid the quiet elegance of white-gloved waiters and silk wallpaper, the chaos of the city fades to a distant memory. Sitting across from the mother-son duo has quite an impact — not only because of their almost identical and stunning appearance but also because of their lovely dynamic, which is immediately palpable. They share an ease and familiarity that only family could, their mutual respect and admiration clear in the subtle exchanges between them.

The discussion quickly turns to their latest venture, *Strictly Confidential*, a film that not only marks Damian's directorial debut but also showcases their ability to meld their creative forces. Damian, whose energy is both infectious and thoughtful, shares the serendipitous beginnings of the project. "You know, when this started, it was a phenomenal surprise," he says. "I got a call from an executive at Lionsgate who'd seen a short film I'd made. He asked if I would be interested in writing and directing a feature. It was an insane thing to hear at 20 years old. The first person I called was mum. Almost from the moment I hung up, I was already dialing her number. She's been so supportive ever since."

Damian reminisces about his early forays into filmmaking, some involving memorable antics with his godfather, actor Hugh Grant. "Hugh was in the first film I ever made. He played a corrupt judge and was phenomenal. And he let me torture him into many of the short films I made — I nearly had him arrested, running through the airport chasing my mother with a fake dagger saying he

was going to murder her," Damian says with a chuckle, recalling the playful yet ambitious nature of his early projects. Then he reflects on the practical advice Grant shared with him: "His main tip was not to go into the industry."

Elizabeth, as a mother does, prompts him. "Do you remember that other bit of advice he gave you? What did he tell you about building up a career?"

Damian nods. "Of course, yes," he says. "His biggest thing was if you're an actor, even if you're the biggest, most sought after actor in the world, if you have no creative control then you're sitting waiting for the phone to ring for someone to offer you a job. No matter how fabulous an actor you may be, you have no autonomy unless you have creative autonomy." Highlighting the importance of maintaining control over one's creative destiny, he adds, "So his advice was to build up your repertoire behind the camera: always keep writing, producing, and putting things together so that one can keep creating and keep making."

With *Strictly Confidential*, Damian has taken his godfather's advice to heart, serving as both director and writer. Discussing how he got his mother involved in the film, Damian says playfully, "When I was making my baby films, my mum once said to me, 'If you're ever writing and directing a real movie, I'll be in it.' Which is a very easy thing to say to an eight-year-old." He laughs. "I don't think she realized then I would take her up on it. When I first pitched this part to her, it was a tiny part. Originally the wife was dead, and we only saw her in a few short flashbacks. So I told her it's a tiny part, a little cameo — it's a couple

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of days' work, you just come in and look whimsical on the top of a cliff and leave. But then, you see, I flipped the gender so that the husband had died, and it was now the wife that was a very important part. And she had signed on already. I said, Look, have a little read and see if you want to do this part instead. Luckily she did, and we made it."

Elizabeth's face beams with pride as she listens to her son speak. She then elaborates on a crucial aspect of the film. In the movie, Elizabeth's character engages in a secret romance with her daughter's best friend. "Well, it's quite an interesting thing when you change the gender of the role because it changes everything," she says. "One of the most significant things that changed is that somehow it was more wounding for the mother to be the one betraying her daughter's trust. Damian gave me a great part, because it's a fresh thing to see. I don't want to see a dad behaving badly ever again — in real life or in fiction."

Her character's affair with her daughter's friend leads to one of the more talked about aspects of the film, a sensuous lesbian love scene crafted with a delicate hand by Damian. "Damian had this idea that you can make something so sensual and interesting without actually having nudity, and not a lot of people would have thought of that," she confides. "There has been so much hoo-ha about these scenes. But actually, there's nothing gratuitous in it — no gratuitous nudity whatsoever — and I really appreciated that."

Damian adds his perspective on the use of nudity in cinema, aligning with the tasteful execution seen in *Strictly Confidential*. "I think there is definitely a time and place for nudity in film, but I've actually never liked it in sex scenes," he explains. "I think it's so much more effective to have someone nude walking around having coffee in the morning in a scene. I just don't like toplessness for the sake of toplessness or nudity for the sake of nudity when it doesn't need to be there."

Reflecting on the film's setting, a picturesque beach town, sparks a new conversation entirely about the Hamptons. "I've always been incredibly jealous of New Yorkers, that you have the beautiful Hamptons where you are able to be in the

**"I've always been incredibly jealous of New Yorkers, that you have the beautiful Hamptons where you are able to be in the country but you can also eat well, get a great coffee, and meet with so many close friends.**

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**— ELIZABETH HURLEY**

country but you can also eat well, get a great coffee, and meet with so many close friends. I'm just jealous. I love it," Elizabeth says with her distinctive melodic voice, a velvety balance of sophistication and sensuality that mirrors her iconic presence. When asked how she can be both sexy and classic at the same time, Elizabeth takes a pause and says thoughtfully, "If what you say is true, then it might be because I've never been much of a planner." She leans forward,

elaborating on one of her most iconic fashion moments, the night she donned the Versace dress. "It was by accident," she says. "There was nothing planned. I wasn't in fashion. I had never borrowed an item of clothing before, and I just didn't have anything to wear to my boyfriend's premiere. We were working actors, but we weren't famous. We didn't earn lots of money. We were living in a tiny one-bedroom walk-up flat. We didn't have a full length mirror — we really didn't have much of anything. I had nothing to wear to Hugh's premiere, and somebody knew someone who knew someone who worked in a press office, and they said they might be able to help. I didn't own an evening dress. So everything was just by accident. I got the dress and I put it on. That's all." And yet that accident is permanently etched in red-carpet history.

As our time together draws to a close, curiosity about the future inevitably surfaces. When asked about what's next, Damian's eyes light up with the anticipation of ongoing creative endeavors. "I have the next script written," he reveals, a hint of excitement in his tone. "It's a movie we are putting together now."

Elizabeth quickly interjects with a laugh, "I won't be in this one!" But her involvement is far from over. "I will be a producer on it, though," she adds. As they prepare to step into their next chapter, it's clear that while Elizabeth may not appear on-screen, the duo's creative synergy and mutual support are set to continue shaping their artistic landscape. With Damian at the helm and Elizabeth as producer, the Hurleys are poised to explore new storytelling horizons, cementing their place in the industry as a formidable mother-son team.

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# MARTIN PEPA

## MASTERING THE SPORT OF KINGS

By AVI GHIYAM

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Referred to as “the sport of kings,” polo has long been a popular spectator sport across the world for equestrians and high society. The sport has an air of elitism associated with it, but that glamorized characterization does not capture the true essence and soul of some of the sport’s most successful players.

Meet the dashing handsome polo player Martin Pepa. Born and raised in La Pampa, the epicenter of polo in Argentina, Pepa grew up in a family that prioritized values, respect for others, and a lot of love. He recalls his parents regularly saying to him that you will only find success with love, joy in what you are doing, and hard work. His family home is an enormous and gorgeous farm — a very healthy, old-country environment that seamlessly connects you to nature. The family raised horses, cows, chicken, pigs, sheep — you name it. Friends were always playing outside. They were active and they were happy.

Pepa has two brothers and one sister. Perhaps it’s something in the La Pampa soil, but all of them were motivated and ambitious. The kids started to play polo when Martin was only four years old. The famed Club de Polo Chapaleufú in La Pampa was his training ground, and if you’ve ever had the privilege to see this club, you know that it is stunningly beautiful and an unrivaled landscape to play polo. When he was growing up, it was the best club in all of Argentina. The top players from around the world played there, and this is how Martin and his brothers learned English.

Polo is a very rough sport and a little dangerous. Because of this, the Pepa children matured quickly. As Pepa recalls of those early years, “playing forced us to understand the value of our lives.” As Pepa grew up, his parents sent him and his brothers to boarding school in Buenos Aires, where he played on a polo team.



After school, he moved to Boston and has lived in the U.S. ever since, for over 20 years. He plans to stay forever. “I love America,” he says. “I feel so happy here. It has everything I want.” At the time of our interview with Pepa, he was wearing a T-shirt with an American flag on it.

Although his brothers still love playing polo for fun, Pepa is the only one who plays professionally. One of his brothers also sponsors a polo team in England, and they are all unwaveringly supportive of one another’s careers.

Today, Pepa spends his winters in Palm Beach and

summers in the Hamptons. He’s been playing for the same polo team for the past ten years, and he revels over how they have become not only teammates but friends. They spend a lot of time off the field together at the beach or at events just hanging out. He prefers to call them family rather than team.

Personally, Pepa likes to donate his time and play matches for charity functions so he can do his part in raising money to help with important causes. It brings him great joy when he knows he’s helped someone in some way. “Every time I finish a charity match is when I feel the happiest,” he says.



## FUN FACTS ABOUT MARTIN PEPA

- He practices riding every single day and goes to the gym every other day. “We take care of ourselves with proper, healthy food.”
- Siena is his favorite horse. “She can fly, turn, and stop when you need it,” he says, smiling.
- He owns more than 80 horses, who live in Virginia, Argentina, and the Hamptons. “I love them. They are my girls.” Yes, they are all female.
- Offspring from his best female horses have been brought to the U.S. to play on his team in competition.
- He is an excellent chef. He loves to barbecue. His favorite thing to eat is branzino with olive, tomato, and capers.
- He enjoys buying houses in the Hamptons, Palm Beach, and Argentina. He designs the interiors and then flips them.
- Among his favorite restaurants out east are Pierre’s, Le Bilboquet, Tutto il Giorno, and Sen.
- He listens to live music at the Surf Lodge.
- His favorite things about the Hamptons are the land, the beaches, and the ocean.
- He thinks of himself as loyal, generous, and hardworking. And many have said the same about him!





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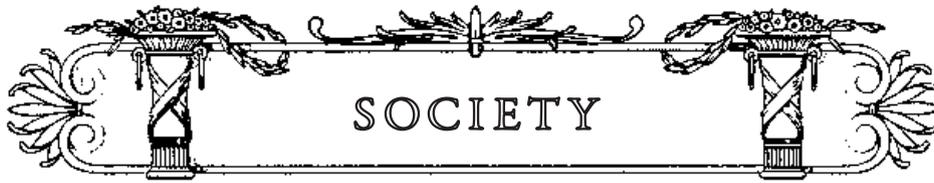
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## SARAH KAUTZ

JEAN SHAFIROFF INTERVIEWS SARAH KAUTZ,  
NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
OF THE SOUTHAMPTON HISTORY MUSEUM



BY JEAN SHAFIROFF

### Can you tell us about the Southampton History Museum and what you do?

The Southampton History Museum has been preserving and promoting the shared history and culture of Southampton for more than 125 years. The organization was established in 1898, incorporated in 1910, and holds a museum charter granted by the New York State Board of Regents. We currently operate four separate heritage sites, featuring 14 historic structures with changing exhibitions, a variety of collections, an archives and research center, as well as events and educational programs for school children, families, and adults.

### What is your role at the museum?

I joined the museum in September 2023. As executive director, my role is to lead the organization, overseeing staff and day-to-day operations, as well as planning and delivering our diverse mission-based programs. I also work closely with the museum's board of trustees, helping them achieve their goals for the long-term success of our organization, while advising them on good governance and best practices for historic preservation.

### What is there to do at the Southampton History Museum?

The scenic grounds and gardens of all our historic sites are open year-round, from dawn to dusk. They're wonderful places to visit during any season. Our historic buildings are open seasonally, March through December, featuring permanent and special exhibitions about Southampton's storied past. We also host a range of events and public programs, such as lectures and exhibition openings and closings — we're hosting three different special exhibitions at Rogers Mansion this year! Keep an eye on our calendar for upcoming events, [southamptonhistory.org/calendar](https://southamptonhistory.org/calendar).

### What events do you have planned for Summer 2024?

We offer lots of programs and events every summer season, including our annual Halsey House Gala. The gala is a fun community event that will take place over the Fourth of July weekend on Saturday, July 6, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on the grounds of our beloved Halsey House, one of the oldest buildings in New York State. We'll have live music, passed hors d'oeuvres, a raw bar with local oysters, a silent auction, and much more! Last year, more than 300 guests attended the annual gala, which had a committee made up of



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Peter L. Hallock, Douglas Halsey, Nancy Kane, and of course, gala chair Jean Shafiroff. Jean, thank you for agreeing to serve once again as our gala chair of this year's exciting July 6 event!

#### How can someone purchase tickets or a sponsorship for the July 6 party?

You can visit [southamptonhistory.org/hhg](https://southamptonhistory.org/hhg) to purchase a sponsorship or tickets. You can also call Liana Mizzi at 631.283.2494, extension 200.

#### ABOUT SARAH KAUTZ:

Kautz joined Southampton History Museum as executive director in September 2023. She is an archaeologist, anthropologist, and preservation advocate with more than 20 years of experience. An alumna of the University of Chicago, University of South Carolina, and Stony Brook University, she has worked in the U.S., Japan, and South Africa.

#### ABOUT JEAN SHAFIROFF:

Shafiroff is a philanthropist, advocate, TV host, and the author of the book *Successful Philanthropy: How to Make a Life by What You Give*. She is a volunteer leader of several charitable causes and serves on several charity boards: Southampton Hospital Association, Mission Society of New York City, Casita Maria, New York Women's Foundation, French Heritage Society, Couture Council of the Museum at FIT, Global Strays, the advisory board of the Palm Beach Historical Society, Jewish Board (Honorary Trustee), and Southampton Animal Shelter Foundation Honorary Board. Shafiroff is the producer and host of the TV show *Successful Philanthropy*, which airs six times a week through LTV studios in East Hampton and the surrounding community. She holds two degrees: a B.S. in physical therapy from the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Columbia University, and an M.B.A. in finance from Columbia Business School at Columbia University.

# JULIE RATNER

JEAN SHAFIROFF INTERVIEWS  
JULIE RATNER, CO-FOUNDER AND CHAIR  
OF THE ELLEN HERMANSON FOUNDATION

BY JEAN SHAFIROFF



Jean Shafiroff and Julie Ratner

## Can you tell our readers about the mission of the Ellen Hermanson Foundation?

The mission of the Ellen Hermanson Foundation is to ensure access to state-of-the-art breast health care and empower people affected by cancer. It is a core belief of the foundation that access to health care is a human right. All that we do emanates from this guiding principle, whether it is supporting the Ellen Hermanson Breast Center at Stony Brook Southampton Hospital, working with our community partners — the Bridgehampton Child Care and Recreational Center, OLA of Eastern Long Island, The Retreat, and the Shinnecock Indian Health Center — or Ellen's Well, a program that provides psychosocial support to breast-cancer survivors and their families free of charge.

## When and why did you start the foundation?

My late sister, Emily Levin, and I started the foundation in 1996 with the first annual Ellen's Run. Ellen was an extraordinary advocate for women dealing with the vicissitudes of breast cancer. As a patient and a journalist, Ellen used her writing talent to speak to the needs and challenges facing women with breast cancer. When Ellen died at the age of 42, leaving behind her beloved husband Hugo Moreno and her beautiful young daughter Leora, we wanted to do something that would honor and perpetuate Ellen's memory and the important work she was not able to finish because of her early death.

## Please tell us about your main summer fundraising gala to take place on July 13.

The Ellen Hermanson Foundation Summer Gala will take place this summer on July 13 from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. at the Bridgehampton Tennis and Surf Club, with a bonfire after-party on the beach from 10:30 to 11:30 p.m. And of course, I am thrilled that once again you will be the gala chair. This year we will honor New York State Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright and Dr. Fred Weinbaum for his service to Stony Brook Southampton Hospital. Jean, as our gala chair for many years, you have contributed to the success of our event with your generosity and eloquence. This event is always a great highlight of the summer season as it is fun and supports a great cause.

## How can our readers support the Ellen Hermanson Foundation and purchase tickets to the gala?

I would welcome the support of your readers, and there are many ways to be involved, not only with our July 13 gala but with the 29th annual Ellen's Run on Sunday, August 19, at the Southampton Intermediate School and throughout the year. I invite everyone who is reading this article to go to **EllenHermanson.com** to learn more about the foundation, purchase tickets to the gala (there are many donation and sponsorship opportunities), sign up for the 29th annual Ellen's Run, volunteer, or help us raise necessary funds to accomplish our mission. You can also give us a call at **631.907.1952** so that you may get to know more about us.



Batsheva Haart, Julia Haart, Audrey Jongens, and David Yontef



Jean Shafiroff, Rebecca Seawright, and Judith Guiliani



Julie Ratner



#### ABOUT JULIE RATNER:

In 1997, with her late sister, Emily Levin, Julie Ratner founded the Ellen Hermanson Foundation to honor her sister Ellen, who had passed away at the age of 42 from breast cancer. Julie has dedicated her life to the Ellen Hermanson Foundation and now serves as its chair. In addition, she has served on a number of charity boards and has been involved in many civic activities over the years. Currently, she also serves on the board of the American Friends of Soroka Medical Center, in Israel. Julie received a B.A. from Simmons College, a master's degree from Columbia University School of Library Sciences, and an M.A. and Ed.D. in student personnel administration from Teachers College, Columbia University. She now resides in East Hampton.

#### ABOUT JEAN SHAFIROFF:

Shafiroff is a philanthropist, advocate, TV host, and the author of the book *Successful Philanthropy: How to Make a Life by What You Give*. She is a volunteer leader of several charitable causes and serves on several charity boards: Southampton Hospital Association, Mission Society of New York City, Casita Maria, New York Women's Foundation, French Heritage Society, Couture Council of the Museum at FIT, Global Strays, the advisory board of the Palm Beach Historical Society, Jewish Board (Honorary Trustee), and Southampton Animal Shelter Foundation Honorary Board. Shafiroff is the producer and host of the TV show *Successful Philanthropy*, which airs six times a week through LTV studios in East Hampton and the surrounding community. She holds two degrees: a B.S. in physical therapy from the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Columbia University, and an M.B.A. in finance from Columbia Business School at Columbia University.

# SOCIAL SAFARI

## THE SUMMER SWIM

BY R. COURI HAY

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PETER MARINO AND LALANNES, LONGHOUSE AND NOGUCHI, GUILD HALL AND *QUEER AS FOLK*, GOD'S LOVE, HALSEY HOUSE, MET MUSEUM, RACE OF HOPE, CHAZ DEAN AND MADONNA



Peter Marino and Cornelia Guest

### **Memorial Day to July 4: Red-Letter Dates**

As the weather heats up, so should your social calendar. From poolside benefits and music festivals to elegant soirées and art exhibitions, there's never a shortage of parties to indulge in at the beach.

From Memorial Day to the Fourth of July, pop into the Peter Marino Art Foundation for its exhibitions of Richard Deacon and the Lalannes. [petermarinoartfoundation.org](http://petermarinoartfoundation.org)

Go to LongHouse Reserve's 16-acre sculpture garden, currently showing works by Toshiko Takaezu and Isamu Noguchi. LongHouse's annual immersive gala will be held on July 20. [longhouse.org](http://longhouse.org) Ted Carey's *Queer as Folk* show at Guild Hall is not to be missed, and neither is the institution's annual benefit, taking place this year on August 2. [guildhall.org](http://guildhall.org)

Mark your calendars for Southampton Arts Center's Whimsy Mottown Magic cocktail party on June 29, [southamptonartscenter.org](http://southamptonartscenter.org), and Southampton History Museum's Halsey House Gala on July 6. [southamptonhistory.org](http://southamptonhistory.org)

### **God's Love We Deliver**



David Ludwigson and Scarlett Johansson

Scarlett Johansson and Ben Platt were honored at God's Love We Deliver's annual Golden Heart Awards. The night included remarks by Matt Damon, Michael Kors, David Foster, Cynthia Erivo, Rupert Friend, God's Love CEO David Ludwigson, and Johansson, who opened up about her childhood: "My family was dependent on food stamps, hot lunch programs, and government aid to support our household of four children, and as someone who's experienced food insecurity firsthand, I understand the devastating impact it has," she explained. Mary J. Blige also performed. The always fun benefit was co-chaired by Blaine



Michael Kors and Blaine Trump

Trump, Neil Patrick Harris and David Burtka, Huma Abedin, Ariana DeBose, John Idol, Christopher Jackson, Jordan Roth, and Samantha Rudin. DJ Lina Bradford had Julianna Margulies, Ashley Park, Beanie Feldstein, Noah Galvin, Patina Miller, Erich Bergen, Grace Elizabeth, Alex Newell, Olivia Perez, Jessica Wang, Tyrod Taylor, Olivia McDowell, Miss Universe R'Bonney Gabriel, and Luann de Lesseps all tapping their toes. The night raked in more than \$3.5 million for GLWD's mission

to provide medically tailored meals and nutrition services for individuals living with severe illnesses, including HIV/AIDS. The organization's annual Midsummer Night Drinks benefit will take place at Lisa and James Cohen's home in East Hampton on July 20. [glwd.org](http://glwd.org)

### **Art & Artists Gala Metropolitan Museum of Art**

The Metropolitan Museum's Acquisition Gala, long one of my favorite events, has changed its name but not its mission. Newly dubbed the Art & Artists Gala, it celebrates the museum's expansion by welcoming new works, recognizing once marginalized art, and introducing contemporary artworks and artists. This is the gala where you see more billionaires than movie stars, although Jessica and Jerry Seinfeld were in the mix this year. The stellar night was co-chaired by five of the city's leading philanthropists: Samantha Boardman, Amy Griffin, Dasha Zhukova Niarchos, Gina Peterson, and Ann Tenenbaum. Others seated in the Temple of Dendur for the black-tie dinner included



James Rothschild and Nicky Hilton

Nicky Hilton Rothschild, Vanessa Getty, Robert Kraft, Karlie Kloss, and Alison and Leonard Stern. Among the spotlighted artists were the Guerrilla Girls, the New York City-based feminist art activist group launched in 1985; Tiffany Girls, the women who helped craft some of Tiffany Studios' art nouveau masterworks; Mary Sully; and David Diao. The Met's CEO and director Max Hollein gave the

keynote address, followed by sculpturist Nairy Baghramian. Artists leading the applause included Simone Leigh, Jordan Casteel, Lee Bul, and Rashid Johnson. The benefit, which raised a record \$4.4 million, was sponsored by Tiffany & Co. The museum's collection is never complete, and this gala ensures the work can go on. [metmuseum.org](http://metmuseum.org)

### Police & Fire Rescue Ball



Kimberly and Neil Bluhm

Some Hamptonites flew private between New York and Florida to attend the *La Dolce Vita*-themed 18th annual Palm Beach Police & Fire Rescue Ball at Mar-a-Lago. Chairs included Jeff and Nicola Marcus and John and Amy Phelan. Among the billionaires in the mix were New York Jets owner Woody Johnson and his wife Suzanne, and the ever glamorous Kimberly Paige Bluhm and her real estate magnate husband Neil Bluhm, as well as Bill and Marianne Powers, Jean and Martin Shafiroff, and the foundation's CEO, John Scarpa. Jennifer and Sylvester Stallone and Andrea and Steve Wynn contributed to the auction. This year's Palm Tree Award recipients were Linda Gary and Michael Belisle. The ball raised \$3.3 million. [pbpf.us](http://pbpf.us)



Jean and Martin Shafiroff

### Hope for Depression



Veronica Swanson Beard, Audrey Gruss, and Veronica Miele Beard

Audrey Gruss and Jamee Gregory hosted a party at Veronica Beard's store to benefit the Hope for Depression Research Foundation (HDRF). Selena Gomez, Anne Hathaway, and Sofia Vergara are among the stars who wear the designer's clothes. The event included a talk by Dr. Sudhir Gadh about new depression treatments. The organization also held its annual Teen Race of Hope at Hudson River Park to raise awareness about mental health problems, which affect one in three high school students. Last year Brooke Shields's daughter, Grier Hammond Henchy, and Hayden Lucas served as the event's Grand Marshals. You can support HDRF out east by signing up for their annual Race of Hope in Southampton this August. [hopefordeprssion.org](http://hopefordeprssion.org)

### Ruby Gala Women's Jewelry Association

The Women's Jewelry Association (WJA) hosted its Ruby Gala, marking the organization's 40th anniversary, at the Pool Room. The milestone event recognized the association's visionaries and raised funds to support the mission of the WJA, which stands as a beacon of support and empowerment for women in the jewelry and watch industries. The gala has always honored trailblazers in the field,



Gabrielle Grazi, Monica Elias, and Susan Chandler

including Donna Karan, Diane von Furstenberg, Iris Apfel, Fern Mallis, Stellene Volandes, Robert Verdi, Mercedes Abramo, and Nadja Swarovski. Monica Elias, CEO of Elias World Media, and Susan Chandler, WJA president and CMO for Citizen Watch America, served as the co-chairs. Also dressed in red were Kimberly and Steven Rockefeller, with their jeweler daughter Kayla Rockefeller, who has her own brand, Kayla Jaclyne; Esther and Ruth Fortunoff; Galerie Gmurzynska's Isabelle Bscher; David Kellie; Grant Mobley; Stephanie Gotlieb; Emily George; Monica Rich Kosann; Steven Lagos; Kristi Nicolosi; Malyia McNaughton; Lorraine West; Adrien Lesser; and Daniel Stock. Sponsors of the gala, which had a Moulin Rouge theme, included De Beers, Jewelers Mutual, Citizen Watch America, and Elias World Media. [womensjewelryassociation.com](http://womensjewelryassociation.com)



Kimberly Rockefeller, Kayla Rockefeller, and Steven C. Rockefeller Jr.; Isabelle Bscher

### Madonna and Lempicka

One of Madonna's favorite artists, Tamara de Lempicka, is the subject of the new Broadway musical *Lempicka*, featuring former *Wicked* star Eden Espinosa. The show brings to life the racy antics of the legendary artist, whose collectors also include Jack Nicholson and Barbra Streisand. If Madge wants to splash out on another work of Lempicka's, Bill Rau's M.S. Rau in New Orleans is selling *Portrait d'homme à lunettes* for \$19,500. The gallery previously sold the artist's most famous painting, *Autoportrait*, for \$1.25 million. [rauantiqes.com](http://rauantiqes.com)

### Safari Roundup

Legendary singer Dionne Warwick and Tommy Hilfiger's wife, Dee Hilfiger, were honored by amFAR. Tom Ford, Kris Jenner, Peter Thomas Roth, and Leonard and Aerin Lauder led the applause ... Lawyer Marianne Bertuna of Aidala, Bertuna & Kamins chaired the Columbian Lawyers Association's 57th annual Justice Antonin Scalia Award Luncheon at the Pierre Hotel. The event honored Judge Joseph Zayas ... Skin-care mavens Rochelle and June Jacobs of Naturally Serious talk about new beauty routines with fans of the line at La Goulue ... Jean-Georges's vegan restaurant abcV, whose regulars include John Legend and Chrissy Teigen, got a surprise order from celebrity hairdresser Chaz Dean, who literally took home a doggie bag for his four yellow retrievers, Bella, Riley, Ryver, and Rayne. [chazdean.com](http://chazdean.com)



Marianne Bertuna, Judge Zayas, and Arthur Aidala



Kelly Bensimon and Chaz Dean

# MET GALA GLAMOUR

## Sleeping Beauties: Reawakening Fashion

BY R. COURI HAY

### *The Stars*

Nicole Kidman, stunning in a black-and-white silk-and-feather confection by Balenciaga provided the major movie-star energy at this year's Met Gala. Top male charisma came courtesy of Chris Hemsworth, who, along with Jennifer Lopez, Zendaya, Bad Bunny, and *Vogue's* Anna Wintour, co-chaired the benefit, dubbed Sleeping Beauties: Reawakening Fashion. The iconic gala, also known as the Party of the Year, has raised over \$223 million under Wintour's wings. This year's tickets clocked in at \$75,000 each, making it the most expensive and exhilarating night on the town.

### *Best Dressed*

This year's theme was inspired by J.G. Ballard's story "The Garden of Time." Standouts on the cream-and-green carpet included singer Tyla, who wore a Balmain dress made of sand with an hourglass serving as her purse. Brava! Zendaya first appeared as a woodland creature in a custom Maison Margiela by John Galiano peacock frock and then reappeared for round two in a floral headdress and black gown from Galiano's tenure at Givenchy in 1996. The evening drew a dazzling crowd of A-listers from Jeff Bezos and Lauren Sánchez to Tom Ford, who paid homage to humanity's enduring fascination with the natural world and its influence on fashion while also spotlighting sustainability and ethical production practices. Andrew Bolton, the curator in charge of the Costume Institute, said, "It is very much an ode to nature and the emotional poetics of fashion."



Nicole Kidman in Balenciaga: Most Elegant



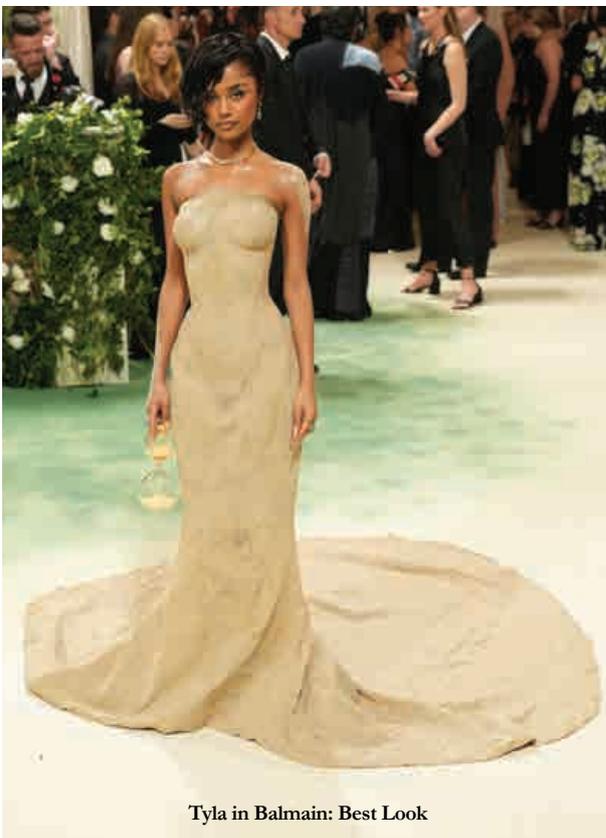
Chris Hemsworth in Tom Ford: Best Chest



Jennifer Lopez in Schiaparelli: Sexiest Gown



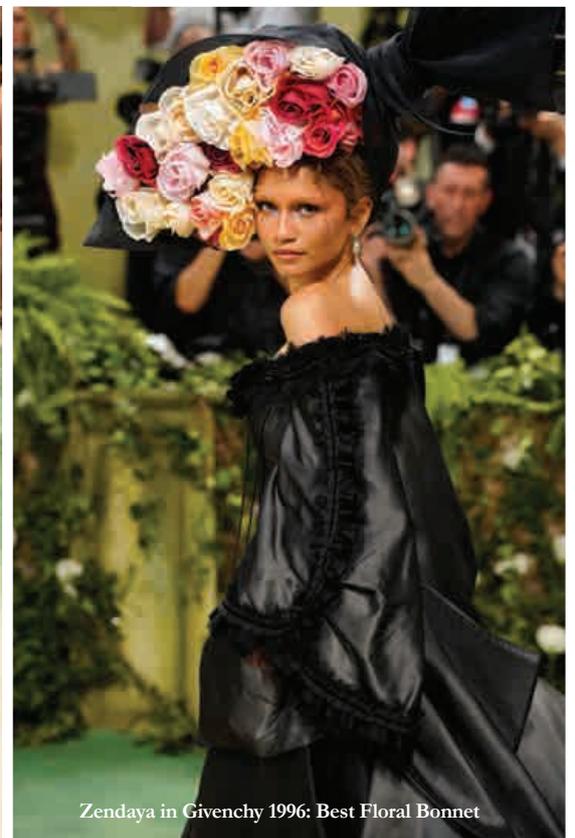
Elle Fanning in Balmain: Best Bird



Tyla in Balmain: Best Look



Zendaya in Maison Margiela: Most Nymph



Zendaya in Givenchy 1996: Best Floral Bonnet

## The Designers

The exhibition is an exploration of fashion's evolution, blending historical garments with cutting-edge techniques and technological innovation. Showcasing 250 rare items from the Met's permanent collection, the show includes garments that span from 17th century bodices to contemporary acquisitions by such designers as Phillip Lim and Stella McCartney. Every fashion legend of the 20th century is on display, including Dior, Chanel, Schiaparelli, and Charles James, who was represented by his classic black Tulip and Siren dresses. Central to the exhibition are the "sleeping beauties," historical garments that have been carefully preserved over the centuries and are shown laid flat in glass cases because they are too delicate to be hung on mannequins.

## The Show

Through an array of sensory experiences, including scented displays, video animation, light projection, soundscaping, and AI, visitors are immersed in the stories behind each garment. Max Hollein, the Met's director, said, "*Sleeping Beauties* will heighten our engagement with these masterpieces of fashion by evoking how they feel, move, sound, smell, and interact when being worn, ultimately offering a deeper appreciation of the integrity, beauty, and artistic brilliance of the works on display."

TikTok is the exhibition's lead sponsor, with support from Loewe and Condé Nast. This blockbuster runs until September 2, 2024.

[metmuseum.org](http://metmuseum.org)



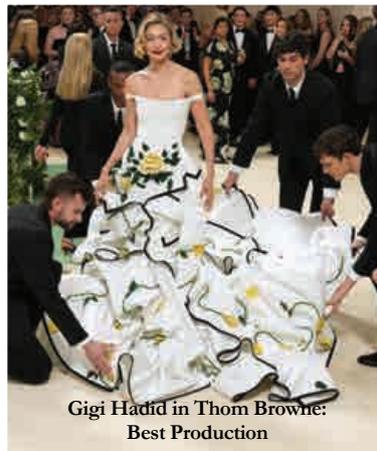
Anna Wintour in Loewe: Best Producer



Sarah Jessica Parker in Richard Quinn: Best Hat



Ariana Grande and Cynthia Erivo: Most Wicked



Gigi Hadid in Thom Browne: Best Production



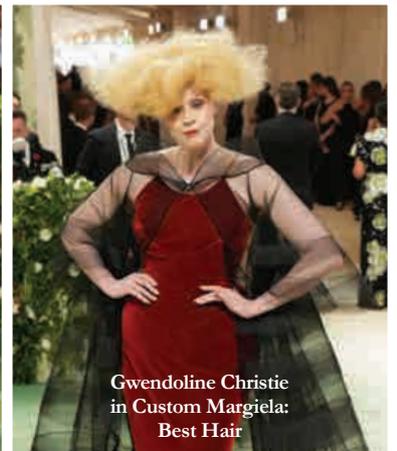
Gayle King in Marchesa: Most Coy ("Even eye shadow is out of my comfort zone.")



Bad Bunny in Maison Margiela: Best Smize



Olivier Rousteing in Balmain: Best Dressed Dresser



Gwendoline Christie in Custom Margiela: Best Hair



Naomi Watts in custom Balenciaga: Best Swan



Demi Moore and Harris Reed in Harris Reed: Best Gimmicks



Lil Nas X in Raul Lopez of Luar: Best Blond



LaLa Anthony in Alexander McQueen: Tightest Laced ("I can't breathe!")



Kendall Jenner in Givenchy: Biggest Disappointment

# A SOCIAL LIFE

GET SOCIAL WITH THIS GUIDE TO EVENTS IN SUMMER 2024

BY NORAH BRADFORD

Many incredible events, stunning galas, premier charity benefits, and lavish parties take place during the summer season in the Hamptons. Here are the most coveted events to attend, where you can help raise money for charitable causes, enjoy opulent dinners and cocktails, see spectacular performances, and dance the night away...

## CLAIRE FLORENCE X FIERCE GRACE COLLABORATION EXHIBITION

Friday, May 24 until June 15

3 Railroad Avenue, East Hampton

Artist Claire Florence will be displaying her collaboration with Fierce Grace at their East Hampton studio. Florence is at the cutting edge of developing AI-based art expressed physically using precious metals, inspired by the true inner spirit animals of the human soul. She depicts the energy of balancing yin and yang amid chaos. [claireflorence.com](http://claireflorence.com)

## SOUTHAMPTON INN MEMORIAL DAY BBQ

Sunday, May 26

91 Hill Street, Southampton

The Southampton Inn starts the summer season with its Memorial Day BBQ and live music event, bringing guests, summer visitors, and the community together on the idyllic grounds of this well-loved getaway. [southamptoninn.com](http://southamptoninn.com)

## ALAN & DIANE LIEBERMAN MEMORIAL DAY BRUNCH

Sunday, May 26

Private Home, Water Mill

South Beach Group Hotels' Alan Lieberman and real estate guru Diane Lieberman host a Memorial Day weekend brunch to kick off the summer at their home in Water Mill.

## ANN LIGUORI'S *LIFE ON THE GREEN* BOOK PARTY

Thursday, June 27

Canoe Place, Hampton Bays

Sports talk show host and author Ann Liguori will be hosting a book party for *Life on the Green: Lessons and Wisdom From Legends of Golf*, published by Hatherleigh Press. Her 26th annual Ann Liguori Foundation Charity Golf Classic takes place on Wednesday, May 29, at Friar's Head Golf Club. [annliguori.com](http://annliguori.com)



## SAMUEL WAXMAN CANCER RESEARCH FOUNDATION 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL HAMPTONS HAPPENING

Saturday, July 6

900 Lumber Lane, Bridgehampton

The Samuel Waxman Cancer Research Foundation will hold its annual Hamptons Happening event at the Fishel estate in Bridgehampton on Saturday, July 6. The event features tastings, live music, and a thrilling auction. This year's honorees include Arthur F. Backal, Fern Mallis, Cheri Kaufman, Stephen Kliegerman, and chef François Payard. The Step Up to Turn Cancer Off event is running from June 17–23, with an in-person walk at MetLife Stadium on June 22. [waxmancancer.org](http://waxmancancer.org)



SUNSET  
SOIRÉE

FOR BRAIN CANCER  
*to benefit Gray for Glioblastoma Society*

06.08.24 at 7pm

MULFORD FARM, EAST HAMPTON

*Tickets on sale at [GrayforGlioblastoma.com/SunsetSoiree](https://GrayforGlioblastoma.com/SunsetSoiree)*

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HOST COMMITTEE

*Katherine Snedeker, founder of Gray for Glioblastoma*

*Ellie Thumann, Sports Illustrated Swim Rookie*

*John Boockvar, Lenox Hill Neurosurgery Vice Chair*

*Randy D'Amico, Lenox Hill Neurosurgery Assistant Professor*

EVENT COMMITTEE

*Cameron Forbes, Gayle Yelon, Alex Bushman, Barbara*

*Eurpides, and Claire Brodsky*

*For sponsorship opportunities, email [hello@grayforglioblastoma.com](mailto:hello@grayforglioblastoma.com)*



Maria and Kenneth Fishel, Christie Brinkley at Polo Hamptons



EAST HAMPTON EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT  
FOURTH ANNUAL LECTURE AND LUNCHEON

Thursday, July 11

Maidstone Club, East Hampton

Presented by the Southampton Hospital Foundation, this year's event will feature BookHampton owner Carolyn Brody in conversation with iconic makeup artist Bobbi Brown, a beauty industry titan, best-selling author, and the founder and chief creative officer of Jones Road Beauty. Jill Davis, Kate Davis, Hollis Forbes, Liz Lange, and Mary Margaret Trousdale will co-chair the annual Lecture and Luncheon fundraiser to support the new Stony Brook Medicine East Hampton Emergency Department.

THE ELLEN HERMANSON FOUNDATION  
SUMMER GALA

Saturday, July 13

Bridgehampton Tennis and Surf Club

The Ellen Hermanson Foundation Summer Gala will be held Saturday, July 13, at the Bridgehampton Tennis and Surf Club. This year's chair is philanthropist and author Jean Shafiroff, and the honorees include Dr. Fred Weinbaum and Rebecca Seawright. The 29th annual Ellen's Run event will occur on Sunday, August 18. [ellenhermanson.org](http://ellenhermanson.org)

POLO HAMPTONS

Saturday, July 20 and 27

900 Lumber Lane, Bridgehampton

Kenneth and Maria Fishel have the invite list to be on this summer and will be hosting the equestrian sport of kings at their Bridgehampton estate. Featuring BMW, Oscar de la Renta, Piaget, and more. [polohamptons.com](http://polohamptons.com)

SOUTHAMPTON ANIMAL SHELTER FOUNDATION  
15<sup>TH</sup> UNCONDITIONAL LOVE GALA

Saturday, July 20

Under the tent on Wickapogue Road, Southampton

The Southampton Animal Shelter Foundation will host its annual Unconditional Love Gala on Saturday, July 20. Led by Anthony Sabia and Kathleen Rice, the SASF relies on the generosity of donors and volunteers to care for homeless animals in the local community with the goal of placing them in loving forever homes. This year's honoree at the gala is Cathy Bissell, the founder of the Bissell Pet Foundation. [southamptonanimalshelter.com](http://southamptonanimalshelter.com)

SOUTHAMPTON AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM  
ANNUAL GALA

Saturday, July 25

Southampton

The Southampton African American Museum opened in 2005 with the aim of promoting the understanding and appreciation of African-American culture. This year's gala will be co-chaired by philanthropist Jean Shafiroff and the museum's Aisha Christian. [saamuseum.org](http://saamuseum.org)

EVELYN ALEXANDER WILDLIFE RESCUE CENTER  
16<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GET WILD! BENEFIT

Friday, August 2

Southampton Arts Center, 25 Jobs Lane, Southampton

The Evelyn Alexander Wildlife Rescue Center is a nonprofit dedicated to the rehabilitation of wild animals affected by human encroachment on their habitat. The Get Wild! Benefit is the charity's signature summer event, led this year by new executive director Kathleen Mulcahy. [wildliferescuecenter.org](http://wildliferescuecenter.org)

You're invited to the  
Children's Museum of the East End's  
14TH ANNUAL

# FAMILY FAIR

*Happy Camper*

JULY  
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2024

9:30 AM - 12:30 PM  
(Rain date: Sunday, July 21)

Early access to the fair begins at 9 AM for premium ticket holders!  
Featuring arts and crafts, water rides, live animals, games, entertainment,  
food and more. For info, visit [www.cmee.org](http://www.cmee.org) or contact [lara@cmee.org](mailto:lara@cmee.org).





Paula Abdul performing at the Northwell Health Foundation Summer Hamptons Evening

**SOUTHAMPTON HOSPITAL FOUNDATION  
66<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SUMMER PARTY**  
Saturday, August 3

Under the tent on Wickapogue Road, Southampton The Southampton Hospital Foundation will present the highly anticipated 66th annual Summer Party, to benefit Stony Brook Southampton Hospital, on Saturday, August 3. A highlight of the Hamptons summer season, join us for a festive evening of cocktails, dinner, and dancing. Visit the website for tickets and more information. [bit.ly/SBSHSummerParty2024](https://bit.ly/SBSHSummerParty2024)

**NORTHWELL HEALTH  
SUMMER HAMPTONS EVENING**  
Saturday, August 3  
Private Residence, Water Mill

Northwell Health Summer Hamptons Evening (SHE) returns this summer. Northwell Health is at the forefront of much-needed change in women's health care, focusing on women's unique needs at every stage of life. Funds raised will benefit the Katz Institute for Women's Health, led by the only network of experts devoted to all aspects of women's health. The evening celebration will include dinner under the tent and an impactful program with emcee Rosanna Scotto, followed by a special musical performance. SHE is presented by Victoria Moran-Furman, Iris and Saul Katz, Eric Moran, and Lawrence Scott Events. [give.northwell.edu](https://give.northwell.edu)

**SILVERSTEIN DREAM FOUNDATION  
ANNUAL HAMPTONS GARDEN GALA**  
Saturday, August 10

Private Residence, Water Mill

The Silverstein Dream Foundation presents its annual Hamptons Garden Gala in support of the Diabetes Research Institute Foundation, hosted by Patricia Silverstein, a life and business coach and the founder of Coaching X Humanity, together with her husband, Roger Silverstein. The event will feature a cocktail reception, dinner, auctions, and entertainment. [diabetesresearch.org](https://diabetesresearch.org), [silversteindreamfoundation.com](https://silversteindreamfoundation.com)

**PROSTATE CANCER FOUNDATION  
ANNUAL HAMPTONS GALA**  
Saturday, August 24

Private Residence, Water Mill

This gala is the social centerpiece of Michael Milken's Prostate Cancer Foundation Pro-Am Tennis Tournament, which is being held over the weekend at private estates in the Hamptons. [pcf.org](https://pcf.org)



**ROCIO FUKUDA**, originally from Peru, has a passion for art and sculpting. The love for food took her into getting a degree on Food Service Administration and a certification in Dietary Management. Rocio is "Food Management Certified by Suffolk County NY" and "ServSafe Allergen Certified By the National Restaurant Association." After years of winning multiple cake competitions and gaining lots of experience, she decided to share her passion and love by teaching at Rustik Cake Studio Corporation. Rocio Fukuda is Gelato Maker Certified and Certified Chocolatier offering custom cakes, pastries and chocolates.

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# ASHLEY STAMBOULI

## EMBRACING ELEGANCE: ASHLEY STAMBOULI'S FALL/WINTER 2025 COLLECTION



At Ashley Stambouli, we believe in crafting garments that transcend mere fabric and thread, embodying a narrative of empowerment and self-expression. Each piece in our latest Fall/Winter 2025 collection is a testament to this philosophy, meticulously designed to resonate with the discerning tastes of our clientele.

Drawing inspiration from the enchanting allure of Miami, our Atelier serves as the creative nucleus where every stitch is infused with passion and precision. From the ethereal silhouettes to the intricate detailing, every aspect of our collection is a labor of love, meticulously curated to accentuate the beauty of the feminine form. This season, Ashley Stambouli invites you to immerse yourself in a symphony of textures, colors, and patterns that evoke the essence of autumnal romance. From flowy to exquisitely tailored dresses that command attention, our collection seamlessly blends timeless elegance with contemporary flair.

As a designer, Ashley Stambouli is committed to pushing the boundaries of conventional fashion, redefining what it means to be chic and distinctive in today's world. With a keen eye for detail and an unwavering dedication to craftsmanship, each creation is a manifestation of her creative vision and unwavering commitment to excellence.

Ashley Stambouli is a namesake luxury womenswear fashion brand established in 2018 by Miami based fashion designer Ashley Stambouli, originally born in Venezuela. Stambouli is focused on designing for the woman that embraces all aspects of femininity, sophistication, and elegance. The spirit of the brand echoes the modern women who are trying to look unique while staying chic. All the collection's pieces are carefully designed in their Miami Atelier. Ashley Stambouli Atelier specializes in crafting exquisite bridesmaid dresses, stunning bridal gowns, and one-of-a-kind couture creations. Growing up in Venezuela, Ashley Stambouli was surrounded by threads and sewing machines from a young age. Her grandmother was passionate about sewing and her mother studied fashion business, so it seems as though Stambouli was destined to pursue a career in fashion. She began designing dresses and tops in her junior year of high school after her mother bought her a sewing machine. A graduate of the School of Fashion Design in Boston, she went on to intern with Venezuelan Designer Oscar Carvallo before launching Ashley Stambouli in 2018. With regards to her experience within the fashion world, Stambouli has said: "The most important lesson I've learned would be to keep going even if things don't work out the first or second time. Not everyone is going to like and relate to your designs because everyone is different."



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Tommy Hilfiger, Dee Ocleppo Hilfiger, Kris Jenner, Corey Gamble

Julianna Margulies

Those near and far flocked to James and Lisa Cohen's Palm Beach estate in support of the third annual Palm Beach amfAR fundraising gala on Saturday, March 2. Thirty-seven years ago amfAR was formed by actress Elizabeth Taylor, Dr. Michael Gottlieb, Dr. Mathilde Krim, Dr. Joseph Sonnabend, and activist Michael Callen. As of 2024, amfAR has invested more than \$635 million in its programs and has awarded more than 3,800 grants to research teams worldwide.

Event chairs James and Lisa Cohen were kind enough to open the grounds of their home for the prestigious event. The board is co-chaired by Kevin McClatchy, former owner of the Pittsburgh Pirates, and T. Ryan Greenawalt, longtime board member, finance and film mogul, and executive committee member of the board of the Sag Harbor Cinematic Arts Center. Julianna Margulies, star of *ER*, expressed her hope that its HIV-focused storylines had helped bring awareness to the disease.

The evening's event chairs included Tommy Hilfiger and Dee Ocleppo Hilfiger, John and Amy Phelan, Howard and Michele Kessler, Barry Gibb, and amfAR board co-chairs T. Ryan Greenawalt and Kevin McClatchy. Others that graced the carpet included Leonard Lauder, Aerin Lauder, Rachel Zoe, Sylvester Stallone, Jennifer Flavin Stallone, Shaggy, Kris Jenner, Corey Gamble, Keith Lieberthal, Peter Thomas Roth, Jill Zarin, Sutton Stracke, and Suelle Robbins.

When asked if she had any plans to visit the Hamptons soon, Kris Jenner mentioned to us that it is tough traveling with a family of now 13 grandchildren.

Kevin Robert Frost, amfAR's CEO, spoke about Dionne Warwick's activism and impact on the AIDS epidemic. When Gladys Knight, Stevie Wonder, and Elton John collaborated on the iconic song "That's What Friends Are For," Elizabeth Taylor had asked Warwick to give the song and its royalties to amfAR. It became an anthem for AIDS awareness, winning multiple Grammys and raising tens of millions of dollars for amfAR to date.

Amber Riley performed a tribute to Warwick, singing one of Warwick's classics, "Don't Make Me Over," as well as one of her own originals, "A Moment." Filmmaker and fashion designer Tom Ford had the honor of presenting Dee Ocleppo Hilfiger with amfAR's Philanthropic Leadership Award. Ocleppo Hilfiger noted her deep connection to the AIDS epidemic in the 1980s and '90s as she witnessed it firsthand. "We can maintain our humanity toward each other today," she said and concluded by expressing gratitude to her husband, fashion icon Tommy Hilfiger, and amfAR co-founder Elizabeth Taylor.

Seventeen-time Grammy Award-winning artist Sting took the stage and sang "Roxanne," "Englishman in New York" (with surprise guest Shaggy), "Every Breath You Take," "Fields of Gold," and "Fragile."



Amber Riley



Tom Ford



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Gary Brody, Jill Zarin, Suebelle Robbins



Kevin Robert Frost and Dionne Warwick



Sting and Shaggy

### Marsin Mogielski interviews Kevin Robert Frost, CEO of amfAR

#### Were you excited about having this big event here?

Palm Beach is a relatively new community for us to be working with. It's been extraordinary because this is our third event here, and the community has been so welcoming and warm. They have turned out in such great numbers to support us here. We've been a bit overwhelmed, frankly.

#### Who were you most excited about seeing?

Well, I've known Dionne a long time, as you can imagine, because she recorded "That's What Friends Are For." And when she did, she got everybody involved in delivering their rights and royalties. I love Dionne, who received an Award of Courage at the gala.

#### What sparked your interest in joining amfAR as CEO?

I've been with amfAR for more than 30 years, so I've been there a long time. And I joined at the height of the AIDS epidemic in New York — I'm a gay man living in New York, I didn't feel like I could be an innocent bystander. When I joined the organization, I didn't join as CEO but as an administrative assistant.

So I spent 30 years at the organization working my way up. I've been the CEO for about 17 years.

#### You are amazing! Wow. Congratulations, and thank you for the work that you have done!

This event was generously supported by Givenchy, Château Marmont-Lagravière, Piper Heidsieck, Bacardi/Grey Goose/Bombay Sapphire, Flecha Azul, Uovo, Fresh Victor, and Rumor Rosé. A live auction included exquisite pieces by Federico de Francesco, Jonas Wood, and Michael Kagan, alongside a glamorous Givenchy Paris Fashion Week experience and stunning diamond earrings from Macklowe Gallery.

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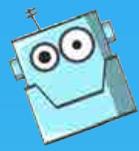
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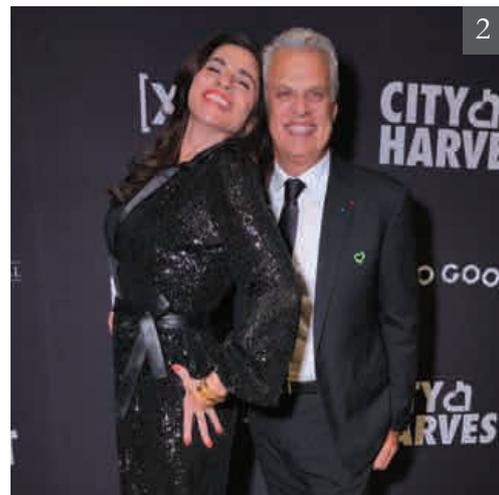


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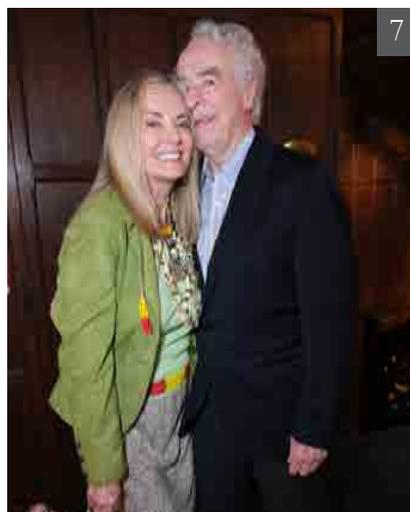
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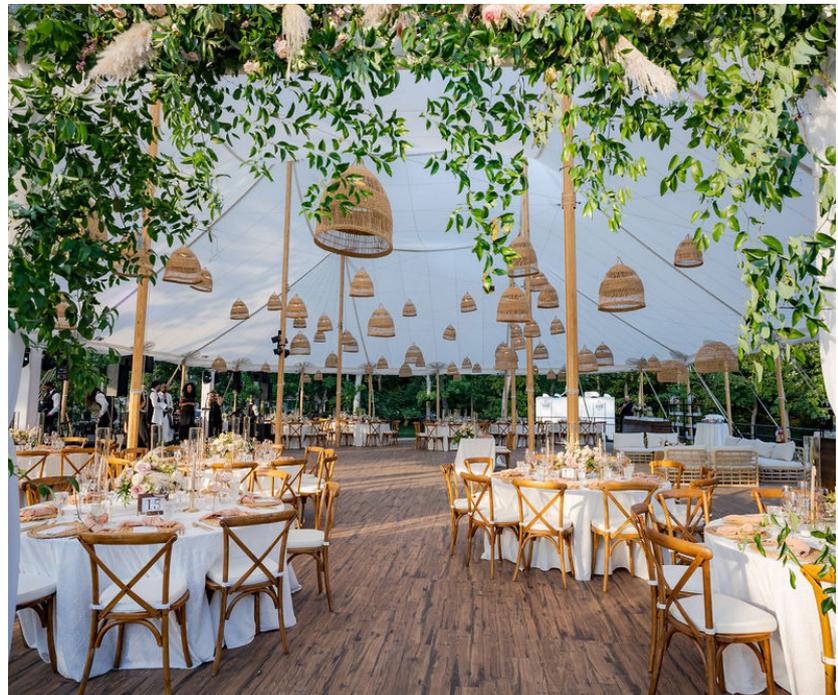
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Sarah Jessica Parker and Matthew Broderick's architect, Morris Adjmi, moderated a talk hosted by Glen-Gery at the Brickworks Design Studio on Fifth Avenue. The party celebrated the publication of *Materiality*, a book about the use of luxury bricks in architecture. Glen-Gery also introduced its first students-and-architects collaboration program to educate the next generation of designers. Guests included company COO Mark Ellenor, Lindsay Partridge, Tim Leese, and Robert Millner. [glengery.com](http://glengery.com)



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Composer Karen LeFrak created a piece for Youth America Grand Prix's 25th Anniversary Gala at Lincoln Center. The night's creative chair, Marcella Hymowitz, brought in designers Dennis Basso and B Michael to make customs. On the dance floor were 007 Daniel Craig and Rachel Weisz, Carolina Herrera, Kamie Lightburn, Mick Jagger's girlfriend Melanie Hamrick, and the organization's founder, Larissa Savelliev. Chairs included Chelsea Clinton, Wes Gordon, and Indré Rockefeller. [yagp.org](http://yagp.org)



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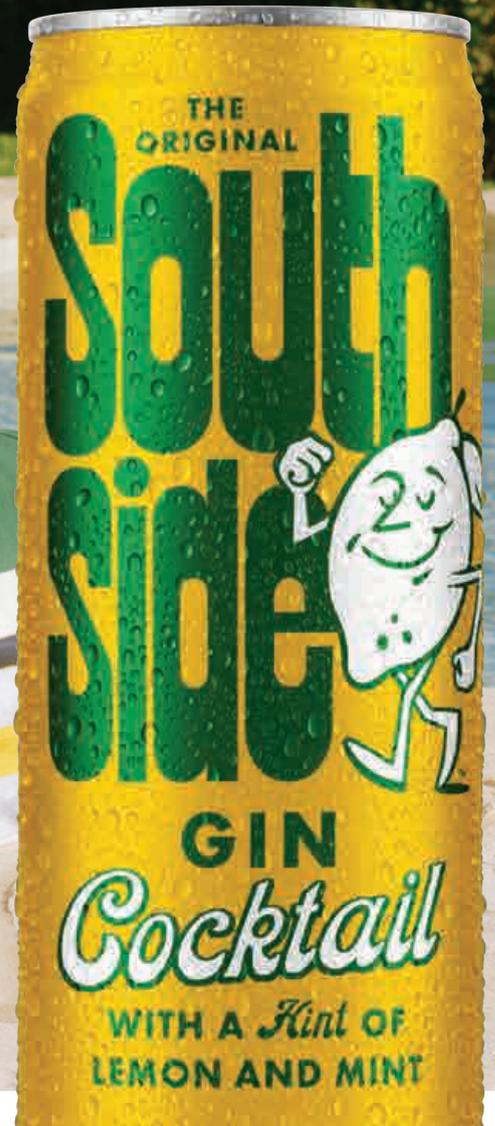
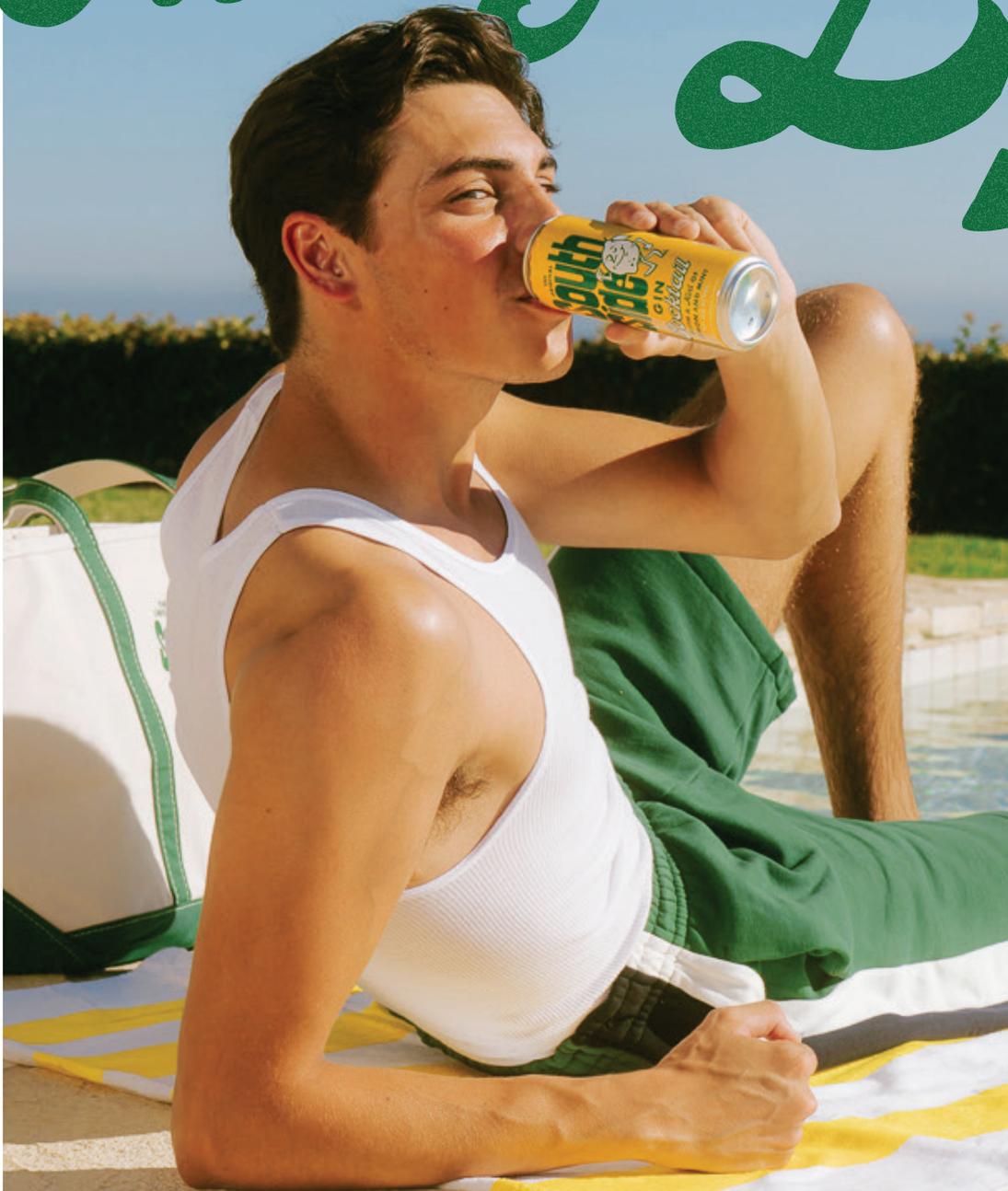
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## PARIS FOR THE OLYMPICS

WHERE TO STAY, EAT, AND GO

BY R. COURI HAY



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Paris is always a good idea, and this summer the City of Light will be extra festive as host of the Olympic Games, a hundred years after it last held them. The Games will literally take over the streets of Paris! If you're planning to go this summer, I've rounded up some tips on fabulous dining options and must-see exhibitions gleaned during my early spring visit.

### WHAT TO DO: PARIS SUMMER OLYMPICS JULY 26 TO AUGUST 11

Though you may not be planning to attend the Summer Games in Paris from July 26 through August 11, you won't be able to avoid them, as France has taken a pioneering approach to staging them, integrating events directly into the fabric of the city as well as the traditional stadium venues.

What does that mean? Events will actually take place at landmarks like the Eiffel Tower, Versailles, and the Place de la

Concorde. The Grand Palais will host spectators and athletes in various sports, including fencing and tae kwon do. Beach volleyball matches will take place in the open air under the iconic Eiffel Tower, and the adjacent public lawns, called the Champ de Mars, will host judo and wrestling events. The Place de la Concorde, the largest public square in Paris, will host urban sports including sport climbing, skateboarding, basketball, breaking, and BMX freestyle events.

The gardens at the Palace of Versailles, the former royal residence and now a UNESCO heritage site, will be the venue for equestrian and pentathlon competitions. To prepare for the influx of visitors, Versailles is undergoing various restoration projects, and temporary facilities are being constructed. The Esplanade des Invalides, the park adjoining the Hotel des Invalides, will be the main venue for archery and para-archery events.

A few of the city's arenas will also participate in the Olympics. Roland Garros Stadium, home to the annual French Open tennis tournament, is set to host boxing and tennis competitions. France's largest stadium, the Stade de France, built when the country hosted the World Cup in 1998, will feature the rugby sevens and track-and-field events.

### OPENING CEREMONY ON THE SEINE: KELLY CLARKSON, PEYTON MANNING

The Olympic opening ceremony on the Seine on July 26 will be invitation-only. Kelly Clarkson and Peyton Manning will serve as hosts, and *Today* show anchors Savannah Guthrie and Hoda Kotb will report on the pageantry from a bridge along the river as the athletes sail by.

Tickets will be allocated by local authorities; the general public cannot apply for them. The city originally planned for the ceremony to be open to the public, but logistics and security issues — and complaints from riverside booksellers — compelled the government to scale back. Invitees will be subjected to security checks and receive a QR code to pass security barriers. The event along the Seine during sunset will mark the first time an Olympic opening ceremony will be held outside a stadium setting, in keeping with the Paris organizers' motto: "Games Wide Open." [paris2024.org](https://paris2024.org)

### WHERE TO STAY: SAINT JAMES PARIS

On my most recent trip, during Paris Fashion Week, I checked into my favorite Parisian hotel, the Saint James, in the heart of the quiet, leafy 16th arrondissement, mere steps from the elegant Avenue Foch. As your car enters, you are greeted by a formal fountain that adds its natural splash to the soundtrack of Parisian life. The circular drive is dotted with boxwood topiaries in black urns. The great room soars three stories, and the double-width staircase is suitable for an entrance by an emperor. Alice could host a Mad Hatter tea party here without changing a chair.

Built in 1892 in the imperial Napoleonic style, at the behest of the widow of former French President Adolphe Thiers, this is Paris's only château hotel, and it boasts its own enchanting, 50,000-square-foot garden, formerly the grounds of the city's first hot air balloon field. Now there is a chic outdoor folly that serves as a bar, as well as a pavilion surrounded by lush plantings and covered with fragrant climbing vines where drinks and lunch are served as birds chirp around you. The most charming garden parties are held here.

Saint James Garden



While the Saint James's garden, a rarity in the heart of Paris, adds to its feeling of remoteness, the hotel is only a short walk from the famous Bois de Boulogne park and the Frank Gehry-designed Louis Vuitton Foundation. The Palais de Tokyo and Museum of Modern Art are a 15-minute stroll, and the Arc de Triomphe and the Champs-Élysées are 20 minutes on foot.

The edifice of the hotel was originally intended to host only a few people: 15 of France's most promising students on scholarships. So the leather-bound books and comfy, deep armchairs in the Library Bar are not just decor; the room once served as a working library, dating from the property's student housing era. Nowadays, lunch, tea, and cocktails are served there.

In the 1980s, the building was turned into a private club, and in 1991 it became the hotel we know and love today. Now the Saint James is part of the Relais & Châteaux association, a group of nearly 600 properties around the globe owned and operated by independent entrepreneurs.

There is a new look to the Saint James, but none of the 19th century charm has been sacrificed; rather, it has been gracefully enhanced by Paris-based interior designer Laura Gonzalez in a multi-year renovation completed in 2022. Gonzalez ensured that each of the 56 guest rooms and suites has a unique flair. Her touches masterfully mix Versailles parquet flooring, geometric patterning, Japanese-style panoramic wallpaper, art deco accents, frescoes by local craftsmen, and custom rugs, *bien sûr*. The entire château feels like a posh English country estate with chic Parisian flair. Among the new additions are glamorous duplexes and ground-floor suites with classic Parisian terraces.

The spa, fitness, and well-being area has also been transformed. The sublime two-floor Guerlain Spa spans more than 4,000 square feet and offers three treatment booths,

Saint James Spa



Villa Saint James's Victor Hugo Apartment



a fitness room, a hammam, a sauna, and a Jacuzzi. However, the pièce de résistance is the oversize sun-drenched swimming pool. The Saint James's signature treatment, the Dedicace Guerlain, is 90 minutes of blissful body and facial treatments and should not be missed.

#### NEW VILLAS, INCLUDING THE COURBET AND VICTOR HUGO APARTMENTS

Next, Gonzalez focused her creative flair on yet another project at the hotel, transforming a gorgeous private home on the château's grounds into Villa Saint James, which comprises four luxurious apartments with private outdoor space, living areas, and kitchens. The designer infused the villa's elegant yet relaxed spaces with art deco and nature-inspired touches. The top floor Lamoureux apartment's 645 square feet contain a living room, en suite bedroom, and kitchen with a private 95-square-foot terrace overlooking the villa's private garden. The third floor Courbet apartment, at 750 square feet, offers a double bedroom, a dressing room, a large living area with a unique winter garden, and a lovely terrace with a garden view.

With vistas over the garden and Parisian rooftops, the Victor Hugo apartment connects to the deluxe hotel room on the same floor, if you'd like, for a total of 860 square feet. The full suite includes two en suite bedrooms plus a sitting area, kitchen, and winter garden. The Longchamp apartment, with its

spacious living room, bedroom, winter garden, and kitchen opening onto the villa's private garden, plus a terrace, is the largest of the four. The 800-square-foot apartment connects to a two-bedroom suite on the garden level for a total of 1,400 square feet.

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## WHERE TO EAT: PARIS DINING

### LA TOUR D'ARGENT: LEGENDARY WITH OLYMPIC VIEWS; RATATOUILLE INSPIRATION

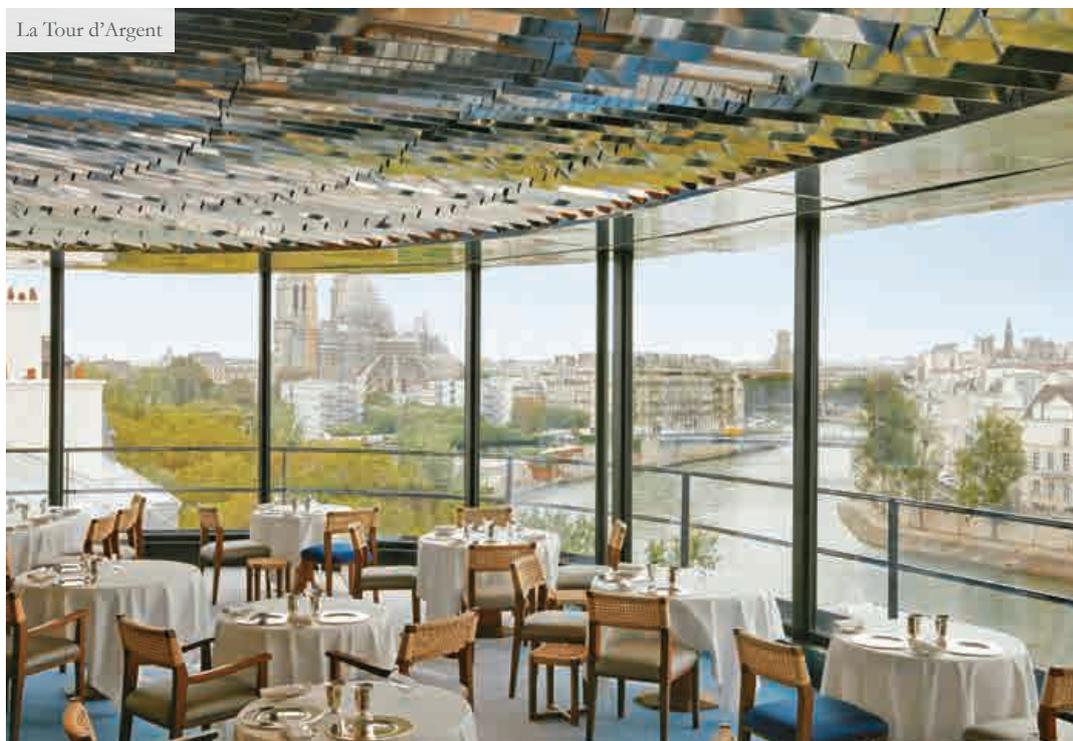
One of Paris's most famous restaurants, La Tour d'Argent, is in a league of its own. Considered the oldest restaurant in Paris, its history dates to 1582. The restaurant is where King Henry III used a fork for the first time, popularizing the utensil's use in France. In the centuries since, notables including Queen Elizabeth II, Theodore Roosevelt, John F. Kennedy, Charlie Chaplin, Salvador Dalí, Marilyn Monroe, and Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie have all graced its tables.

The 2007 Pixar animated film *Ratatouille* was inspired in part by La Tour d'Argent. Included in the hall of fame of autographs and photos of illustrious guests is a small illustration of *Ratatouille* signed by director Brad Bird, who spent days at the restaurant sketching the dining room.

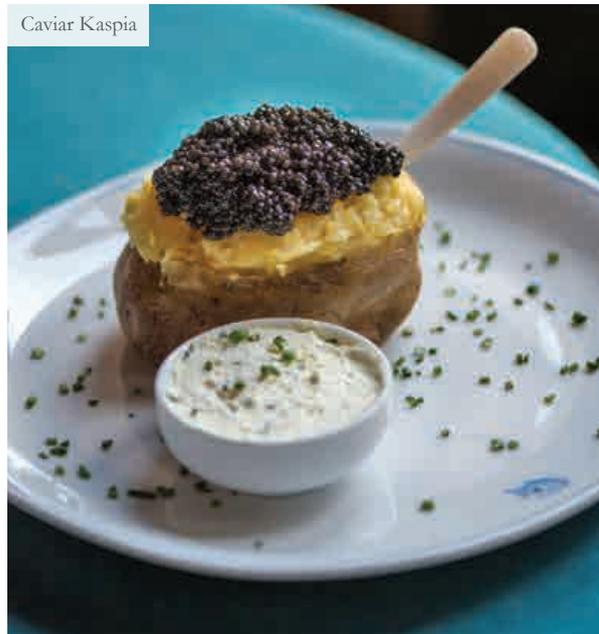
In August 2023, La Tour d'Argent reopened after a 15-month renovation. It now includes a ground-floor bar, luxury hotel suite, rooftop terrace, and an open kitchen in the dining room. Post-renovation, an inventory of its famed 300,000-bottle wine cellar shockingly revealed that more than 80 bottles of rare wine, worth \$1.6 million, had disappeared. The case has not been solved at press time. Sounds like a perfect plot for a *Ratatouille* sequel to us!

Famous for its signature duck dish, prepared theatrically at table-side, La Tour d'Argent also features a double-whammy special for summer 2024: a front-row view of both the renaissance of Notre-Dame Cathedral and the Summer Olympics. [tourdargent.com](http://tourdargent.com)

La Tour d'Argent



Caviar Kaspia



### CAVIAR KASPIA

A fun choice for dinner is Caviar Kaspia, a Paris institution since the 1920s. The restaurant offers a luxurious, old-world experience in a sumptuous setting with richly paneled walls and magnificent table settings. Its private room, which holds up to 32 people, is a great place to have a party. The main course is the titular caviar, served in generous scoops on a baked potato, which is absolutely scrumptious. I would recommend the salmon served on a pancake, or the crab salad, all washed down with vodka and champagne.

Perennially popular with both locals and visitors, this place is far from stuffy. It is always fully booked during Fashion Week and regularly collaborates with designers and artists like Giambattista Valli, Olympia Le-Tan, and Carine Roitfeld. Famous folks like Jennifer Lawrence, Rihanna, and Beyoncé and Jay-Z have all dined there. In addition to the exquisite restaurant, there's a shop offering a range of caviars, seafood, smoked fish, and gourmet foods. [caviarkaspia.com](http://caviarkaspia.com)



### L'AVENUE

A mainstay in the eighth arrondissement since opening in 1994, L'Avenue serves up traditional brasserie fare at breakfast, lunch, and dinner until 2:00 a.m. daily. Think steak frites, locally caught fish, homemade foie gras, and fashionista-friendly salads.

This hot spot is a scene frequented by celebrities and hip Parisians. In 2023, Lana Del Rey and Selena Gomez were among the boldface patrons. Gwyneth Paltrow is a fan too; her lifestyle brand Goop says, "Most of the fun is sitting outside, on the corner of Avenue Montaigne, among a regular clientele of fashion designers, stylish Parisians, and trendy visitors. Plus, the food is really good. For our euros, tuna tartare, a mound of burrata, and a pile of matchstick frites with a glass of cold white wine is the way to go." New Yorkers will feel at home here as well: L'Avenue has a branch at Saks Fifth Avenue. [avenue-restaurant.com](http://avenue-restaurant.com)

### LE COSTES

The restaurant at the exclusive Hôtel Costes is as renowned for its atmosphere as for its food: a succession of cozy dining rooms exuberantly decorated in Second Empire style, with



lots of deep crimson and candlelit tables close together. It is intimate and eternally hip, with late-night DJ sessions. The international fare mixes French, Italian, and Asian influences. Ingredients are ethically sourced, and popular dishes include tuna tartare, Thai basil chicken spring rolls, and veal steak with chanterelle mushrooms.

Serving from morning until the wee hours, Le Costes is a perfect place for refreshment, nestled on Rue Saint-Honoré, steps from the Louvre and Place Vendôme. [hotelcostes.com](http://hotelcostes.com)

### TEA AT THE PLAZA ATHÉNÉE

The Plaza Athénée, one of Paris's most storied and luxurious hotels, offers what is perhaps the capital's chicest afternoon tea. Served in La Galerie, surrounded by antiques, silk curtains, and ornate chandeliers, the ambience is unrivaled. Three afternoon-tea options are offered: Le Goûter d'Angelo Musa, Le Goûter de la Galerie, and Le Goûter du Plaza Athénée. Naturally, champagne is on the menu, as are a delicious selection of pastries. The tea list is extensive. There's not a scone to be had — and you won't miss it. Tea at the Plaza Athénée is not to be missed when in Paris. [dorchestercollection.com](http://dorchestercollection.com)



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## WHAT TO SEE: ART EXHIBITIONS

Paris's museums and galleries are not taking a backseat to the Olympics — blockbuster exhibits will abound in the city in summer 2024. Here are a few of the most anticipated.

### LOUVRE

OLYMPISM:  
MODERN INVENTION,  
ANCIENT LEGACY  
APRIL TO SEPTEMBER 16

As France welcomes athletes from all over the world to the Paris Games in 2024, the Louvre is devoting an exhibition to the scientists and artists who reinvented the ancient Olympic Games before they became the world's most watched sporting event. After all, it was a French nobleman, Baron Pierre de Coubertin, who organized the first modern Olympic Games in 1896. Among the works on display is the first Olympic trophy, awarded to the winner of the 1896 marathon and made by a French goldsmith. [louvre.fr](https://www.louvre.fr)

### MUSÉE DES ARTS DÉCORATIFS AND CITÉ DE L'ARCHITECTURE ET DU PATRIMOINE THE BIRTH OF DEPARTMENT STORES MAY 2024 TO MARCH 16, 2025

The MAD and the Cité de l'Architecture have jointly mounted a monumental double exhibition revisiting the history of department stores, the ultimate temples of shopping.



*L'Atelier rouge* (1911), by Henri Matisse

From Galeries Lafayette to Bon Marché via Samaritaine and Printemps Haussmann, these cornerstones of Parisian life are dissected in two parts.

The first is at MAD through October 13, reflecting on the social aspects of these palaces of consumption, their commercial and communication strategies. On October 16, the Cité de l'Architecture will take over, focusing on the distinctive architecture of these vintage shopping centers, combining beauty and function. [madparis.fr](https://www.madparis.fr)

### FONDATION LOUIS VUITTON

MATISSE: L'ATELIER ROUGE  
MAY 7 TO SEPTEMBER 9

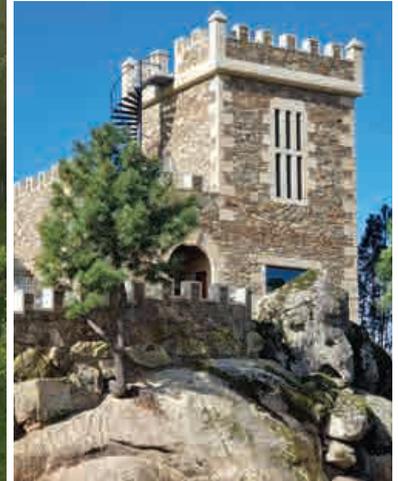
The massive 1911 painting *L'Atelier rouge* depicts Matisse's studio in Issy-les-Moulineaux, entirely awash in one tone of vibrant, rusty red. Its red influenced Mark Rothko and Ellsworth Kelly. This exhibition brings the painting, a part of MoMA's collection since 1949, together for the first time with the pieces present in *L'Atelier rouge*: six paintings, three sculptures, and one ceramic. Also on hand are unpublished archival documents and works shedding light on the context of this monumental masterpiece.

**Bonus:** To coincide with the Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games, the Fondation Louis Vuitton is also exhibiting a selection of works from its collection on the theme of sport, such as Olympic rings created in 1985 by Jean-Michel Basquiat and Andy Warhol. [fondationlouisvuitton.fr](https://www.fondationlouisvuitton.fr)

# PEDRA PURA

## PORTUGAL'S NEWEST FIVE-STAR RESORT

BY SUZY MAREK ARMSTRONG



As a personal friend of Lino Marçal for many years, I've had the joy of witnessing his journey in creating Pedra Pura Resort, a luxurious retreat nestled in the outskirts of Chaves, Portugal. This unique 60-acre haven captures the tranquil luxury of northern Portugal while reflecting Marçal's passion for architecture, nature, and hospitality.

A renowned builder and beloved figure in Greenwich, Connecticut, Marçal has always possessed an extraordinary ability to blend sophistication with rustic allure. At Pedra Pura, this talent is evident in every detail, from the resort's layout to the design of its buildings, including a new restaurant built from

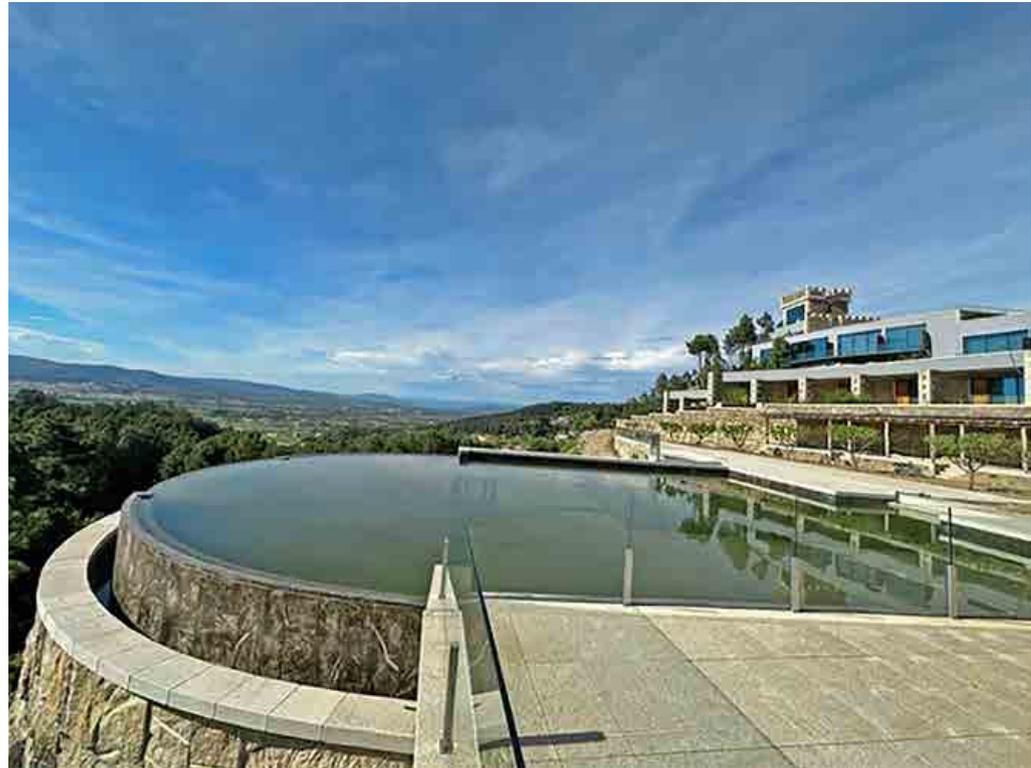
the remains of a 2,000-year-old Roman estate. It offers guests not only a taste of local culinary excellence but also a connection to the land and its history.

Pedra Pura is more than just a place to stay — it's a destination where guests can immerse themselves in luxury and nature. The resort offers 40 elegantly designed suites, each providing serene views of the verdant landscape and the city of Chaves. The rooms combine comfort with an aesthetic that reflects both modern luxury and traditional Portuguese elements, appealing to those who appreciate a refined yet homey atmosphere. And the resort is only 90 minutes from Porto.

The heart of the resort's social life is its restaurant. Here, Marçal's passion for the culinary arts shines through. The menu is a testament to farm-to-table dining, emphasizing sustainability and local sourcing. Dishes crafted from ingredients grown on the organic farm on the grounds of Pedra Pura celebrate Portuguese traditions while embracing modern gastronomic innovation. Each meal there promises to be unforgettable.

Marçal's commitment to an enriching guest experience extends beyond fine dining. The resort offers luxurious spa treatments, and guests are also invited to connect with nature through various outdoor activities. The property is perfect for exploring on foot or horseback, with trails winding through vineyards, cherry orchards, and chestnut trees, and past fields where sheep graze quietly. It's not only relaxing; it also deepens guests' connection to the land while showcasing Marçal's vision of integrated, sustainable land use.

What truly sets Pedra Pura apart is Marçal's personal involvement. Known for his warmth and charisma, Marçal makes it a point to meet his guests, often sharing a glass of wine or a freshly brewed herbal tea with them. His enthusiasm



for sharing the beauty of Pedra Pura is contagious, and his personal touch makes everyone feel like part of a larger family. This genuine connection between host and guest is something that is often sought but rarely found to such a degree in other luxury resorts.

Events at Pedra Pura are similarly infused with Marçal's personal style and attention to detail. Whether it's a wedding, a family reunion, or a corporate retreat, the resort offers versatile spaces that can be transformed to suit any occasion. With the stunning backdrop of northern Portugal's landscape, each

event becomes a memorable celebration, marked by the resort's signature blend of opulence and natural beauty.

Pedra Pura Resort is more than just a getaway; it's a place where every guest can find peace, indulge in culinary delights, explore the natural beauty of Portugal, and feel genuinely welcomed by a gracious host. Lino Marçal's lifelong passion for building spaces that harmonize luxury with nature has culminated in a resort that perfectly captures that balance. Pedra Pura is not just about visiting Portugal; it's about experiencing something truly magical.



**Pedra Pura Resort**  
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# ROSEWOOD BERMUDA

A STUNNING RESORT ON EVERYONE'S FAVORITE ISLAND  
BRINGS FORWARD THE JUNIPER INITIATIVE

BY INNA DESILVA



Bermuda lies less than 800 miles from New York City but feels like another planet. This lush green island is abloom with bougainvillea that climbs along the facades of charming cottages. Thirty-four glorious beaches hug the 75 miles of coastline, with those on the south part of the island having pink sand.

I have a long history with this charming paradise, having spent one summer of my misguided youth working on a cruise ship that docked each weekend in Hamilton, the capital. Although I visited from time to time over the years, my last visit this past summer was my first return in 15 years. Lucky folks who happen to own homes in this British territory include billionaires like Michael Bloomberg and Hollywood celebrities like Michael Douglas and Catherine Zeta-Jones.

Rosewood Hotel Group is a fast-growing hospitality corporation based in Hong Kong. Its hotel portfolio consists of 44 hotels in 20 countries. Rosewood has made inroads into markets normally reserved for Ritz-Carlton and other luxury brands.

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Rosewood Bermuda after running the Carlyle Hotel in Manhattan, another Rosewood property.

Rosewood Hotel Group prides itself on naming PlaceMakers, residents who represent the corporation's commitment to local culture and environmental projects that effect the community. Rosewood Bermuda's current PlaceMaker is Sarah Bray, a beautiful expat who married a Bermudian and now designs unique geranium sun hats from biodegradable palm leaves, many trimmed with vintage ribbons. Twenty percent of each sale will be donated to the Bermuda National Trust to plant more Bermuda native cedar trees. Rosewood Bermuda also donates proceeds from its seasonal cocktails to the Bermuda National Trust's cedar planting program.

New Yorkers need not worry about dining out: The resort features delicious food offered by seven restaurants and bars. From fresh sushi at the Beach Club restaurant to gourmet fare at the Island Brasserie, expect the unexpected. The hotel also offers high tea on the weekends, which is quite popular with locals. Enjoy a slice of paradise.

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# JET-SETTER STYLE

## NOBU HOTEL

IBIZA BAY

BY GREGORY DELLI CARPINI JR.  
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Ready to embark on a voyage where relaxation meets revelry? Look no further than the iconic shores of Ibiza's Talamanca Bay, where Nobu Hotel Ibiza Bay invites you to escape the ordinary and embrace the extraordinary. It's a glittering azure dream.

Nestled away from the glittering parties, this boutique gem offers a haven where imagination knows no bounds and rules are meant to be gently nudged aside. Picture yourself basking in the warm embrace of the Mediterranean sun, with the gentle lull of waves serenading your senses as you sip chilled champagne.

Luxuriate in carefree days where the only decision to make is whether to indulge in a mid-day massage by the sea or simply lose yourself in a blissful nap on a plush lounge. Surrender to the sensory symphony that awaits within

the hotel's thoughtfully curated rooms, adorned with soft furnishings and a color palette inspired by the ethereal beauty of Ibiza. Floor-to-ceiling windows invite the golden hues of dawn and dusk into your sanctuary, while open terraces offer vistas that will inspire you.

Well-being takes center stage at Ibiza Bay, where sophistication meets bohemian flair in a harmonious dance of indulgence and serenity. Immerse yourself in a world of holistic wellness at Ibiza Bay Spa by Six Senses, where bespoke treatments and island-inspired therapeutic journeys await to revive your spirit and rejuvenate your soul.

But the allure of Ibiza extends far beyond the tranquil confines of your sanctuary. Step from the opulent confines of the hotel straight onto the Talamanca

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Beach, where blue waters stretch endlessly before you. With the vibrant beach promenade at your doorstep, a leisurely stroll leads you to the chic boutiques and culinary delights of Marina Botafoch and the charming old town.

Allow the hotel to be your guide in unveiling the island's hidden treasures and exclusive experiences as well, selected with the discerning traveler in mind. Explore nature with a meditative walk and take in the most breathtaking views that Ibiza has to offer.

From gorgeous rooms to awe-inspiring vistas, from magical sunsets to a dining scene that tantalizes the taste buds, Nobu Hotel Ibiza Bay beckons you to explore its myriad wonders.

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# JET-SETTER STYLE

## CASTEL HÖRTENBERG

ITALY

BY GREGORY DELLI CARPINI JR.  
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Nestled amid the picturesque landscapes of Bolzano, Italy, Castel Hörtenberg stands as a beacon of contemporary elegance and vibrant hospitality. This age-old castle, steeped in more than 500 years of captivating history, seamlessly blends exclusive comfort, impeccable service, and a profound sense of living in the moment. Here, nostalgia finds no foothold: Each day is embraced with a fervor for the present, showcasing the castle's allure in its most enchanting form.

This exclusive retreat invites guests to immerse themselves in elegant surroundings and indulge in the essence of the here and now, all while relishing the castle's rich legacy.

Personalized service and genuine hospitality from the discreet yet attentive staff define the experience at Castel Hörtenberg. With meticulous attention to detail, every aspect of your stay is curated for perfection.

As unique as the castle itself is the culinary journey it offers. Within the centuries-old wine cellar, now transformed into a cozy restaurant, guests are treated to a gourmet experience like no other. From South Tyrolean delights with a Mediterranean twist to an exquisite selection of regional and international wines, including treasures from the owner's estate winery in Tuscany, every meal is a celebration of epicurean excellence.



Beyond the castle walls lies the charming city of Bolzano, beckoning visitors to explore its rhythm and charm. Whether they stroll along the city's porticos, savor local delicacies, or delve into the region's deep cultural heritage, a tapestry of singular experiences awaits them. And for those seeking adventure, the breathtaking landscapes of the Dolomites and the allure of Lake Garda are just a short journey away, promising endless opportunities for exploration and indulgence.

At Castel Hörtenberg, luxury knows no bounds. It offers a sanctuary where time stands still and every moment is infused with beauty, sophistication, and possibility. From the enchanting confines of the castle to the boundless wonders of its surroundings, a stay here is nothing short of extraordinary.

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# RACHEL'S RADAR

## ART IN THE HAMPTONS



BY RACHEL HELLER

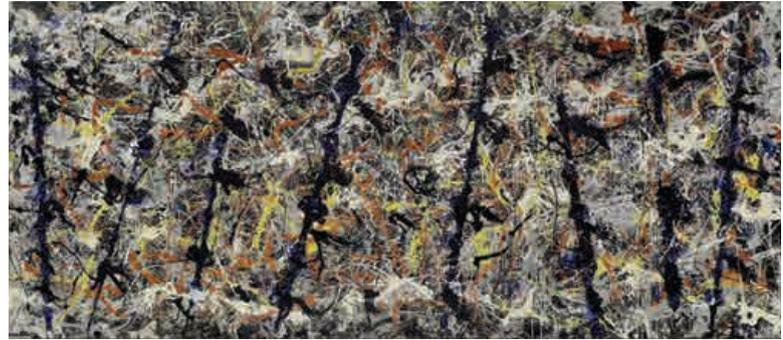
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Mark Rothko  
*Untitled*



Willem de Kooning  
*Montauk II*



Jackson Pollock  
*Blue Poles*

The Hamptons have long been associated with numerous renowned artists, including Mark Rothko, Willem de Kooning, and Jackson Pollock, among others. Did you know that more than 1,500 artists reside in the region?

Pop artists Roy Lichtenstein and James Rosenquist began living in East Hampton in the 1960s, followed by Chuck Close, David Salle, Eric Fischl, Ross Bleckner, Cindy Sherman, and Keith Sonnier. However, by the end of the 20th century, many artists could afford to move to the Hamptons only after establishing themselves elsewhere.

The magical light and landscapes of the Hamptons have inspired countless creatives over the years. The serene and picturesque surroundings and unique quality of light in the region have been known to influence their work and provide a tranquil setting for artistic expression.

### Mark Rothko

Originally from Latvia, Rothko saw his art as something beyond mere decoration. He famously had his artwork removed from the Four Seasons, rejecting the idea of it serving merely as a backdrop for wealthy diners. His experimental approach incorporated floating fields of haunting color to express tragedy and other profound emotions. Though Rothko lived a modest life, his abstract expressionist works have fetched prices as high as \$186 million.

### Willem de Kooning

Dutch-American painter Willem de Kooning resided in East Hampton until he was 92 years old. His artistic journey reflects a search for meaning, particularly during the Great Depression, when he found solace and purpose in art. De Kooning believed that painting was a form of living, and his devotion to art stemmed from his upbringing in the Netherlands and his memories of the sea. He epitomized the fusion of life and art as inseparable entities.

### Jackson Pollock

One of five siblings, Pollock was known for his free-associative gestures in paint, often referred to as “action painting.” His radical poured or “drip” technique garnered widespread publicity and serious recognition during his lifetime. Like a conductor in an orchestra, Pollock painted to music, infusing his works with emotion and mood. His palette often included white, blue, silver, umber, rosy pink, and black.

The Hamptons have also been home to various art galleries, museums, and cultural events, making it a vibrant community for artists and art enthusiasts alike. The area continues to attract artists from around the world who are drawn to its beauty and creative energy.

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# LIBBY KLEIN

## A JOURNEY THROUGH ART, MOTHERHOOD, AND JEWISH HERITAGE

BY LEXI WOLF



Libby Klein, who just made her debut at Art Basel Miami, is an emerging artist, wife, and mother to five children. She sat down with Art Bodega to talk about her artistic process, her inspirations, her traditions, and her style.

### Can you share a bit about your background?

I am a full-time mother of five, an entrepreneur, and an inspirational speaker. I was born in Israel and moved to the States when my dad passed away when I was five years old. Although I wasn't old enough to remember the culture Israeli streets have to offer, I vividly remember walking the old city streets and I can still feel the cold stones on my fingertips to this day.

### How would you describe your artistic style?

I consider myself an abstract artist with just enough sketch to tell a story. I tell my story through textured art. Every piece has an energy that flows through the abstractness of the creation. In many of my pieces, I add gold leaf and even some gemstones to signify the legacy we are a part of. Most important, when the piece is done, regardless of the message, it must be beautiful. I try to represent the beauty in our lives.

### What message do you hope viewers take away from your art?

That life is beautiful even when it's not perfect. Nobody wants to see a picture of a giraffe that looks like a giraffe — you can just go to the zoo for that. I want my art to make you think. My inspiration is a bee, because a bee doesn't know its limitations. It doesn't know that its weight is too much for it to fly, but it flies anyway. In life we often don't have a choice on our surroundings, but we do have a choice on how we react toward it.

### Do you collaborate with your clients for their commissioned pieces?

Yes. My goal with every client is to bring out their feelings and put it on canvas. I recently created a piece for a family that lost their father. It was a beautiful piece, showing the dad holding hands with his kids walking toward the sunset. I must've spent hours with the client to understand who their dad was and what he meant to them.

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# SANDY COHEN'S *FUCK LOVE BETTER GET ME DIAMONDS*

BY VIVIENNE DA VINCI



The Hamptons, renowned for its affluent clientele and discerning art scene, provides an ideal milieu for Cohen's bold showcase. Against the backdrop of opulent estates and pristine beaches, her work stands out as a beacon of authenticity and defiance. By bringing her provocative art to this elite enclave, Cohen pushes the audience to confront uncomfortable truths and embrace the power of individual expression.

In addition to her signature works, Cohen will debut her new clothing line, Fame,

Sandy Cohen's reputation as a trailblazing artist precedes her, having garnered international acclaim with exhibitions in Vienna and St. Barts. Now, with *Fuck Love Better Get Me Diamonds*, Cohen presents a collection of all-new work that pushes the boundaries of artistic expression even further.

The show's provocative title carries a deeper significance, rooted in personal history. Inspired by a song penned and recorded by Cohen's late sister, Fame, alongside producer Travis Kr8ts, it serves to recognize the siblings' profoundly close relationship, infusing the show with a poignant narrative that acknowledges the strength of their creative synergy.

"Fuck love, better get me diamonds" is a rallying cry for empowerment and self-worth in a world often dictated by superficial ideals. Cohen's unapologetic use of such strong language mirrors the raw emotions and stark realities that permeate modern relationships. In juxtaposing the romantic notion of love with the materialistic allure of diamonds, she challenges audiences to reconsider conventional notions of happiness and fulfillment. Cohen invites viewers to look beyond the surface and question the true nature of their desires and aspirations.

transforming her captivating designs into wearable art. This exclusive collection offers patrons the opportunity to take home a piece of Cohen's visionary creativity, blurring the lines between fashion and fine art.

The show, curated by Mago, holds special significance as it honors Cohen's late sister and their deeply cherished bond. Co-hosted by the esteemed Judith Kasen-Windsor, the event serves as a tribute to the enduring legacy of sisterhood and creative collaboration. Partial proceeds from the exhibition will go to the Edie Windsor & Thea Spyer Foundation, underscoring Cohen's commitment to philanthropy and social impact.



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Sandy Cohen: Kira Kardash



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# BASEL BEACH BOOM! VS. VENI VIDI VENEZIA!

BY KEVIN BERLIN

The 2024 art season walks in with the confidence of a runway model, one foot in front of the other. If I had to choose, there are two upcoming art world events not to miss. One takes place every first week of December in Miami. The second has already started and runs through November in the historic floating city of Marco Polo: Venice. But why choose? Choose both!



1. Artist Michael Chow, Kevin Berlin, Art Miami, Art Basel Miami Beach 2023
2. Kevin Berlin, Piazza San Marco, 59th Venice Biennale. Photo Honorata Perzanowska
3. Knockout artist Mike Tyson and Kevin Berlin, private event, Nobu, Art Basel Miami Beach 2022
4. Adriano Pedrosa, curator, 60th Venice Biennale. Photo Jacopo Salvi, courtesy of La Biennale di Venezia, 2024

► **Save the dates:** December 4–8, 2024  
22nd edition of Art Basel Miami Beach

Art Basel Miami Beach remains the big boom art venue for the Americas and perhaps the world's most important art fair. From Downtown to South Beach, Miami skies are filled with scaffolding, skyscrapers, and the kind of cranes that don't fly. Billionaires like Jeff Bezos and sports icon Lionel Messi, who now wears the flamingo-pink jersey of Inter Miami, have recently become residents. Prime property values dare to double every three years, and some say it's the new L.A., on a smaller scale of course. Miami: the only city where the people are hotter than the weather. So what's not to like? Oh, did I mention perfect weather? It's no surprise that art collectors worldwide arrive for what every year somehow reinvents itself as the Super Bowl of the art world.

Art Basel Miami Beach annually showcases more than 270 galleries and attracts over 80,000 visitors from 90 countries. The fair always focuses on quality, with price tags to match. Highlights from last December included the unveiling of large-scale works like Ai Weiwei's Lego masterpiece *Sleeping Venus* at Galleria Continua and the \$20 million sale of Philip Guston's *Painter at Night* at Hauser & Wirth. If you skip sleeping, you can be everywhere all at once, and attend the openings of Scope, NADA, Art Miami, the ever growing

Rubell and Margulies Collections, Wynwood Walls, WEAM, and the brand new Museum of Sex.

You may have heard art-market discussions about the recent rise of narco art, AI, a noticeable decline of NFTs, the permanent closing of De la Cruz Collection, and the loss of artists Richard Serra and Fernando Botero. It's no surprise that the markets are paying special attention to artists better known in other fields, such as Michael Chow (a.k.a. restaurateur Mr. Chow) and artist Pierce Brosnan (a.k.a. James Bond).

► **Save the dates:** Now through November 24, 2024  
60th International Art Exhibition of La Biennale Di Venezia

The Venice Biennale is not just for art collectors and curators. Once every two years, dress to meet diplomats, princes, politicians, partygoers, and artists themselves. This year's theme is *Stranieri Ovunque* — “Strangers Everywhere” — featuring the Biennale's first ever Latin American curator, Adriano Pedrosa. If you are lucky, you might meet the Italian-born Brazilian artist Anna Maria Maiolino and the Paris-based Turkish artist Nil Yalter, who are the recipients of the Golden Lions for Lifetime Achievement. Don't panic, Italy is waiting. Embrace your vision of early morning espressos by the Grand Canal. Enjoy the art over a Bellini or two at Harry's Bar. *Veni vidi Venezia!*



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# PIERCE BROSNAN

## SOCIAL LIFE EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW

BY KEVIN BERLIN

**You have been a painter your whole life, yet your first solo exhibition, *So Many Dreams*, just debuted in Los Angeles. What was the turning point that led you to reach out to a wider audience?**

I'm a self-taught artist and have been painting since 1987. I left school at 16 with nothing more than a handmade artist's folder of paintings and drawings. It was my passport out to an artistic life. So my practice as a painter took hold in 1987 and culminated in my first solo show, in Los Angeles last year. It was an accumulation of the work I had made over that period of time. Thanks to my wife, Keely, together we curated the show — 50 paintings, 100 drawings — and found a gallery in L.A. at 434 North La Brea in Hollywood.

To move forward with my practice as a painter it was necessary for me to show the work: to let go, to redefine the possibilities of what I had already created. To find a way onto the stage of my dream to be an artist. To start again at 70.

**Your works are deeply personal. Could you share something about your process?**

The work comes from a need to create and nourish the emotions that I feel at the moment in time. They can be born of a sorrow and end up in joy. Many of the paintings have been made over long periods of time. There are a few that have been rendered without hesitation, which was an unexpected surprise for me, but there are ones that are left to ferment for months, years. In the end they all come from a need to nourish my soul, my inner life, and to make work that gives pleasure and has some story of time. As Keely said to me one day as I was prevaricating over showing the work for the first time, "You will only paint so many paintings." To which I replied, "If not now, when?"

**Everybody wants to know: How do acting and painting overlap?**

The work of a painter and the work of an actor are one and the same, and that is of the imagination and the need to be loved, to give love, to share the love of being human. To have the courage to make a mark, to find yourself in the thorny weeds of exploration and the glory of reinvention. Both come from a solitude of constructing and destroying to create beauty.

Artist Pierce Brosnan and Kevin Berlin,  
Art Basel Miami Beach 2023



**Quid tum . . . What's next?**

From the show in Art Basel Miami last year I have had the good fortune and the great joy of making two collaborations. One is with the iconic artist Shepard Fairey, from one of my paintings called *Fishbook*, which will now hang in the Irish consulate in New York. The other is with Stefanie Hering, a porcelain ceramist. This will be a series of plates and vases with my line-drawing work. I have also started a series of lino and woodcut prints from my line-work drawings.

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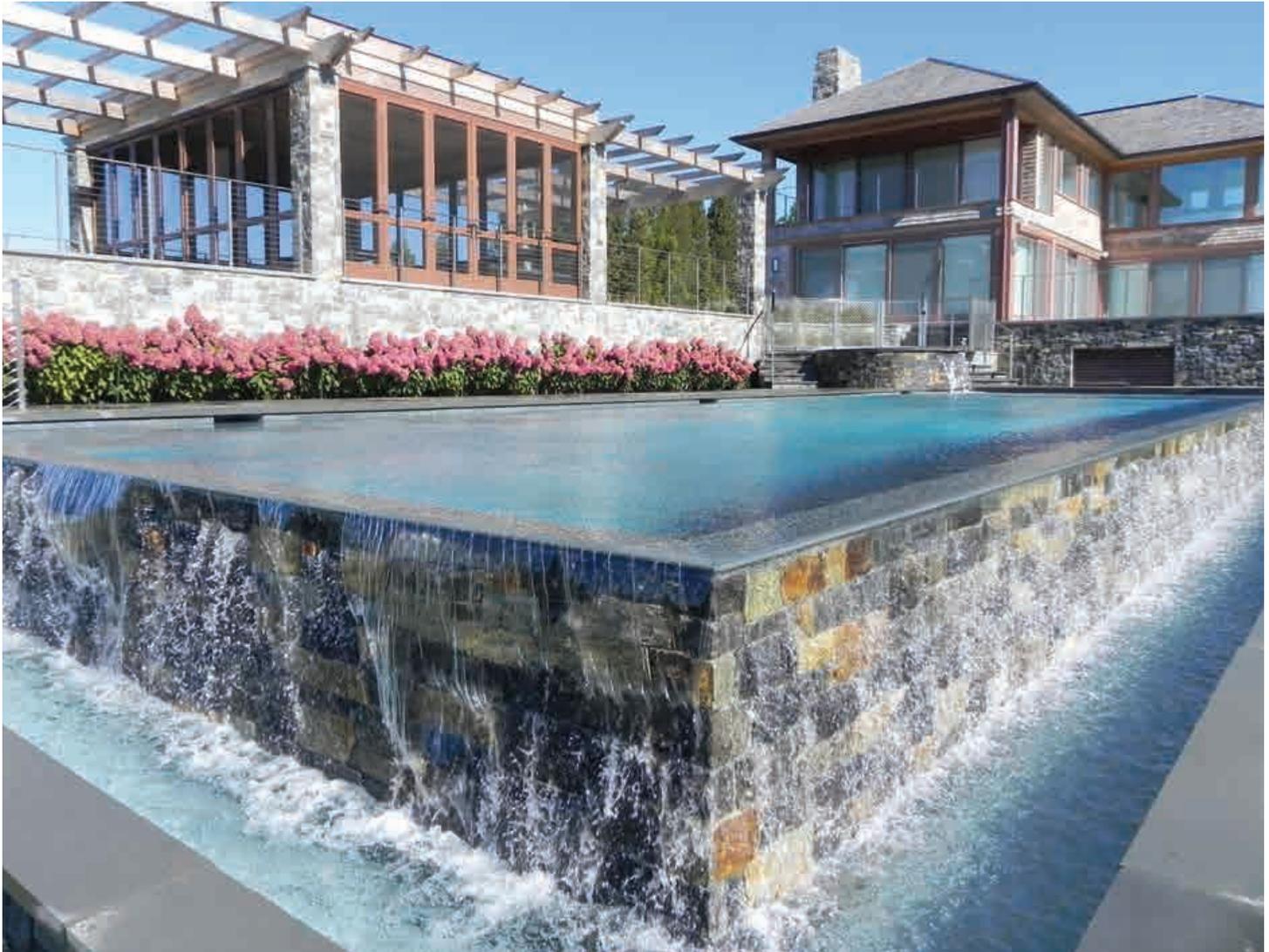
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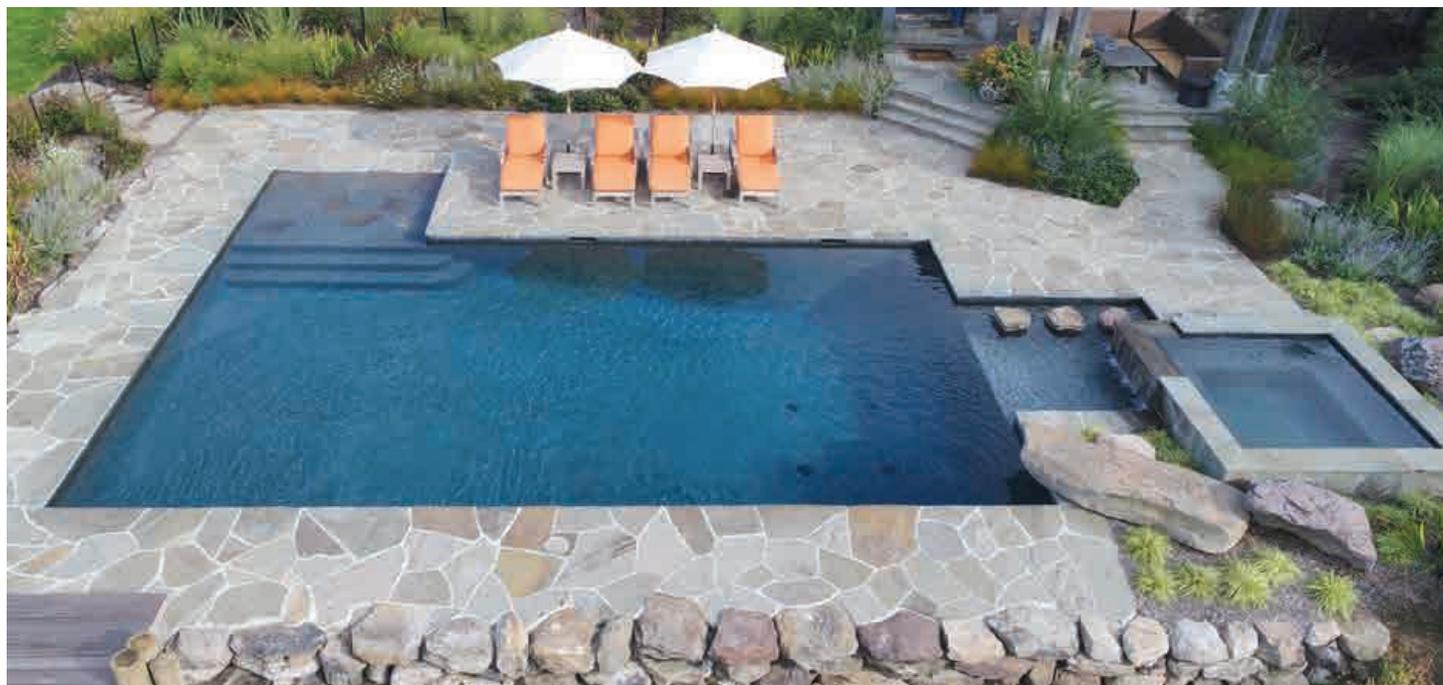


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BY AVI GHIYAM



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# JENNIFER AYDIN

## THE RHONJIS TAKING BRAVO'S FRANCHISE BY STORM

BY CHRISTINE MONTANTI

Jennifer Aydin, star of Bravo's *Real Housewives of New Jersey*, is indisputably a force to be reckoned with. The larger-than-life TV personality is the wife of renowned board-certified cosmetic plastic surgeon Dr. Bill Aydin; she is the devoted mother of five adoring children and someone who relishes sharing her personal life on camera. As an evolving entrepreneur, the cast member of *RHONJ* recently honed her capitalist skills by launching her very first beauty product, The Ultimate Beauty Pillow: Lips, Lashes and Brows, designed to protect the face after undergoing noninvasive and invasive procedures. With several other career objectives on the horizon, such as acting and TV hosting, Aydin, who is often portrayed as the villain on the hit reality show, takes no prisoners and unapologetically takes Bravo's franchise by storm!

Growing up in a conservative Turkish household in Plainview, Long Island, Aydin moved to New Jersey shortly after her husband completed his medical residency. Together, they made the decision to ultimately reside in Bergen County because of the Syrian Orthodox community influence there and their strong desire to maintain their Turkish heritage. Not wanting their children to lose their culture, Aydin felt that if her kids grew up going to church and camp with people who shared the same traditions and values, they would have a sense of belonging to their community. "I feel that it is very important for people and humanity in general to belong to something that is greater than them, and that's why I feel that religion is so important. You have to believe in something, otherwise, it's a very lonely world out there," Aydin explains.

The Paramus resident admits her first season on *Real Housewives of New Jersey* was difficult. She felt that she was being transparent with her castmates by revealing her true feelings, not realizing her words were getting the best of her and weren't received the way she had intended. On the show when Aydin is confronted by cast members, she takes no prisoners and fiercely defends her position. When she watches the show and sees what the other castmates are saying about her, she reveals that instead of bothering her, it frustrates her. "They got it all wrong! I have to set them straight and I'm like, OMG, you don't like me? Give me five minutes, and you're going to love me!"

Aydin gets candid and describes her very first season on the Bravo Network. "My first year on the show, I had just moved

into my house, and I was so excited to share my home with my castmates. My house is massive; it has eight bedrooms, sixteen bathrooms, and with the basement included, it's twenty thousand square feet. It wasn't really furnished, and I was talking about it a lot. It looked like I was bragging and trying to be a one-upper, when in reality, I was just really excited and extremely proud of my new home. Everything was taken out of context. My husband is from Turkey, and he likes the Pelasgian and regal look, so we had ornate furnishings which are very expensive. Being new to all this, I was shopping on a dime and filled my house with extravagant heavy Pelasgian furniture from China. There were thrones everywhere, which I have since gotten rid of, although we kept a few thrones because I am the queen of thrones!"

There have been other challenging times for Aydin while filming *RHONJ*, especially during the 12th season when rumors leaked of her husband Bill cheating on her.

**"I am the queen  
of thrones!"  
JENNIFER  
AYDIN**

Margaret Josephs, a castmate, revealed on the show that everyone knew Bill cheated on Aydin with a co-worker of his. The reality star admits that the show can be problematic at times, but despite it being about conflict, she says it is primarily about friendships and how you navigate them. "I really do believe Margaret was remorseful for what she did; however, I don't think she regrets what she did. There is a difference. I get that I did things to trigger her to bring her to this place, not that it justifies what she did. I acknowledge that I got her angry, and she got me back. I can move on from it and release her for it. I am certainly not going to hold a grudge over it. If I didn't hold a grudge over my husband, who actually had the affair, I am not going to hold a grudge over Margaret for revealing it. Will I be having Christmas dinner with Margaret? No. That is not going to happen! I can move forward, and we can compartmentalize it and fight about new stuff. I am happy to move on with anyone who is happy to move on with me. It is noted, and I can now move forward with her. I do believe that Margaret is professional enough to do that; everything in life is a lesson learned."

As for fans who describe Aydin as being Teresa Giudice's minion and soldier, Aydin sets the record straight about their friendship. "Teresa's guard was up when I first met her, and I equated that to being betrayed previously by her friends and cast members. I don't think she knew what to expect of me.



When you have been scorned that much, it is inevitable you are going to have your guard up. That didn't bother me because I believe that trust comes with time. With Teresa, our trust grew, and she saw I was different; I am always there for her. Last year, she and Louie invited me and Bill to go away with them for Teresa's birthday. We went to Tulum, Mexico, and Louie flew us out on a private jet and got villas for us that had our own private butler; he put out the red carpet. We really bonded on this trip. When you go away with someone, you see their true colors. You see them in the morning in their pajamas and at their most vulnerable. When we came away from that trip, nobody spoke about anything. We left that trip and said we're not going to let anyone's negative energy affect us. Louie happens to be the most loving, gracious person who is also sensitive and passionate. If you go after Louie, you go

after Teresa — they are a package deal. They are not going to let anyone infiltrate their love bubble because their love is strong. I'm loyal, and I love Teresa, and when I love my people, I am in full throttle; I hold on to them, nurture and protect them. We have come to a place where we really want to support each other, and we speak every day. We are best friends."

Whether the *Real Housewife* is filming or not, Aydin is a hands-on mother of her five children, and she is completely devoted to attending to all her kids' needs. She manages to balance her hectic schedule of caring for her family while filming for the Bravo franchise with ease revealing her go-with-the-flow personality. Aydin doesn't dwell on things; instead, she prefers living in the moment. "I'm like a drill sergeant; my day starts at 7:00 a.m. when I first begin to make the rounds into my kid's rooms. I am my kids' alarm clocks announcing the time every 15 minutes. I start off with my daughter Gabby, and then I go into my other kids' rooms and finally get everyone downstairs by 7:30 a.m., and then we leave for school. I drop my kids off at school, my daughter at high school, and then my two younger kids at middle school. Jacob goes to

private school, so I carpool, and Jordan is in college. When I am finally done by 8:00 a.m., I do whatever I need to do; after school my nanny and I split the driving to activities or anywhere the kids need to go."

Despite the reality star having to juggle her film schedule and her parental duties, she feels the importance of looking neat and well-dressed every day, especially when she is in public running errands. "You need to look presentable always. It is how you want to be represented. I always feel that you can dress comfortably but still look chic. I don't put on makeup every day, I just put strip lashes on. I do believe that your hair is your crown and glory, and you need to wear it every day. I wear my hair straight usually, but my hair is naturally thick and curly. The reason why I don't wear my hair curly often is that it doesn't last me that long. I am all about comfort but





chic comfortable. We can be casual yet chic, comfortable and still be presentable. Do what works for you!”

Aydin spends some of her free time refining her entrepreneurial skills, and she recently launched her first beauty product, The Ultimate Beauty Pillow. It stabilizes facial recovery from noninvasive procedures such as Botox, dermal fillers, lip injections, microblading, and eyelash extensions. It is a product that the cosmetic surgeon’s wife has been very passionate about, and she developed the pillow to protect the face and elevate one’s head while sleeping. Aydin asserts, “It has been the most comfortable sleep aid that I use every night to prevent my face from hitting the pillow. It really helps you to sleep on your back because it cradles your neck, and aside from all the beauty aspects of it, it really provides for a very comfortable sleep.”

As for what viewers can expect to see on Season 14? Aydin reveals that viewers will see a new dynamic as far as friendships go, and they will also see the demise of some friendships. “I think it’s going to be both intriguing and entertaining to see how we made it work. Some of the friendships may be surprising. This season is not about Melissa and Teresa, and it doesn’t highlight as many of their quarrels; I think fans want them to move on. I don’t know about the audience, but I am definitely excited to see the new season and how we made it work!”

As for what the reality star has taken away from her experience on *RHONJ* over the past six years? “I was naive and thought I was living in a world where humanity was innately good, and bad and evil people were an exception to the rule. Now I am seeing that humanity is so screwed up with the evolution of broken homes and children who are traumatized and who grow up to be adults who are traumatized; they are not mentally well and lack the empathy and compassion they should have. On the show, they tried to use my husband’s affair against me. He is a good person who did a bad thing. We are human, and we make mistakes. I believe in second chances. I don’t believe you need to forgive and forget to move on, you can become indifferent. You learn to navigate. I can forgive, but I never forget; I don’t have to forgive to move on. I just release it, and I don’t think about the past, I don’t think about



the future, I just live in the present. I am not going to let anyone rain on my parade. I believe God doesn’t give you what you can’t handle, and you know what, bring it on baby!”

► Bravo’s *Real Housewives of New Jersey* premiered Sunday, May 5, at 8:00 ET.

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### Leesa Rowland

Actress, philanthropist, and author Leesa Rowland grew up in Texas, where she studied broadcast journalism. Later she became a classically trained actress at the world-renowned Stella Adler Studio in Los Angeles. Beyond her career as an actress, she is also well-known for her work as a philanthropist and animal rights activist. Her book *The Charisma Factor* is the ultimate handbook for unlocking the mysterious formula for charm and influence, improving how you communicate and interact with others with useful lessons and personal tips. [leesarowland.net](https://www.leesarowland.net)



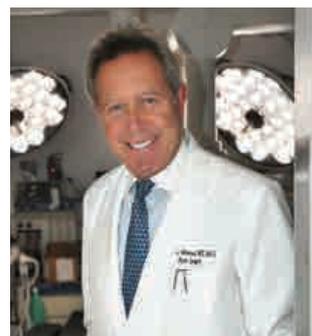
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Sports media maven Ann Liguori is the author of *Life on the Green: Lessons and Wisdom From Legends of Golf*. Her recent honors include induction into the Suffolk Sports Hall of Fame, a 2023 Gracie Award for Best Sports Radio Show in a Major Market; a dozen Best Radio Show awards from the International Network of Golf, and the prestigious Winnie Palmer Award in 2022. The Ann Liguori Foundation Charity Golf Classic, hosted annually at a prestigious course in the Hamptons, has raised more than \$1.8 million over the past 25 years for organizations that focus on cancer research and care. Liguori is also a global brand ambassador for IBKÜL and has a collaboration with Dune Jewelry. [annliguori.com](https://www.annliguori.com)



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### Patricia Silverstein

For the summer season in the Hamptons, philanthropist Patricia Silverstein concentrates on raising funds for the Diabetes Research Institute Foundation. She hosts the foundation's annual Hamptons Garden Gala at her home along with her husband, Roger Silverstein, executive vice president of Silverstein Properties. Born in Spain, Patricia came to America with her husband, and her mission in life began with a focus on philanthropic work. When her younger sister was diagnosed with diabetes, Patricia decided to act, spending her efforts to help raise awareness along with funds to find a cure. [silversteindreamfoundation.com](http://silversteindreamfoundation.com)



### Kathleen Rice

The recently appointed chief strategy and transformation officer for the Southampton Animal Shelter Foundation, Rice was the district attorney for Nassau County for nine years. Under her leadership, the Nassau County District Attorney's Office established one of the first dedicated animal crimes units in the country and the first in New York — a reflection of her passion for helping animals. Following her success as D.A., Rice was elected to serve four terms in the U.S. House of Representatives from 2015 to 2023, representing much of Long Island's South Shore. She earned the distinction of being one of the most bipartisan members of Congress during her eight years in the House. [southamptonanimalshelter.com](http://southamptonanimalshelter.com)



### Kathleen Mulcahy

The Evelyn Alexander Wildlife Rescue Center's new executive director knows the importance of charity to making a difference for the wildlife of the East End. She and the staff work daily to rescue, rehabilitate, and release native wildlife and educate the community on the importance of our local flora and fauna. The former mayor of Sag Harbor, Mulcahy created the first environmental advisory committee in the history of the village. Her experience with Fighting Chance, a cancer-support nonprofit, and the Guild Hall of East Hampton gives her in-depth knowledge of the nonprofit landscape on the East End. [wildliferescuecenter.org](http://wildliferescuecenter.org)



### Jean Shafiroff

As a philanthropic leader, TV host, and the author of *Successful Philanthropy: How to Make a Life by What You Give*, Shafiroff defines the art of giving back. She spends countless hours working to promote causes and, at the same, works to motivate others to get involved. She serves on more than seven charity boards and is known for her leadership and generosity, often spending days in front of the computer and on calls to promote organizations and boost their representation. Her main areas of focus are women's rights, the rights of underserved populations, health care, and animal rights. Shafiroff is involved in motivating the next generation and aims to instill in them hope as they follow her on the pathway to successful philanthropy. [jeanshafiroff.com](http://jeanshafiroff.com)



### Joseph DeCristofaro

A born-and-raised Southampton local, DeCristofaro believes in supporting the community and providing the best in service and quality. An avid foodie, DeCristofaro is a world traveler who has been involved in every capacity in the restaurant industry since he was a teenager and has extensive knowledge of cuisines from around the world. He and his wife, Maria, are at the helm of Old Stove Pub, which celebrates its 55th anniversary this season. [oldstovepub.com](http://oldstovepub.com)



### Don Hershman

Hershman leads a dual life as an accomplished podiatric surgeon and fine-art painter. As a child, he was profoundly influenced by his trips to world-class museums like the Metropolitan Museum of Art. When it came time to choose a career, he felt compelled to lock in a secure path in medicine. However, Hershman's passion for art became a parallel career. His works have twice been jury-selected for a group show at the DeYoung Museum in San Francisco. Other shows such as *Under the Influence* (2021) and *The Art of Code Switching* (2023) in New York, *I Am a Barn* (2024) in San Francisco, and ones at Art Basel and in Provincetown have brought his work to a national and international audience. [donhershman.com](http://donhershman.com)

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# CHRISTY CASHMAN

ACTRESS AND AUTHOR OF *THE TRUTH ABOUT HORSES*

BY BENNETT MARCUS



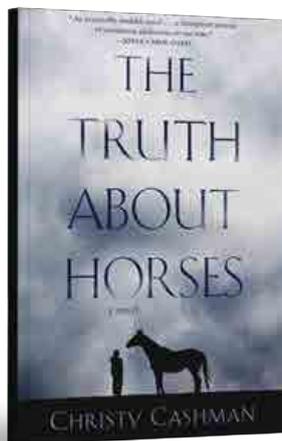
From the silver screen to literary triumph: The actress and producer Christy Cashman has released her debut novel, *The Truth About Horses*. This summer, Cashman will join the likes of Gwyneth Paltrow, Jay McInerney, and Katie Couric as a selected writer at the East Hampton Library's 20th annual Authors Night, taking place on Saturday, August 10.

Despite having appeared in more than 20 Hollywood movies, including *Ted 2*, *American Hustle*, and *The Golden Boys*, and having published two children's books, Cashman felt some trepidation about becoming a novelist. "I don't think I had the confidence earlier," she says, speaking with us from her home in Boston in early December during a short break in her

60-stop book tour. The next day she would head to Miami for an appearance at Books & Books during Art Basel, and later that month she would return for a bookstore appearance in her hometown of Chatham, Massachusetts, and to read *The Night Before Christmas* at the Boston Pops. "My life was going in a lot of different directions. I was producing films, and my kids were younger." With the story long gestating in her mind and her children now young adults, she finally decided to eschew other projects and concentrate on writing.

She need not have worried: The reviews for *The Truth About Horses* have been positive. No less than National Book Award-winning novelist Joyce Carol Oates has described it as

“irresistibly readable ... a book that plunges us into a beautifully evoked rural world in which horses are both magnificent beasts requiring human love and devotion, and iconic creatures out of mythology.”



### MAGICAL REALISM

Like Reese, the book's young protagonist, Cashman has had a lifelong love of horses. But the novel does not reflect Cashman's real, fairy-tale-like life at all. *The Truth About Horses* tells the story of a young woman whose fierce spirit and determination guide her in facing adversity and life's unexpected challenges, framed by the extraordinary bond between humans and their equine companions.

Reese's mystical encounters with a herd of wild horses, led by a mysterious black stallion, required a particular kind of setting. “I wanted it to be in a place where you actually might see wild horses,” Cashman says of the novel's South Dakota setting. “Somewhere in middle America felt right for the story because of the wild horses and also because of what the land and the environment look like there.”

### STARTED AS A SCREENPLAY

Cashman took some writing classes to hone her skills, originally planning to write a treatment that could be developed into a screenplay. But in the process, she found the main character's voice, which came across much more strongly in the long-form of a novel. “Once I started writing, this voice luckily came to me and was very clear,” she says. “Her voice was probably the easiest part of the process, because once I had her voice, I was able to tell the story, I think, in a convincing way.”

The book's magical realism also came naturally. “Once I had my vision of the wild horses, I knew that I wanted it to be almost like a leitmotif in a song, a recurring theme,” she says. Now she and actress Jane Seymour are working together to develop the story as a TV series.

### YOUTHINK RETREATS

Cashman also recently launched YOUthink Creative Wellness Retreats. “We provide a spiritual, creative, and physical oasis for each guest,” she explains. “You'll enjoy a nurturing, intellectual, and emotional journey through quiet reflection, inspiring programs, and exhilarating activities led by some of the very best in the wellness and creative industries.” Her next retreat will take place at Harbor View Hotel and Misty Meadows Equine Center in Martha's Vineyard this fall, from October 3–6. The establishing event took place at her very own Kilkea Castle in Ireland.



### A REAL-LIFE FAIRY TALE

So how did Cashman come to own an Irish castle? She was living in New York and her horseback-riding group went annually to Ireland. “I tagged along one year, and then they couldn't get rid of me,” she jokes.

When she first met Jay, now her husband, he asked her to visit him in Boston. But Cashman told him she was heading to Ireland to ride the following week. He replied that since he's half Irish, he'd join her and invited himself along. “I said, ‘I'm going to be riding every single day and gone all day long. What are you going to do?’ He said, ‘I'm going to look for a castle.’”

They went every year since — even after they'd married and had children — and she rode, and he looked at property. “And then, twenty-some years later, he truly bought a castle.” Kilkea, which dates to 1180, had been abandoned for a number of years. They bought it in 2012, began renovations in 2016, and opened it as a resort hotel in 2018. “It was fast and furious, and since then it's just been a constant renovation project,” she says. “Now we're renovating yet again.”

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# D'YAN FOREST

THE REAL MRS. MAISEL

BY TAYLOR DIETRICH



*D'yan Forest*

Whether it's performing out east at venues such as the Southampton Cultural Center or golfing at Noyac Golf Club in Sag Harbor, D'yan Forest has been a Hamptons staple for decades. On July 29, Forest will celebrate her 90th birthday with a show at Joe's Pub, dubbed *D'yan Forest: 90 Years of Song & Scandal*.

## THE GUINNESS WORLD RECORD

How does a provincial girl go from piano lessons and housewife expectations to getting the Guinness World Record for being the oldest performing female comic? For D'yan Forest it was studying abroad in Paris that brought her to life. "I was very protected as a child," she admits. "And I went to Paris and did every little dream that I ever had in my brain for all those years. Try this, try that. Nobody knew me in Paris. I was free!"

This love for Paris quickly took over Forest's life. In fact, it created a second one. Born Diana Shulman, the comic began to embody the French culture so much that, in her words, she "became French." In fact, when she returned home to America, no one really thought twice about whether she had been born with that accent or not. The ever-growing demand for international singers in clubs, bars, restaurants, and country clubs made it possible for Forest to get her foot in the door of live entertainment. Her musical accolades came to a halt when live music took a dive after the September 11 tragedy, but they would not be stopped for long.

### THE FILTHY UKULELE PLAYER

When asked to write down all the jokes she knew and the funniest things she could think of, Forest thought, Well, I have a ukulele. To her shock, her first stand-up show had the tiny club filled with 15 people absolutely cracking up. “I’d always kept my sexual life and my social life a secret,” Forest says. “As soon as I started doing the comedy shows, about 18, 19 years ago, I started, as they say, coming out on the stage and saying everything.” And so those wholesome piano and singing lessons her mother had paid for turned into a stand-up act — and a daring one at that.

Forest’s popular one-woman show, *I Married a Nun* landed her on iconic stages at Caroline’s, Joe’s Pub, the Metropolitan Room, and Gotham Comedy Club, the same venues frequented by Jerry Seinfeld, Jim Gaffigan, and the always blunt Joan Rivers. When introduced to Forest one night at Gotham, Rivers remarked, “Oh yeah, I heard about you. You’re the filthy ukulele player!” Forest simply responded, “No, Joan, I’m really just risqué!” In January 2023, she performed on the *Drew Barrymore Show*, where she was presented with her Guinness World Record plaque.

### I DID IT MY WAYS

In recent years, Forest began to wonder what to do with all these stories of hers: the boys who chased her in Paris, the girls who also chased her in Paris, being the only Jewish person in the Presbyterian choir, and, oh yeah, that time she had married a nun. So Forest took her pen to paper and poured her heart out into a hysterical but heartfelt memoir, *I Did It My Ways*. It was only when she sat down to record the audiobook that she realized what she had done. “Yes, I wrote it. But when I started reading what I wrote, I said, ‘What? I wrote this in the



“The audience gets shocked that out of this 90-year-old woman is coming all these jokes.”

D'YAN FOREST

my life!” Whether coincidence or not, Forest is still chugging along and telling her story in her own way, performing her one-woman act.

If you get tickets to her show, she says to expect a woman “who’s 90 but feels, let’s say 60, and looks maybe 65.” But this is not a show filled with your grandparents’ dinner-table jokes. Forest leaves everything on the stage, which can still take people by surprise. “The audience gets shocked that out of this 90-year-old woman is coming all these jokes. When my friends come to see me perform, they call me a slut,” she says with a laugh.

**D'yan Forest**  
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book?” Oh my God, none of the people in the golf club will talk to me anymore.”

In some ways, Forest was ahead of her time. “Why wasn’t I born only 20 years ago? The world is so free now,” she says. Even so, the title of her memoir’s last chapter says it all: “It Ain’t Over Till the Old Lady Dies.” She is still booking clubs in New York and Paris to share her fabulous tales and whimsical music with as many people as she can. And it seems that more people are listening than she might ever have expected.

### THE REAL MRS. MAISEL

Having spent time in Paris, Forest was not caught up on recent American TV. One night, while telling her story to a nice American family in Paris, she got a

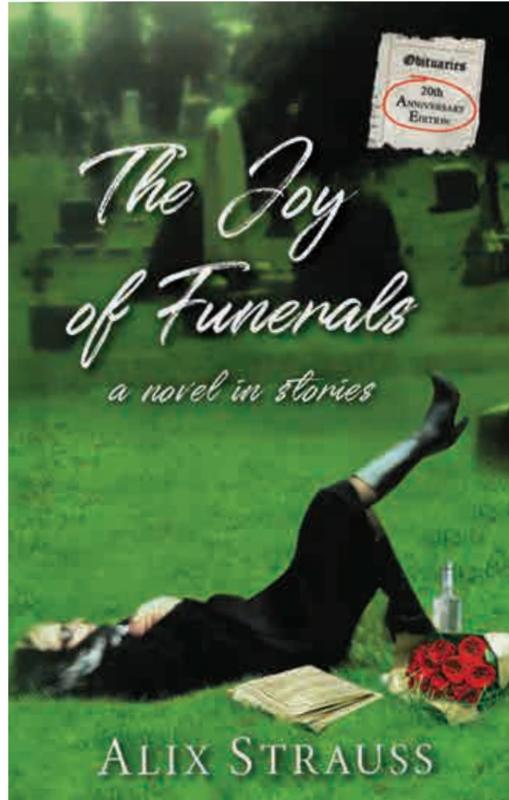
confused look from them. “So they tell me the story of this Mrs. Maisel woman on the program who gets divorced, she’s a comedian, she’s Jewish, she goes to Paris, she sings in a gay club,” Forest recounts. “But I did that, and I did it in my one-woman show eight years ago. Somebody stole

# BOOK REVIEWS

BY DEVORAH ROSE



Alix Strauss



*The Joy of Funerals*, Alix Strauss's cult-classic novel, was recently reissued in honor of its 20th anniversary. In a series of linked, interwoven stories, Strauss masterfully melds the visceral, unapologetic emotional tourism of the beginning of *Fight Club* with the nuanced, deeply human narratives of *Interpreter of Maladies*, presenting a fresh, provocative, and often humorous look at the ways we cope with longing and loss. Her prose strikes a perfect balance between elegance and edge, drawing readers into a deeply personal yet universally resonant exploration of grief. I caught up with Alix to find out what inspired her to delve into this unconventional theme.

**Alix Strauss:** The novel was inspired by an essay I wrote for *The New York Times* about why I was drawn to funerals as a child and a young adult. Much of it stems from being the only child in my family. To add to the singleton factor, my parents were not very good at creating a sense of family or connecting me to my relatives. I wasn't included in most occasions — like holiday events, weddings, or bar or bat mitzvahs. Except for funerals, everyone's invited and everyone deserves an opportunity to say goodbye. I knew these were sad

occasions, but they also felt like reunions. There was this tremendous sense of belonging and connectiveness that was missing in my life. Funerals became a wonderful way to meet relatives I had never met and to understand how I was connected to these other individuals. And we all had the same bond — to mourn the loss while celebrating and honoring the passing of someone we all knew, even if I didn't know them well or at all.

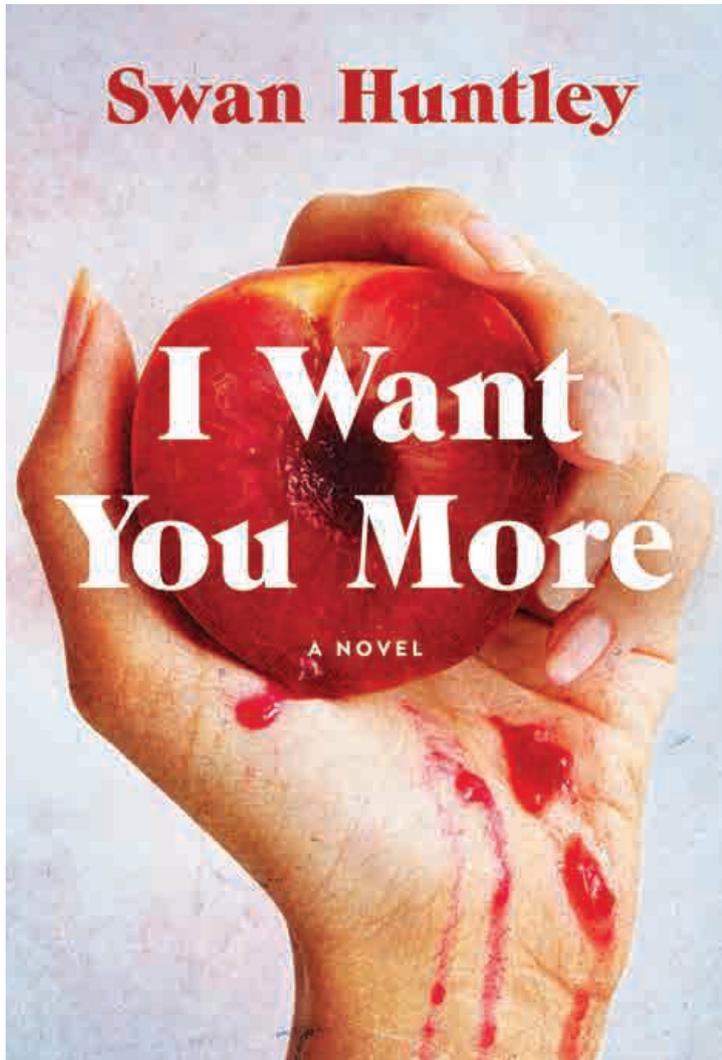
**What insights do you hope readers will gain about the complexities of human emotion?**

How important our need for real human-to-human connection is without the help

of social media. And that people are flawed. And that there's a real difference between being in need and being needy. I'm also fascinated by why people come in and out of our lives, and how they change us when they do.

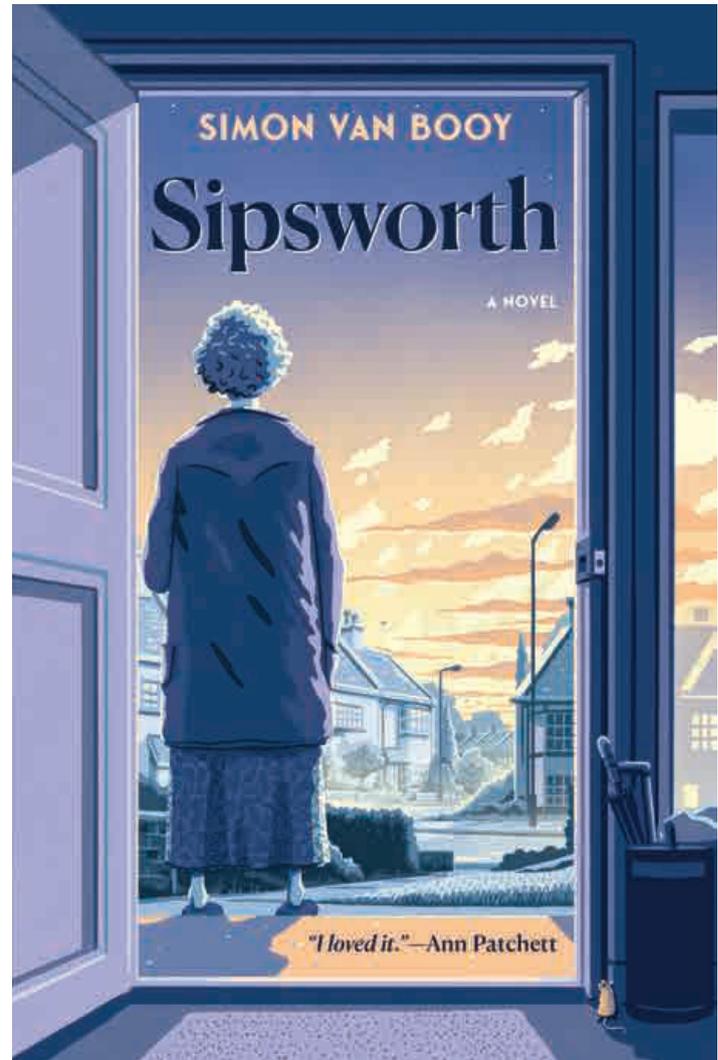
**How did you approach character development in such emotionally charged contexts?**

I'm a very big believer in asking the "what if" question when writing fiction. What if I had a character who went to other people's funerals? What if she was so lonely that that was the only way she could connect? What if all these other women are desperately, understandably, humanly, grieving for something — and what could those somethings be? I also thought the more vulnerable, relatable, and specific these characters could be, the more universal they will be to the reader. I wanted the reader to feel connected to them and less alone as well, because we are in a very lonely, very disconnected space at the moment. As complex as these stories are, I wanted the reader to feel like they had new friends, friends they might enjoy having a drink or two — or four — with. (Some people look better blurry.)



***I Want You More***  
by Swan Huntley

In *I Want You More*, Swan Huntley skillfully delves into the intricacies of love and obsession. When Zara takes on a ghostwriting project for celebrity chef Jane Bailey, she becomes entangled in her complicated world. As Zara settles into Jane's luxurious home in East Hampton, she uncovers the layers of Jane's carefully crafted persona. A forbidden affair erupts between them, but when Jane's actions jeopardize their book deal and careers, Zara realizes the dangerous nature of their relationship. With expert finesse, Huntley intertwines seduction and seriousness as Zara navigates increasingly perilous territory. *I Want You More* is a thought-provoking exploration of desire and self-discovery.



***Sipsworth***  
by Simon Van Booy

Simon Van Booy crafts a delicate, haunting narrative in *Sipsworth*, one that lingers in the mind long after the final page is turned. Helen Cartwright returns to her childhood village in England, burdened by the deaths of her husband and son and seeking a quiet end to her life. She settles into a routine existence until she comes across a stray pet mouse, and in the most unexpected way, her life is forever altered and enriched. Van Booy's skill in weaving complex emotions with the subtle undercurrents of small-town dynamics makes *Sipsworth* a compelling read, rich with themes of redemption and the indelible persistence of memory.

# APHRODISE

ACCIDENTAL VINTNER FRANK SCHILLING

BY BENNETT MARCUS



## THE FORREST GUMP OF SPARKLING WINE

*When life serves you lousy champagne, make your own bubbly.* That's Frank Schilling's philosophy. A serial entrepreneur, Schilling has hardly had what you'd describe as a linear career path. After making a fortune in domain names early in the internet age, he became a restaurateur on a whim, and now he's a vintner. "I always say we're the Forrest Gump of the champagne business because we're bumbling into everything we do," he says, laughing. He even found time to be a television star, landing a featured role on *Grand Cayman: Secrets of Paradise*, streaming on Hulu.

When sampling sparkling wines to serve at his Cayman Islands restaurant, Mykonos, Schilling simply wasn't satisfied with anything on the market. So he finally decided to

make his own. The sparkling rosé, called Aphrodise, is made from the Xinomavro grape grown in northern Greece and Macedonia.

A noble, popular wine grape in that region of the world, Xinomavro is rarely used in sparkling wines. Aphrodise is the first bubbly version to be produced on a large scale. Characterized by very small bubbles, Aphrodise offers a different appeal to those who normally don't like rosé or champagne. "It's eminently drinkable," says Schilling. "You can literally guzzle it and you feel great as you're drinking, and you feel pretty darn good after." Aphrodise has been poured at Youth America Grand Prix's 25th annual celebration and at the New York Botanical Garden. You can find a glass of the bubbly on the East End this summer at the East Hampton Library's Authors Night on August 10.

**"You can literally guzzle it and feel great as you're drinking and good after."**

**FRANK SCHILLING**

### GRAND CAYMAN'S SEVEN MILE BEACH

While building his restaurant, a large 320-seat venue on Grand Cayman's Seven Mile Beach, during the height of the pandemic, Schilling realized that it would be a struggle to find a single source to supply enough sparkling wine for all those mimosas at brunch. When he and his team finally did find a source, it was expensive and of poor quality.

They began tasting different varietals and stumbled onto the dark red Xinomavro grape and found that some vintners had started experimenting with a blonder version perfect for sparkling wine. They tweaked it — it was a bit too sweet — and came up with what is now Aphrodise.

### IBIZA AND LAS VEGAS

Most important: People liked it. “We started to share it, and people were like, ‘This is so good,’ ” Schilling says. “And that’s how we kind of bumbled into the business.” He sent 90 bottles to friends for a birthday party in Ibiza. The recipients insisted they’d never use more than 10. “These grown men in their 40s and 50s started drinking this stuff, and in a day and a half it was all gone,” Schilling remembers. “We knew we had a winner.”

Next, to introduce the product, Schilling debuted the wine at a wedding-industry trade show in Las Vegas. People lined up a hundred deep all day long for samples. A well-known wedding planner at a nearby booth invited the Aphrodise team to work with them, and they’ve now signed a partnership deal. “So we’re kind of these serendipitous, sort of accidental champagne curators,” Schilling says.

After more than 20 years in the domain-name game, Schilling hungered for a change of focus. “I have a creative instinct, and I’d always wanted to create a consumer product,” he says. “I didn’t really think I’d ever get into the liquor business.”

### MYKONOS

He also never expected to own a restaurant. On his daily walks during the Covid lockdown, a vacant building on a prominent corner drew his attention. He thought it was perfect for a restaurant. In fact, a dining spot was already in the works there until it was scuttled by the pandemic, and the building was available. Schilling bought it along with some neighboring properties and cobbled it into a “giant glass box” along the main drag.

He named it Mykonos because of his experiences on the Greek island, a convivial and celebratory place enjoyed by local families as well as tourists. “I wanted to create a venue that was a destination and a gathering place,” he says. “And we did. We built something very residential, truly beautiful.” The finishes are sophisticated, and the space can accommodate a large crowd, which is not that common in the Cayman Islands.



### MALIBU PROPERTY

Schilling has started many different businesses over the years. “I’ve tried lots of things. Not everything worked, but many things did,” he says. Among his many business interests is a 120-acre parcel of land in Malibu that he intends to sell via auction.

“I bought it years and years ago, and I’m not doing anything with it,” Schilling explains. The property sits along a stretch of the Pacific Coast Highway over Encinal Bluffs. “It’s beautiful land, but out of all the projects that I want to do, building the *Iron Man* house in California is not one of them anymore. I’m kind of East Coast-centric now.”

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# A SOUTH FORK IN THE ROAD DINE, SLUMBER, AND SPLURGE IN THE HAMPTONS

## HAMPTON BAYS

BY KAREN HOLLY BERLINER

Windows tightly shut are now open wide, with bursts of gentle breezes pushing through the screens. After another long winter, high season has begun in the Hamptons, beckoning us to our treasured region on the South Fork of the East End.

One of the entryway hamlets to the region hopes to have first dibs on hosting you. Hampton Bays, a hamlet within the town of Southampton, is low-key and chock-full of natural charm, yet it cleans up quite nicely to bring the glamour and glitz of its sister areas.

Established back in the mid-1700s, Hampton Bays sits proudly between the Atlantic Ocean and the calmer waters of the Peconic Bay. So if you choose, you can enjoy a multitude

of water sports, including boating, waterskiing, kayaking, and even stand-up paddleboarding. If sports are not your thing, then head over to Ponquogue Beach on the Atlantic Ocean, which has 600 feet of white sandy beach leading to the water. For a beach experience on the bay side of Hampton Bays, Meschutt Beach County Park has picnic grounds and other amenities, including a playground.

Of all the Hamptons, Hampton Bays is the most laid-back and casual and is great for families, but don't let that overshadow its other personality, with its sprawling destination resorts and a bounty of top-notch restaurants peppered throughout, showcasing everything from chill vibes to chilled lobster.



### The Hampton Maid, Hampton Bays

Perched atop a picturesque hillside and overlooking the shimmering Shinnecock Bay, this 12-acre family-owned seasonal guest retreat, established in 1959, offers an outstanding breakfast eatery and a world-class dining spot, and is scant minutes from the Shinnecock Hills and Sebonack Golf Clubs. The property has many comfortable cabins with all the conveniences, including a back entry leading to a delightful private furnished deck for catching the last embers of the day. Enjoy onsite leisure activities, like shuffleboard or a swim in the swimming pool. The country-style breakfast here is known for its hearty portions of breakfast favorites and beyond. For lighter fare, enjoy the Maid's homemade organic granola with rolled oats, coconut, dried apricots, pistachios, and pumpkin seeds, served with Greek yogurt and fresh fruit.



## R.AIRE

Enter this quant dining space at the Hampton Maid and be wowed at the humble breakfast spot's conversion into a white-tableclothed, finely appointed dining room. Here the Hampton Maid hosts R.AIRE, an extraordinary culinary experience complete with a mixologist bartender concocting drinks to perfection and an attentive waitstaff seeing to your every fancy. With a concept created by executive chef Alex Bujoreanu, the restaurant focuses on introducing new and innovative dishes, along with classics with a unique and modern twist. His perfectly balanced menu combines the best in global cuisine with fresh, locally sourced ingredients and novel cooking techniques to create a memorable dining experience.

Chef Alex is proud to offer diners two choices: a Spanish-influenced à la carte menu each night featuring tapas and paella, or on Friday and Saturday nights, a six-course prix fixe tasting menu that is a tribute to French cuisine. Savor the scrumptious dishes here with inventive cocktails and chef-curated wine pairings. The charcuterie is a great place to start: a platter filled to the brim with meats and cheeses and

other delicacies to warm up your palette. Enjoy the authentic paellas, whether the meat variety or sea variety, with its fresh and tasty calamari, mussels, shrimp, and clams. Or for the foodie who loves it all, the Land & Sea paella is stocked with filet mignon, lobster, calamari, and more.

Make sure to sample the tapas here, with such offerings as octopus squid-ink romesco, roasted rainbow carrots, crispy chickpeas, pickled raisins, 20-month-aged Manchego, grilled chorizo, and so much more. Make sure to listen for Chef Alex's specials of the evening. The fresh fried anchovies, for example, are a rare and delicious treat — as authentic as can be, backed by the chef's labors of love. He will be more than happy to share the process of how those fresh and delicious anchovies went from catch to plate. For the squid-ink pasta with a bounty of shellfish atop, the seafood is presented first, in a small simmering casserole of tasty clams, mussels, and shrimp. It is then added to the squid ink pasta in its entirety. Be sure to keep your napkin handy, as indulging in squid ink pasta is like eating an edible work of art, an experience for all the senses. You will need extra napkins!



### Canoe Place Inn & Cottages, Hampton Bays

The site of America's oldest inn, Canoe Place has hosted travelers and gatherings for hundreds of years. Now it is home to the restored, 25-room Canoe Place Inn, a magnificent Hampton Bays landmark resplendent with cottages, a pool, and gardens, featuring luxury accommodations and amenities. Arrive at this canal-front enclave and find one-, two-, three-, and four-bedroom properties offering king beds with fine Italian linens, exclusive Costa Brazil bath products, robes, and slippers. The full kitchens have everything you need, including a Nespresso coffee maker, teakettle, fridge, dishwasher, and more. Each living room invites you in with its comfortable sitting area around a cozy electric fireplace, and looks out onto a private patio and green space. Locally curated minibars and small refrigerators, 50-inch TVs with personalized streaming, and more are offered for additional comfort and convenience.

The in-house dining here continues the extraordinary experience, offering a regionally inspired culinary adventure with a coastal Mediterranean influence. Enjoy the beautifully appointed dining room, tavern, and comfortable patio and outdoor bar, all set up to welcome you in. Small plates and

salads begin the experience with tasty choices such as wild mixed greens, macerated cherries, and cheddar drizzled with hazelnut vinaigrette. The Canoe Place Inn's clams casino are done to perfection, with smoked bacon, parmesan, and saltine crumbs. The Peconic Bay clam pie is a very special treat, with plump Cherrystone clams, pickled chilies, and Parmigiano Reggiano. The cherrywood-grilled Atlantic salmon with red grapes, toasted hazelnut, and cauliflower purée is flavorful and satisfying, while the American Wagyu cheeseburger served on a brioche bun hits the spot when looking for a classic favorite. Sweets like the strawberry shortcake, made with a delightfully light champagne mousse, are a perfect meal's end. To pair the meal, Canoe Place's wine program offers approximately 250 selections, curated by their expert sommelier and their food and beverage director. Of course, Canoe Place offers inventive and traditional cocktails, should you wish.

To further amplify your experience here, live music and various events are available onsite. For example, on June 1, from 8:00 to 9:30 p.m., the High and Mighty Brass Band, a New York City favorite, will be performing for one night only.



### Oakland's Restaurant & Marina, Hampton Bays

For more than 30 summers, Oakland's has been a favorite waterfront destination in Hampton Bays. With executive chef John Hill at the helm, this family-owned and -operated restaurant, bar, and marina offers stunning views, ideal for soaking in sunsets over Shinnecock Inlet. Oakland's restaurant features the bounty of the local waterways, with the fresh lobster an absolute favorite by far, along with other meat dishes. Enjoy mixology-perfected bar drinks such as the Berry Lemonade: Stoli blueberry vodka, fresh seasonal berries, and fresh squeezed lime juice, all topped with cranberry lemonade — sassy and sweet at the same time!

To munch while you imbibe, the bar menu here offers a variety of appetizers and small bites, including flash-fried calamari: lightly fried calamari pieces served with an herbed yellow-tomato dipping sauce. Or try the ceviche of the day, which tosses citrus-cooked seafood with minced vegetables, chilies, and lime juice. BLT Sliders with mayo, peppercorn bacon, fried tomato, microgreens, and a hot honey garlic aioli satisfies the landlubbers. The crab cakes are pan-sautéed fresh jumbo lump crabmeat and served over a cilantro slaw with a

jalapeño lime aioli. The peppercorn-seared tuna is flash-seared yellowfin tuna sliced thin, served atop taro chips, spicy avocado sauce, pickled ginger, and slaw.

Entrees include the pan-seared local fluke: sautéed fresh fluke with rosemary, lemon, Calabrian chili, a touch of butter, and white wine served over a bed of fresh seasonal vegetables. Also cooked to perfection is the crispy-skinned salmon: organic salmon pan-seared and served with Korean-style kimchi, garlic mashed potatoes, herbed ginger foam, and black pepper. And of course, those ever popular Canadian hard-shell lobsters are available steamed or stuffed. It's like tasting the first bites of summer.

Still need to indulge your inner carnivore? You can try the delicious center-cut eight-ounce filet mignon, or a classic au poivre New York strip steak: the 14-ounce, grass-fed aged sirloin is topped with crispy shiitake mushrooms and finished with a port-wine glaze, then served with pommes frites and ginger-honey-roasted brussels sprouts that refuse to slouch. These keep up with the seafood menu favorites, never breaking a sweat.

## PACKING A PUNCH IN 2024

BY SHARON ROTH



Happy Memorial Day! We are back yet again for another summer of East End surf, sand, sunsets — and, of course, a delightful array of new libation adventures.

This year, in the Hamptons at least, May is the month of milk punch, one of the latest vintage cocktails to return in force to bars and hot spots across the country.

So what exactly is milk punch? The word *punch* derives from the Hindi word for five — *pañch* — and in this case it refers to a cocktail of five components: spirit, sweetener, citrus, water, and spices. When milk is used instead of water, it becomes a milk punch. While there are numerous variations of this beverage, its most common components are milk, a spirit, sugar, vanilla extract, and nutmeg sprinkled on top.

There are two kinds of milk punch: regular and clarified. Regular milk punch has long been a drink favored in the South, while (not unexpectedly) clarified is the British version. Clarified milk punch is fashioned through a sort of alchemy. The milk is prompted to curdle, a process that binds its murkier elements so they may be strained away, leaving behind a translucent version of milk. The clarifying process is not just cosmetic; it also serves to draw out the drink's coarser elements, smoothing its texture and mouthfeel and boosting its shelf stability as well.

Sounds complex? Most definitely. Nonetheless, milk punch has a long and illustrious history. According to David Wondrich, author of *Punch: The Delights (and Dangers) of the Flowing Bowl*, this crème-based cocktail made its debut in London in the early 1600s in an arrack-based version that came from the East. The earliest recorded recipe is from 1711, and later, it was a known go-to favorite of Queen Victoria's.

But before then, by colonial times, Americans had naturally commandeered this drink and made it their own, relying mainly on bourbon and rum for the spirit. In 1763, Benjamin Franklin shared a recipe for his version that called for adding boiling milk to lemon-zest-infused brandy, then letting it stand until straining. He even advised adding "a sphere of ice." Ben Franklin, discoverer of electricity and inventor of the first cocktail ice ball! Who knew?

Anyway, crafting clarified milk punch can take a few hours to a few days for optimal results — this is not a cocktail for an impromptu après-beach wind-down. But it is one that is worth the effort and will most certainly impress any guest at your next dinner party.

The three basic ingredients you need to fashion clarified milk punch are milk (any kind; coconut and oat are good too), the spirit of your choice, and an acid, such as lemon juice or citric acid. To make it, blend your spirit of choice with any spices, sweeteners, or seasoning you like, then add those to warm milk along with your acid. The milk will break and begin to curdle, and over the course of several hours, the solids will fall to the bottom. Strain with a cheesecloth or coffee filter and enjoy!

With Summer 2024 finally upon us, we look forward to savoring many such cocktails: homegrown or exotic, vintage or brand-new. Clarified or otherwise, let's raise our glasses to the craft-spirit icons who helped create the fabulous cocktails we enjoy today ... and of course to a long, balmy, and unforgettable Hamptons summer to come!

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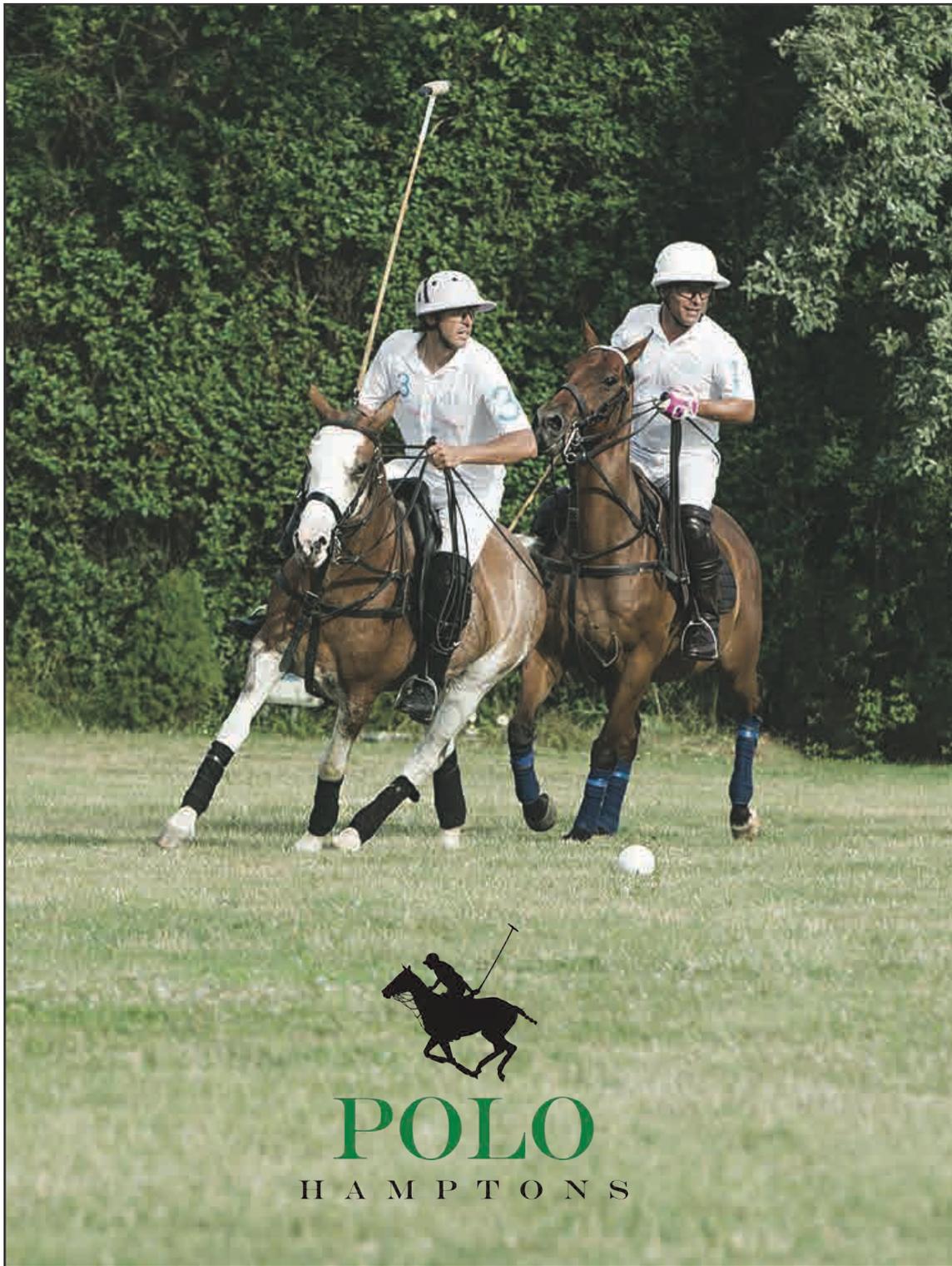
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