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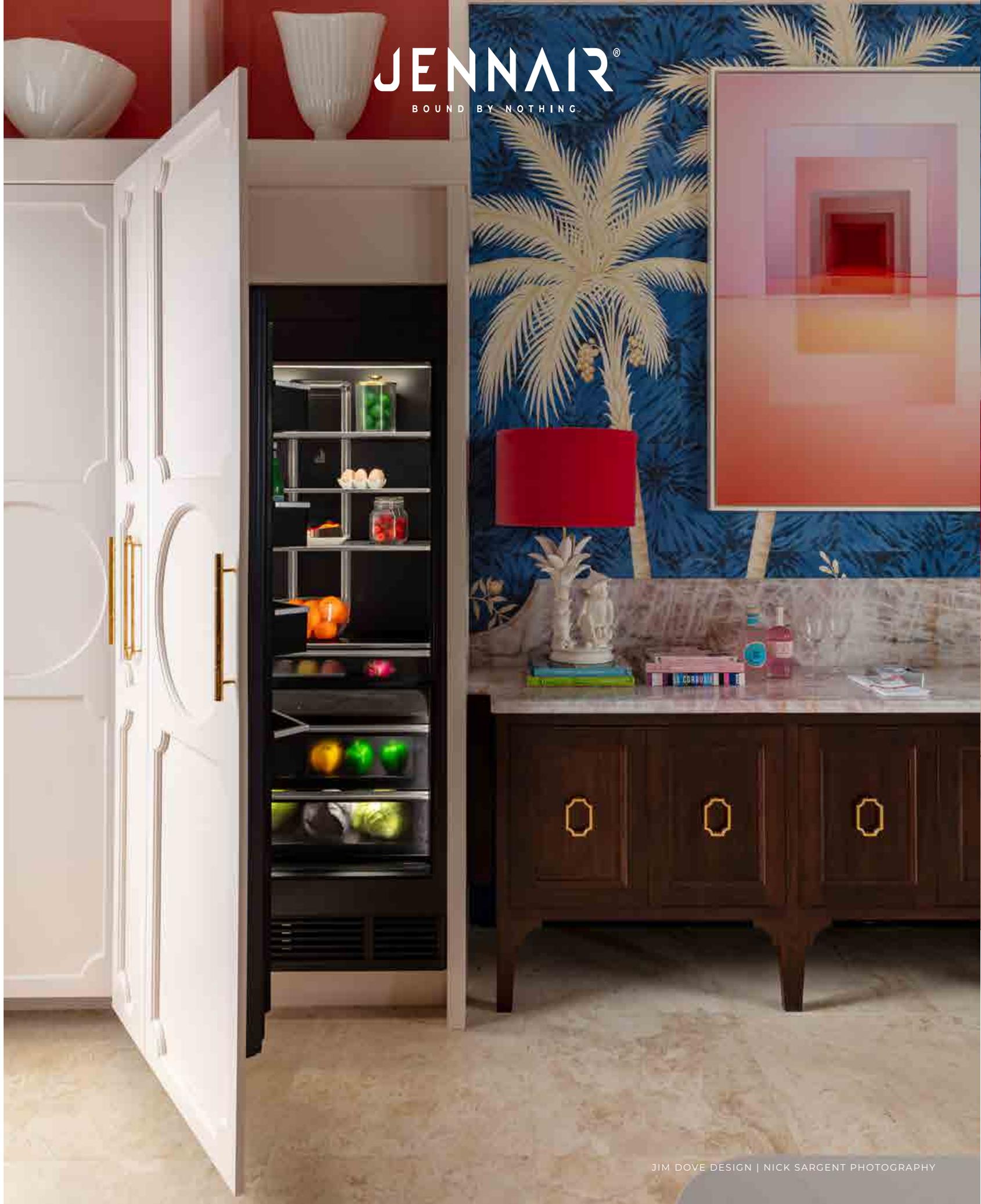
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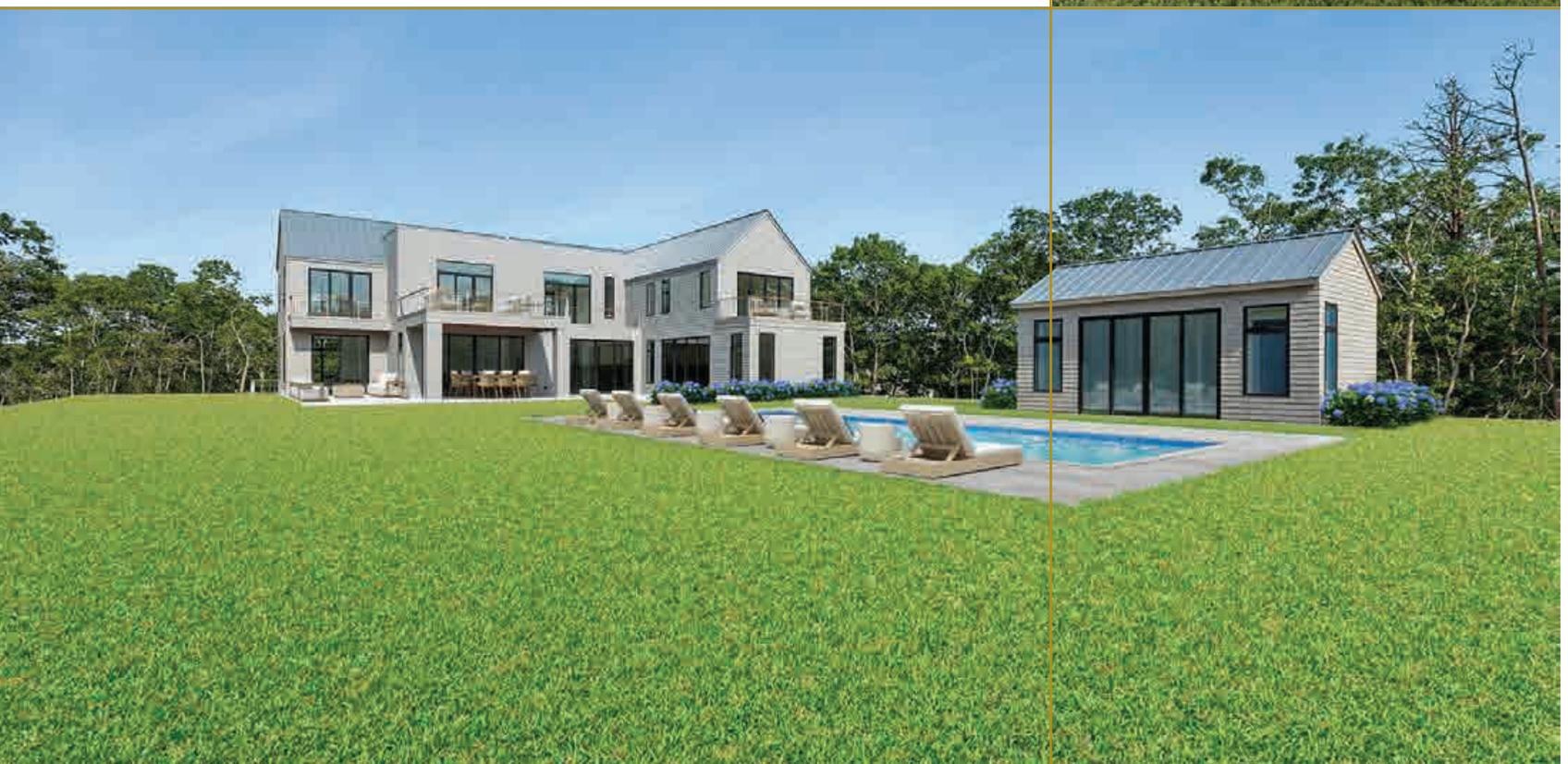
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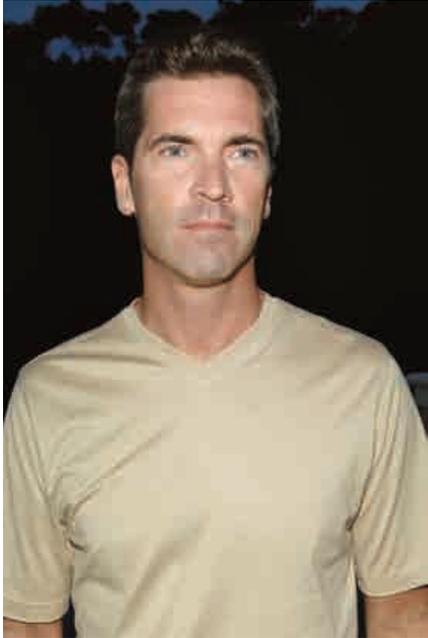
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Nothing quite compares to a Hamptons summer. I would say the same goes for autumn, winter, and spring. Come September, the Hamptons transform into a different but equally vibrant version of themselves. They are quieter yet full of wonderful things to do with family and friends.

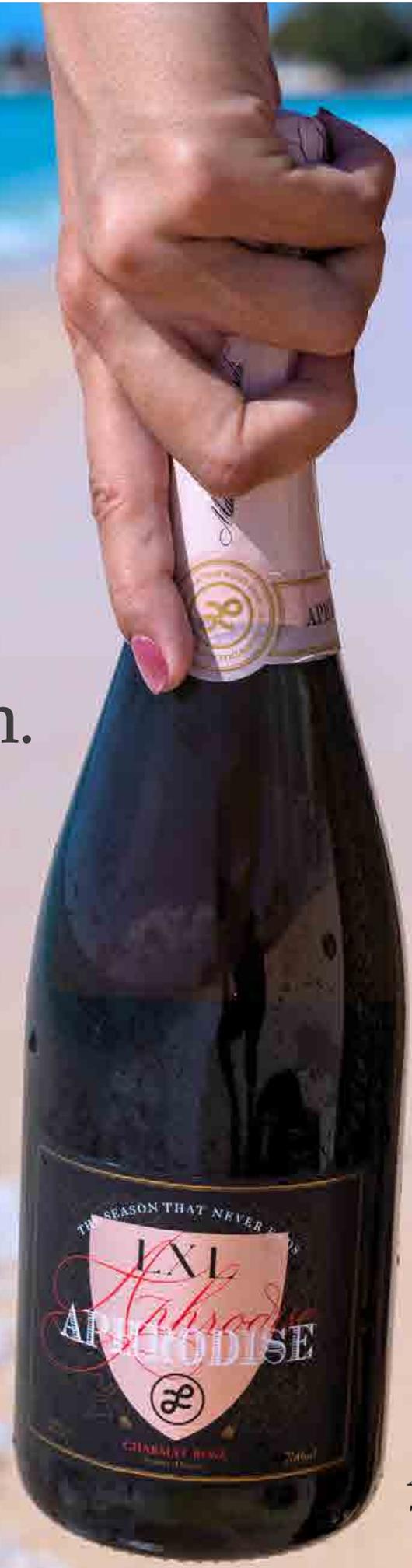
The Hamptons have many fall activities to offer: Attending the Sag Harbor American Music Festival and the Hamptons Film Festival, picking apples and pumpkins, playing a round at Montauk Downs, visiting vineyards, riding your bike through the less-traveled roads, playing tennis at FS Tennis Club, and skating at the Southampton ice rink are some. Spending time in the Hamptons' natural woodlands, meadows, and the ocean makes life a little more special. Year-round you can find most shops, hotels, and restaurants open, making the East End a great place for you to spend holidays with your family.

Even though I'm fond of New York City, there is something about the Hamptons that I love but can't describe in mere words. I recommend spending some time in the Hamptons beyond the summer months and finding out whether it will change your life as it has mine.

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The crisp air of September brings with it a sense of contemplation and expectation. As the golden days of summer quietly fade, we are met with the invigorating promise of autumn — a season that, much like the pages of this publication, is filled with both beauty and depth.

September serves as a time for renewal, a moment to reassess our paths and set our sights on new horizons. It is a month that bridges from the carefree spirit of summer to the introspection and ambition of fall. This transition is reflected in the carefully curated content you will find within these pages: features that inspire us to embrace change, celebrate successes, and cultivate lasting connections.

As always, we bring you the latest in fashion, lifestyle, and culture, all selected with the refined taste that defines *Social Life* magazine. From the trends that will mark the autumn season to the events that should be on your radar, this issue serves as your guide to navigating the social scene with style and sophistication.

Thank you for joining us on this journey. As we embark on September, let us embrace all the possibilities it holds. May this month be one of deep reflection, incredible growth, and above all, pure joy in living life to its fullest.

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In this Labor Day issue, we celebrate and showcase Matthew J. Bruderman, a brilliant investor, entrepreneur, philanthropist, and chairman of Nassau University Medical Center, Long Island's only safety-net hospital. Since becoming its chairman, Bruderman has implemented extraordinary reforms at a rapid rate, brilliantly transforming the hospital's management and operational systems. In doing so, he has ensured the highest level of care, financial oversight, and overall efficiency to better serve the community.

Serving as NUMC's chairman of the board is a huge undertaking, and Bruderman had to completely revamp the structure of the hospital. NUMC serves underprivileged individuals who would otherwise not be able to afford medical care, so Bruderman felt compelled to take on this particular challenge, to improve and preserve Long Island's only safety-net hospital. Read the inspiring story of the hurdles Bruderman has overcome in maintaining the hospital's mission of adequately providing necessary care to underserved and marginalized communities.

On another note, fall will soon be upon us, and it happens to be one of the most beautiful, magical times of year on the East End. Every day spent among family and friends in the Hamptons is truly a gift, and residents and visitors alike continue to relish the countless activities, the pristine ocean beaches, and the natural beauty of the region's landscape.

Enjoy your Labor Day weekend. I am looking forward to connecting with you again soon!

Warm Wishes,

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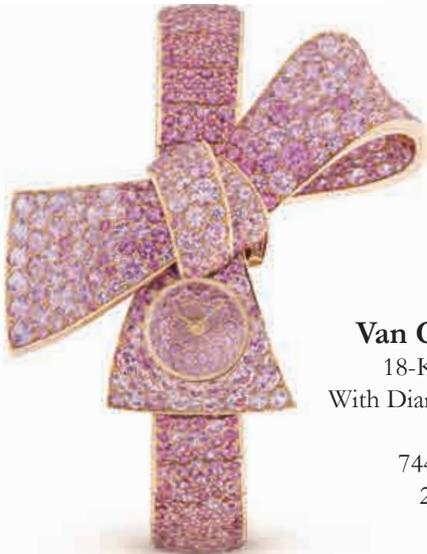
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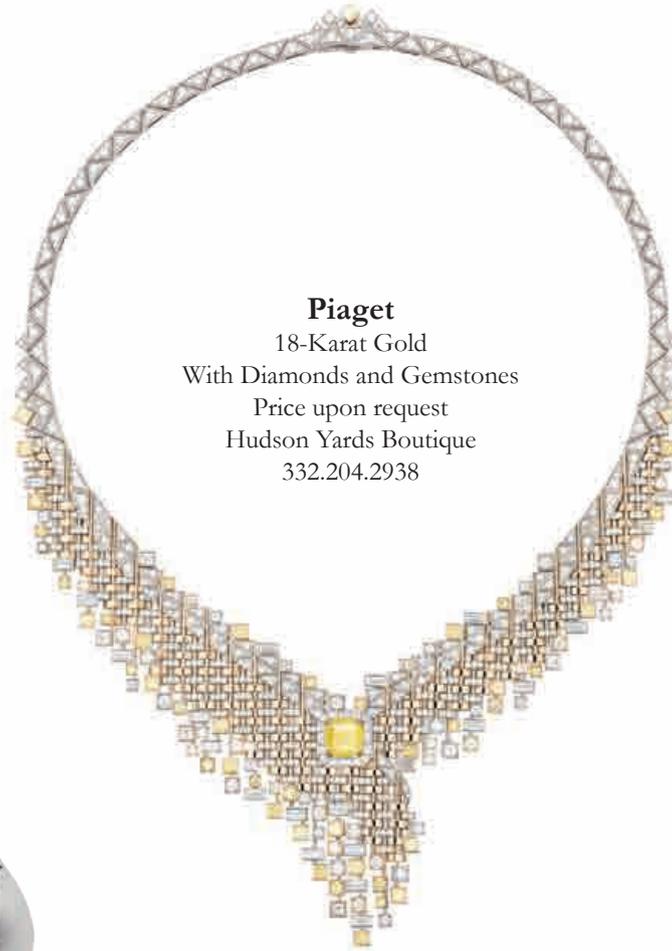


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## *Metallic Marvels*

*The Spring 2024 runways shimmered with the allure of metallics, heralding a season of bold glamour and futuristic elegance. Designers embraced lustrous fabrics, from liquid gold gowns to silver-infused separates, creating a visual symphony of light and movement. These metallic pieces are not just evening wear; they are designed to make a statement at any time of day. Paired with minimalist accessories, the trend allows the shine to take center stage, redefining modern sophistication. Get ready to dazzle and turn heads, as metallics become the ultimate wardrobe essential.*



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## *Blood Orange!*

*The vibrant hue of blood orange is taking over the Hamptons this summer, infusing accessories with a burst of fresh, sophisticated energy. From statement handbags to bold jewelry, this color trend is perfect for those who want to stand out while maintaining an air of effortless elegance. Pair your blood-orange pieces with crisp whites or soft neutrals to let the color truly pop. Embrace this fiery shade and let it add a dash of daring chic to your summer wardrobe.*



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FROM THE HAMPTONS TO PALM BEACH AND BEYOND:  
HOW TO ADAPT YOUR CLOSET FOR THE SEASON

As an entrepreneur, my travels are an essential part of my daily life. Each destination I visit brings new perspectives, colors, and shapes to my world. While I meticulously plan each departure, my return is often a fluid notion, driven by the opportunities and inspirations I encounter. This makes it imperative that my wardrobe is not only versatile but also a true reflection of the vibrant style that defines me.

As we close out the summer in the Hamptons and prepare for the Palm Beach season and beyond, here are some tips to transform your look:

**The Timeless Charm of Silk:** Silk remains the ultimate symbol of timeless elegance. Its luxurious, flowing texture is perfectly adaptable to any season, infusing your wardrobe with an unparalleled touch of sophistication. A silk dress, light and refreshing for those balmy summer evenings, can transition seamlessly into a serene, elegant autumn statement with the addition of refined accessories and chic layers.

**Colors That Inspire:** The changing seasons offer a canvas to maintain the vibrant essence of nature in your wardrobe. Opt for shades that not only reflect the ambiance of the season but also harmonize with the exquisite surroundings of each destination. Whether it's the deep ocean blues of St. Barts or the sun-drenched hues of Palm Beach, let your color palette resonate with your environment.

**Inspiration From Spaces:** Every destination holds its own aesthetic charm, and I find inspiration in the unique essence of the places I visit. Allow the landscapes and cultures you encounter to influence your fashion choices. Integrating elements that resonate with your surroundings adds a layer of depth to your style, making each ensemble a narrative of your travels.

Adding to the excitement of the coming season is the opening of my boutique hotel in the serene mountains of Colombia. This project, a harmonious blend of luxury and nature, has been a true labor of love. As I prepare to welcome guests into this unique haven, I'm inspired to bring elements of its rustic elegance into my wardrobe for the season ahead. Each journey, whether to Palm Beach or the mountains, is a new opportunity to redefine my style and embrace the beauty of our world.

I look forward to seeing you in Palm Beach and perhaps even in the mountains, where our fashion journey continues in perfect harmony with our surroundings.

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# SOFIE'S TRENDS

BY SOFIE MÄHLKVIST

## END-OF-SUMMER SWEATERS



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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# SHOPPING

BY GREGORY DELLI CARPINI JR.

*Whether it's for a walk on the beach or an evening painting the Hamptons red, you can find what you need at these shops.*



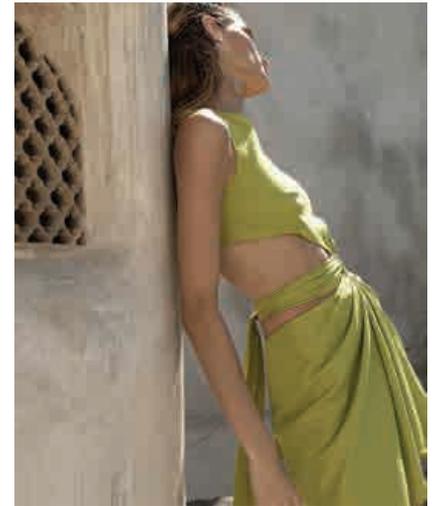
## DEREK LAM

Derek Lam's East Hampton outpost is where minimalist cool and luxe vibes collide. The boutique serves up a curated mix of sleek silhouettes and elevated essentials that define modern sophistication. It's a low-key haven for those in the know, offering pieces that are effortlessly timeless.  
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## SERENA & LILY

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# MEN THAT TREND

BY MJ PEDONE



*MJ Pedone is the founder and CEO of Indra Public Relations  
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As Labor Day is upon us, we celebrate the fruits of our efforts and our desire to live and enjoy the finer things in life. Cheers to another great summer on the East End!



## VERSACE FLUID SATIN SILK-BLEND SHIRT

The open, plunging neckline and the dropped, rounded shoulders of this silky satin-finish shirt provide a relaxed silhouette. \$730, [versace.com](https://www.versace.com)



## VERSACE COLUMN LEATHER BELT

A leather belt featuring a classical-column-inspired buckle. \$525, [versace.com](https://www.versace.com)



## VERSACE JEANS

These straight, regular-fit jeans are made from cotton denim in a medium wash, featuring a Medusa Biggie emblem at the pocket. Sexy for hanging out in the afternoon or night. \$650, [versace.com](https://www.versace.com)

## ZEGNA BEIGE SUEDE TRIPLE STITCH SNEAKERS

These low-top sneakers are lightweight and flexible. The brand's signature triple-crossed elastic detail ensures an easy slip-on fit, while evoking the traditional hand stitching of tailored jackets to symbolize and honor Zegna's legacy of fine craftsmanship. Foliage-colored leather lining completes the look. \$950, [zegna.com](https://www.zegna.com)



# HOT LYSST

BY LYSS STERN



*What's hot? What's in? What's #fabuLyss? Lyss Stern, a New York City-based best-selling author and the founder of Divamoms.com is at the forefront of style, trends, and the must-have-nows. Lyss gives moms and expectant moms the scoop on Instagram @diva\_moms*



## #DIVAMOMS FASHION

The #fabulyss Fall '24 Ramy Brook collection redefines western glam with a sexy, sophisticated twist. Expect to see designs featuring denim, suede, and faux leather, with intricate cutout embroidery, metal hardware, and shaped yokes with leather pipings. Plaid with leather trim and novelty leather lacing on suede bring the theme to life, while statement jackets and textured sweaters add depth. As we move into party season, get ready for glamorous dressing with embellished pieces, sexy satin styles, and luxurious details like glass beads and paillette

sequins. Each piece is crafted to take you from day to night effortlessly, ensuring you stay glamorous all season long. [ramybrook.com](http://ramybrook.com)



## #DIVAKIDS HAMPTONS FASHION

Your mini-tween and tween girls (ages 6 to 15) will absolutely love these comfortable and #fabulyss-fun Hamptons shorts, designed to bring joy and spark smiles everywhere the girls go out east.

Instagram [@isparksmiles](https://www.instagram.com/isparksmiles)

## #DIVAMOMS EXERCISE

Elements Barre Fit by Andrea Fornarola brought its high-energy workout classes to Sag Harbor with a brand-new flagship



location. The 2,000-square-foot studio is located at 11 Bridge Street and has a sprawling lobby and retail area, two beautiful studio rooms including a dedicated private training studio, and a gorgeous outdoor space. The studio also features Elements' custom ballet barres (my #fabulyss favorite), offering a deeper stretch and more advanced workout. Classes at Elements Sag Harbor will run

year-round and will include Barre, Dance and Stretch, and Stand-up Paddleboard (SUP) Barre, as well as private sessions and small group classes. Elements Sag Harbor is led by founder, CEO, and head trainer Andrea Fornarola. Since opening her first location in East Hampton in 2014, Fornarola and her team have been delivering the best in group fitness, dance, and private training in the Hamptons and New York! [elementsbarrefit.com](http://elementsbarrefit.com)

## #DIVAMOMS FACIALS

A native of Budapest, Ildi Pekar incorporates her deeply rooted cultural and educational experiences as a skin-care therapist to promote her philosophy: "Skin care is health care." Pekar's home country of Hungary is known as the spa capital of the world and served as a foundation for the creation of her renowned healing therapies.

Her facials are truly #fabulyss. She brings a unique approach to her clients that combines the magic of traditional remedies with modern technologies to provide a deeper nurturing experience for you. Building on her European roots and an established, loyal following, Pekar provides these forward-thinking and nurturing touches to those who need healing on both physical and spiritual levels. [ildipekar.com](http://ildipekar.com)



Happiness on Main Beach shorts available for sale at the Beach Hut on Main in East Hampton

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**#DIVAMOMS DOGS**

Dolce & Gabbana Fefé, the first luxury alcohol-free fragrance mist for #fabulyss dogs, was created for our beloved furry companions by renowned master perfumer Emily Coppermann. The exquisite fragrance features a harmonious blend of ingredients, including cocooning ylang-ylang, a clean and enveloping touch of musk, and soft and creamy sandalwood. [dolcegabbana.com](http://dolcegabbana.com)

**#DIVAMOMS SOAPS**

Evoking a bouquet of #fabulyss flowers, the Florae care soap releases a scent of a climbing-rose bush with a springtime freshness. The heart notes, a blend of rose and geranium, are revealed by the warmth of cedar in the base note and the citrus vivacity of mandarin and bergamot in the top note. [carrierefreres.com](http://carrierefreres.com)

**#DIVAMOMS PARFUM**

Trudon celebrates orange blossom and unveils the olfactive richness of this emblematic flower in this #fabulyss eau de parfum. Exalted by Tonka bean and a hint of saffron, its warm, spicy and captivating scents are blossoming. The parfum has a royal legacy: Louis XIV, who was passionate about perfumes, preferred the sweet and soothing smell



of orange blossom to amber or musk because it was more bearable to him. Marie Antoinette also loved orange blossom and used it in her beauty rituals and as a toner for her nerves. [trudon.com](http://trudon.com)

**#DIVAMOMS BACK TO SCHOOL**

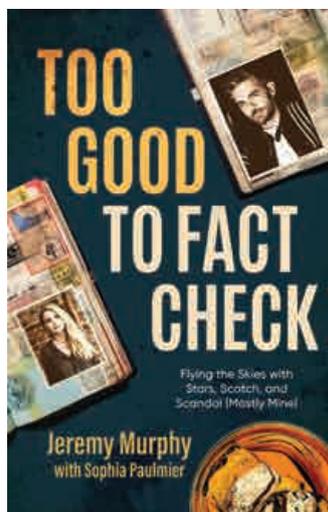
Juggling your kid's morning routine, after-school activities, sports practices, and weekend plans just got so much easier. HiveDrive is the #fabulyss safe and reliable carpooling mobile app designed specifically for parents and kids. It offers a secure platform for seamless coordination, including real-time in-app chat and a signature notification sound (think beep meets buzz) so that you never miss an update, ensuring a stress-free carpooling experience. It saves time and hassle for parents while empowering kids with a sense of free-

dom, and it's environmentally friendly. As they say, it takes a village — or in this case, a hive. Available in the Apple App Store.

**#DIVAMOMS HAIR CARE**

Founded by celebrity hairstylist James Pecis, Blu & Green is a new brand of hair care and styling products rooted in sustainability. Having collaborated with fashion luminaries, celebrities, and industry heavyweights, he wanted to create a high-performance hair-

care line with a conscience. Reimagining the industry's norms, Blu & Green has re-evaluated the entire product lifecycle, from formulation to production to packaging, to bring about a new era in styling. [bluandgreen.com](http://bluandgreen.com)

**#DIVAMOMS BOOK**

What happens when magazine editors behave worse than the celebrities they feature? Shock, comedy, and farce, expertly chronicled in Jeremy Murphy's #fabulyss new book *Too Good to Fact Check*, a firsthand account of his 10 years traveling with stars as the editor of a glossy magazine. Whether taking Julianna Margulies to the Côte d'Azur, going aboard the Orient Express with Neil Patrick Harris, or meeting LL Cool J in Paris, the author has lived a wild,

decadent life that rivaled anyone he was covering. He recounts the most outrageous moments in colorful, candid detail. [amazon.com](http://amazon.com)

# BEAUTY

By JEANETTE ZINNO



## Post-Summer Skin Repair

*Rejuvenate your skin with these luxe exfoliating and hydrating products.*

### EXFOLIATE

Create a healthy glow with this peppermint-scented bar soap, which will tighten skin and improve circulation. The organic peppermint energizes, French blue clay draws out impurities, and sea salt exfoliates the skin. [flamingoestate.com](http://flamingoestate.com), \$42



### REPAIR

This ultra-nourishing moisturizer is designed to reduce lines and wrinkles for supple-looking skin. Formulated with multi-peptides to help boost collagen production, this cream offers long-lasting hydration for skin that looks smoother. [clinique.com](http://clinique.com), \$106



### MOISTURIZE

Remember to take care of your hands! This creamy formula is enriched with Blue Lagoon seawater to moisturize and soften hands. It relieves dry skin and restores softness as it protects the hands. Neiman Marcus, \$45

### DETOX

Ease your body and mind with these hydrating salts, made with Epsom and mineral sea salts, detoxifying Brazilian white clay, breu branco, and antioxidant-rich CBA. The potent blend soothes the skin, eases soreness, and promotes better sleep. [livecostabrazil.com](http://livecostabrazil.com), \$125





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## Beauty and Style Guide

By JEANETTE ZINNO



### The Cabana at Montauk Yacht Club Montauk

La Prairie has opened its luxury skin-care house at the Montauk Yacht Club in the Hamptons for its first season-long spa offering. In addition to the luxurious Swiss skin-care facial treatments, the spa will offer a range of body treatments, including massages and wraps, and wellness offerings, such as yoga and breathwork classes.

[montaukyachtclub.com](http://montaukyachtclub.com)



### Paintbucket Williamsburg

Based in Williamsburg, Brooklyn, Paintbucket is a modern nail salon in a super-stylish space that offers expert manicures, pedicures, and custom nail art. At this luxe nail salon, you'll feel like you're stepping into someone's curated and comfortable home. You're instantly swept in and offered prosecco and a cozy seat for the perfect manicure experience.

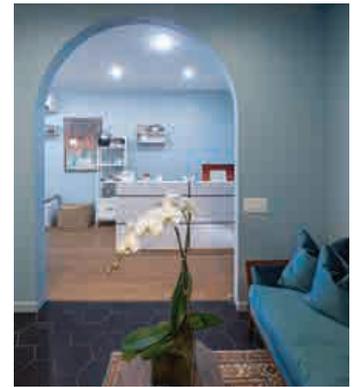
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### Elements Barre Fit Sag Harbor

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[elementsbarrefit.com](http://elementsbarrefit.com)



### Vanity Projects New York City

Tucked away on Chrystie Street, Vanity Projects nail salon offers any type of manicure you desire. The nail services include acrylic and gel options, from abstract patterns to 3D. The nail art is created by some of the most sought-after international nail artists, whether you're looking for bold and original designs or something simple and classic.

[vanityprojectsnyc.com](http://vanityprojectsnyc.com)



### Love Binetti — Sag Harbor

Fashion designer Diego Binetti recently established Love Binetti at 17 Washington Street in Sag Harbor as a permanent Hamptons storefront. The fashion line caters to the traveler and nomad at heart — the modern girl with that city-slicker edge. In addition to his designs, the store also features a chic selection from designers and a variety of candles and perfumes from brands like Coqui Coqui and Soh Melbourne. The store is open for locals and weekend visitors throughout the fall and holidays.

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# MEADOW AND BARK

## LUXURIOUS PLANT-POWERED SKIN CARE WITH A PURPOSE

BY MARSIN MOGIELSKI



Marisa Russell

In Long Beach, New York — a community celebrated for its surf culture — Meadow and Bark has emerged as a premium destination for plant-powered skin care. Founded by Marisa Russell, the brand translates her extensive experience into a vision centered on exceptional quality, sustainability, and empowerment.

### A PASSIONATE BEGINNING

Russell, a former marketing executive, approached skin care with the same drive for innovation that defined her career. Motivated to find nontoxic sun-care solutions for her family, Russell was inspired by a botanical paste her husband, Scott, discovered on a surf trip to the Mentawai Islands. An organic all-natural paste that saved his trip and blocked the most extreme sun then became inspiration for Meadow and Bark's acclaimed sun-care line.

### CRAFTING EXCELLENCE: FROM CONCEPT TO CREATION

Marisa's marketing expertise and Scott's organic farming background laid the foundation for Meadow and Bark. Their Long Beach living lab and atelier acts as both an innovation hub and a unique shopping experience. As chief alchemist, Marisa leads master classes at the location and partner sites, sharing her passion for clean, botanical-based skin care.

Each product is designed, manufactured, and packaged in their Long Beach lab. Ingredients are sourced from socially responsible and women-owned co-ops, reflecting the brand's dedication to ethical sourcing and sustainability. The products combine traditional techniques with modern science, featuring active ingredients like plant stem cells, antioxidants, and peptides for corrective and nourishing results. The brand's plant-powered, results-driven approach makes skin-care routines enjoyable and effective. "Customers often start with one or two products, such as our sun care or Glass Skin Trio, and quickly become fans. They return frequently to explore more offerings. This enthusiasm has

fueled our growth, largely driven by word of mouth. Many customers visit us two or more times a month, online or in-store, drawn by their satisfaction and the remarkable results they experience," says Russell.

### WHERE NATURE MEETS INNOVATION

In 2024, Meadow and Bark launched its first FDA-approved sunscreen, Mineral 45, one of the few certified as reef safe. This milestone represents five years of meticulous development and a steadfast commitment to avoiding harmful ingredients. By merging nature's finest with ethical practices, Meadow and Bark continues to redefine skin care.

### COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT

Meadow and Bark is dedicated to philanthropy, donating to charities that support environmental causes and women's rights. Its eco-friendly practices include UV-resistant glass packaging and customer recycling incentives. It also partners with the Fabian Cousteau Ocean Learning Center to protect marine environments.

### A VISION FOR EMPOWERMENT AND GLOBAL COLLABORATION

Russell envisions a world where self-care embodies trust, luxury, and efficacy. Meadow and Bark aims to lead the self-care industry by empowering individuals and fostering global uplift. Its reach includes partnerships with spas and boutiques in the Caribbean, Montauk, New York City, California, and Hawaii, with ongoing efforts to support women worldwide through sustainable sourcing. Join Marisa Russell in embracing plant-powered, healthy skin-care options and a brand devoted to genuine care. [meadowandbark.com](https://meadowandbark.com)



Jen Hanono applying the Golden Hour Body Oil



Goddess Surf Paste, Mineral 45 Sunscreen in Shimmer and Sport, Mermaid Surf Paste

# INSIGHTS FROM CELEBRITY PLASTIC SURGEON DR. STEPHEN T. GREENBERG

BY LISA MAGUN

With 30 years of experience, award-winning celebrity plastic surgeon Dr. Stephen Greenberg has performed thousands of surgical procedures. This leader in cosmetic plastic surgery prides himself on his modern approach, combining his advanced techniques with cutting-edge technology at his state-of-the-art surgical centers and medical spas. *Social Life* magazine sat down with him to learn more about his practice and perspective.

## Can you describe your philosophy on beauty regarding plastic surgery?

I want my patients to feel good about themselves, and I always strive to provide patients with a natural result with minimal recovery time. Many of my patients tell me that after their procedure, their newly found confidence allowed them to go for that job or promotion, get back into the dating scene, or even just wear the clothes they always dreamed of. Oftentimes, they tell me that no one can pinpoint that they've had a procedure, but people do notice that they look refreshed, younger, and more vibrant. I help their outer appearance reflect their inner beauty.

## Do you believe plastic surgery can help a person's self-esteem?

Absolutely! It's what drives many patients to come and see me and my staff. It's always amazing to see the difference in how a patient sees themselves from their first consultation to their postoperative checkup. They walk taller, wear clothes more comfortably, and you see a sparkle that just wasn't there before.

## Are men fans of plastic surgery?

Yes, and the number of male patients seeking cosmetic procedures is growing. About 30 percent of our practice is now men's procedures, and they are requesting all kinds of noninvasive and surgical procedures. We perform the latest hair restoration procedure, called NeoGraft, which uses the patient's own hair! Many men have also begun to see the benefits of procedures such as liposuction, male chest reduction, face and eyelid lifts, Botox, and fillers and are also enjoying treatments in our med spa.



## Which skin-rejuvenation methods do you recommend?

We have the latest technology, CoolPeel, that provides the benefits of a traditional CO2 resurfacing treatment without the downtime. By targeting just the superficial layer of skin tissue, damaged skin is removed, revealing younger and healthier-looking skin. We also perform Ultherapy, which uses ultrasound technology to tighten and refine the appearance of skin by addressing cosmetic concerns with the neck, chin, cheeks, brow area, and chest. Morpheus8 combines radio frequency with microneedling to achieve a tighter and lifted appearance as well as improved skin tone and texture on the face and body.

## How effective is a mini-facelift?

It can be very effective for the right patients. I evaluate each patient thoroughly, and once we discuss their aesthetic goals, we determine the best course of treatment. Patients can see

a refreshed and natural result with a mini-facelift, and because it's less invasive, there is very little downtime. Often, I combine a mini-facelift with J Plasma, my Plasma-Lift, to achieve greater skin retraction.

## What is all the hype about a new injectable called Jeuveau? Is it really the #Newtox?

It can be confusing for patients to navigate the variety of injectables on the market. It requires the guidance of an experienced, credentialed physician to help patients who are seeking aesthetic injectables to select the appropriate material specifically for their individual needs. Jeuveau is the newest neurotoxin in the marketplace and relaxes the muscles just like Botox, Dysport, and Xeomin to reduce the appearance of fine lines and wrinkles on the forehead, around the eyes, and between the brows. The result is a smoother, refreshed appearance. Fillers, like Restylane and Juvéderm, are injected underneath the skin to restore lost volume and provide a rejuvenated facial contour. Injections are performed in minutes, and the results are amazing!

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## ANGELO DAVID SALON

### REVITALIZING YOUR BEAUTY CONFIDENCE WITH COUTURE HAIR

BY ELIZABETH TAYLOR

PHOTOGRAPHY BY JAIME PAVON

The famous 18th-century English poet Alexander Pope wrote, “And beauty draws us with a single hair.” The modern-day world appreciates luscious locks the same way. Gorgeous hair makes one feel alive and sexy. It is the thing most desired by individuals experiencing hair issues. Angelo David Salon strives to make each client look stunning and feel worthy of poetic sentiments.

The salon’s creative director and owner, Angelo David Pisacreta, wants to bestow each client with his gift of beauty confidence. To sit in his chair is a new sort of salon experience — something magical and transformative. This hair illusionist uplifts the soul. His Midtown Manhattan salon is one of the best in the industry and a destination for boosting your self-assurance. His world-renowned techniques and wealth of knowledge make him one of the leading artists performing hair miracles.

“Almost half of all women have thinning hair, which is really distressing to them,” says this gifted stylist. “Great hair is part of women’s self-esteem, and by working with women to help solve fine- and thinning-hair problems, I brought my artistry to the next level.”

His vast experience has made him a master who specializes in hair health and growth for both his female and male clients. Clients around the world have experienced the wonder of his work, including even those who suffer from alopecia or hereditary hair loss.

Addressing underlying issues is just the beginning of Angelo’s skill set as a master stylist. Reflecting on the passion that drives him, he explains, “I’m a veteran in the industry, with prestigious clientele and a salon on Madison Avenue. I’ve become an expert in hair care because I live and breathe it every day. I am always looking for new ideas and I love being a pioneer in what I do.”

Angelo is also the inventor of a popular line of couture hair. Angelo David Salon is the world’s only salon that offers completely customized couture wigs, hairpieces, extensions, additions, fillers, clip-on bangs, and ponies that are 100 percent human hair. This luxury hair can command as much as \$3,000 to \$10,000.

“Faux hair has now become part of our culture,” he says. “It’s no longer taboo to talk about it.” Hairpieces may be prevalent in salons, but according to Angelo, “you must know how to do it right and go all in.”



At Angelo David Salon you can choose from dozens of extensions and additions, as well as dozens of different application methods. Groundbreaking attachment techniques include strand-by-strand, hot fusion, cold fusion, micro-cylinder, bonding/adhesive, linking, and tube shrinking.

“Couture hair is not only to address thinning hair,” Angelo says. “It has become part of the culture in fashion, editorial, and television. Don’t be fooled by celebrities changing their look overnight. This is made possible with couture hair, and more and more people are embracing this lifestyle.”

Every component of Angelo David Salon’s couture hair is designed on-site by professional wig tailors who match each client’s hair texture, type, and color. “The wig tailors customize hair and alter it just for you,” Angelo declares about his dedicated team.

Angelo's inspirational fervor for beauty makes him a shining example in the industry, with no signs of slowing down. Innovation and creativity are what drive the accomplishments of the salon.

It is this outlook that helped him formulate his successful Hair Detox hair-revival supplement. The exclusive lifestyle supplement combats the problem of unhealthy hair by correcting nutritional deficiencies, environmental aggressors, and hormonal imbalances through natural nutrients that are specifically selected for their traditional and scientifically supported combinations.

Key vitamins, herbs, amino acids, and antioxidants are carefully balanced in the unique stress-relief blend, which includes biotin, mixed phytoosterols, ashwagandha root extract, L-theanine, holy basil leaf power, astragalus root powder, gotu kola powder, and saw palmetto berry extract. It is the first lifestyle dietary supplement with all-natural ingredients that are specifically selected to help improve the effects of stress and, at the same time, detox your system.

Hair Detox also addresses the different supplemental needs of men and women. The men's formula contains saw palmetto, a known DHT (dihydrotestosterone) blocker. DHT plays a role in male-pattern baldness (androgenetic alopecia). The women's formula includes cranberry fruit extract to promote urinary tract health and L-cysteine, which contributes to protein building in cells. With use of Hair Detox, positive change is in store.

Angelo has constantly evolved his portfolio and business by enhancing offerings at the salon.

Angelo David Salon is a modern, meticulously designed facility that offers a spa-like experience. It boasts 2,500 square feet with seven private VIP hair suites, a hair-extension styling bar, a beauty concierge department, a beauty lounge, and a couture hair boutique. The boutique offers both couture and ready-to-wear styles, so that most clients can have the hair they want the same day they walk in the door.

The location houses a full-service salon with an open area facing Madison Avenue where you can have the perfect cut, color, and style. The salon also offers a range of bridal services, including updos, styling, and makeup for the bridal party. There is also a private consultation room that comfortably allows you to discuss your concerns and vision for your hair.

Additionally, unique to the salon is the sale of Angelo's Flex



Brush, which molds to the curvature of your head, detangling knotted hair and cleaning your scalp. The Flex Brush provides the perfect amount of pressure and stimulation, not hurting your scalp and not tearing at your hair like rigid brushes.

"We have industry veterans visit the salon and they are blown away by what we've created here," Angelo says. Undeniably, this is a man who can help you wow a crowd. Angelo can restore confidence to women and men no matter how difficult their hair problems may be. There is simply no stopping the magic from sparkling with Angelo David Salon.

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# LOOK YOUR BEST WITH DR. SOREN M. WHITE

BY ELIZABETH DARWEN

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Dr. Soren M. White is an internationally recognized expert in noninvasive, state-of-the-art skin rejuvenation, with distinguished offices in Manhattan, Aspen, and Greenwich, Connecticut. In demand and a leading authority in the field, Dr. White offers Botox fillers and laser treatments at his premier locations. His expert eye and techniques are backed by ethical practice. His masterful opinions and insights on the latest rejuvenation therapies bring a true glow to patients, who leave his office radiating with positivity and joy.

Certified by the American Board of Dermatology, Dr. White received a B.S. from the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor and an M.D. from Columbia College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York.

Additionally, as director of dermatologic surgery at Metropolitan Hospital in New York, he instructed residents in the latest techniques in dermatologic and cosmetic procedures. At present, he practices privately in New York City, Aspen, and Greenwich.

Dr. White writes for multiple medical journals, most recently for *Dermatologic Surgery*. He has collaborated on numerous published articles and delivers presentations on cosmetic dermatology at prestigious centers and universities throughout the U.S.

Celebrated for his medical expertise, Dr. White is also frequently admired for his unique approach in the field and his compassionate nature when it comes to intimately and respectfully working with patients from all over the globe. Known among his peers for his gentle touch and subtle methods, he is also regarded as a passionate artisan. His subtle and natural approach to skin care has every visitor to his office feeling refreshed and beautiful, inside and out.

Exceptionally ethical and patient, Dr. White comes highly recommended for a variety of procedures and treatments. Dr. White will do anything for the sake of his patients, but the one thing he will never do is put profits above care. Befitting his humble Midwestern upbringing, he has a heart of gold and believes that every patient deserves only the best no matter where they come from. Everyone should be and feel glamorously natural. To consult with Dr. White is to experience the genuine devotion that you fundamentally deserve.

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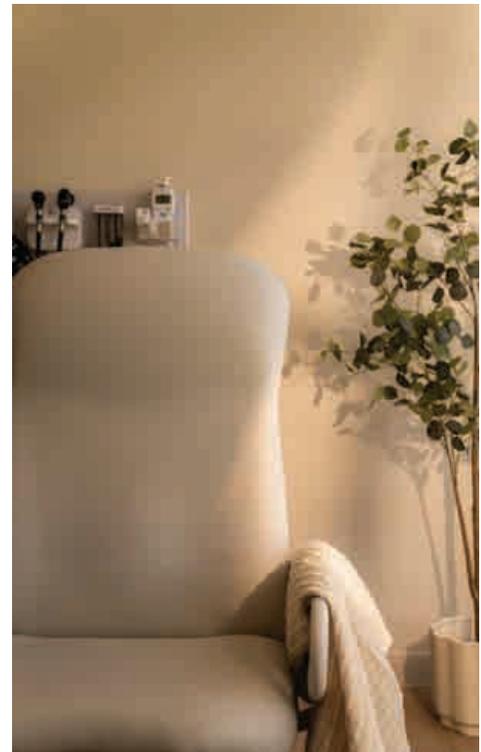
What distinguishes Sollis Health is its seamless integration of emergency and primary care with concierge medicine.

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Another standout feature of Sollis Health is its dedication to comprehensive, ongoing care. Membership includes unlimited visits, which means members can consult with their doctors as often as needed without worrying about additional costs. This model encourages proactive health management, with an emphasis on preventative care. Sollis also offers house calls, telemedicine options, and the ability to coordinate care with specialists, ensuring that members receive a holistic health-care experience tailored to their individual needs.

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# DR. LYLE LEIPZIGER

PARK AVENUE AND GREAT NECK PLASTIC SURGEON

BY RODNEY SPARROW



As one of New York's leading plastic surgeons for more than 20 years, Dr. Lyle Leipziger is committed to excellent patient outcomes through his meticulous attention to detail and artistry. He has special expertise in cosmetic surgery of the face, breast, and body, as well as reconstructive surgery of the breast. In addition, Dr. Leipziger excels in facial injectables (Botox, fillers, etc.) to rejuvenate the face and turn back the clock. He is the chief of the division of plastic surgery at both North Shore University Hospital and Long Island Jewish Medical Center.

## NEW YORK TIMES SUPER DOCTORS LIST

Dr. Leipziger graduated with Phi Beta Kappa honors from Johns Hopkins University and received his M.D. from Cornell University Medical College. He completed his plastic surgery residency at The New York Hospital–Cornell Medical Center and was then awarded a highly prestigious fellowship in craniofacial and microvascular surgery at the Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions. Dr. Leipziger has been consistently named in *New York* magazine's Top Doctors and the *New York Times's* Super Doctors, and has been selected as one of America's Top Doctors by Castle Connolly.

## REFINING BEAUTY WITH EXPERTISE AND COMPASSION

As a result of Dr. Leipziger's masterful and personalized approach to cosmetic surgeries, he has gained an impressive reputation built on trust that's perpetuated from patient to patient. Praised time and time again for his careful technique, aesthetic sense, comprehensive consultations, and sound judgment, Dr. Leipziger works closely with his patients to discuss their goals and review realistic expectations prior to any cosmetic procedure. He listens carefully to their concerns, and together they determine the best plan of action to achieve their desired results. "It has been my experience that good communication is the key to a successful and rewarding doctor-patient relationship," explains Dr. Leipziger.

As the summer wraps up, we sat down with Dr. Leipziger to get the insider scoop on the latest trends and most popular procedures he's planning for fall. Specifically, he's seeing an increased desire for face- and body-contouring procedures due to the recent popularity of injectable drugs that can cause dramatic weight loss.

## THE NEW FACELIFT

Dr. Leipziger has seen a big increase in facelifts due to rapid weight loss leading to facial volume depletion and sagging of the face and neck. He approaches facial plastic surgery with the goal of providing each patient with a completely personalized plan, designed to reveal their own naturally youthful self. With a fully customized facelift, Dr. Leipziger can help anyone resolve common facial aging concerns including facial folds, sagging face and neck skin, jowls, and a sunken or gaunt appearance. Dr. Leipziger says, "A well-done facelift remains the gold standard of facial rejuvenation procedures. No other operation can produce the equivalent lifting, filling, tightening, and anti-aging effects." From looking at his results, it's clear that Dr. Leipziger possesses the finesse and artistry to achieve extremely natural and never overdone results. He helps patients look younger without sacrificing what makes them unique.

## BREAST LIFTS AND AUGMENTATIONS

Deflation of breast volume and tissue sag is similarly common after dramatic weight loss. Dr. Leipziger says that this has resulted in a dramatic increase in breast-lift procedures with



or without breast augmentations. “The breast lift is a truly transformative procedure that can reshape a woman’s breast and give back the self-confidence she deserves,” he says. A personalized breast lift can help elevate the breasts back to a more youthful position, creating an elegant and natural-looking shape. If desired, additional volume may be added with a breast augmentation performed at the same time. Dr. Leipzig is passionate about designing completely personalized breast surgery for each of his patients and takes the time to fully understand each individual’s unique goals and concerns.

#### TUMMY TUCKS

Dr. Leipzig has also seen an increased interest in tummy tucks after weight loss. This is in addition to the tummy tucks he performs after pregnancy. Post-pregnancy changes as well as weight loss may cause the skin and abdominal wall muscles to become stretched, and often they lack the elasticity to shrink back. Unfortunately, no amount of exercise will improve this condition. “Tummy tucks aim to solve this dilemma by ridding your body of excess skin and tightening the abdominal wall muscles. This will improve your core, tighten your waistline, and restore a naturally slimmer figure,” explains Dr. Leipzig.

#### ANTI-AGING IN-OFFICE TREATMENTS

Subtle weight loss in the face may not require surgery and can be addressed with in-office injectables. “I look at patients with an aesthetic eye to determine how to best sculpt and refine their appearance,” Dr. Leipzig says. “After a thorough examination of a patient’s facial anatomy, I select from many types of injectables and nonsurgical treatments that will produce the intended refinements and enhance a patient’s natural look.”

Dr. Leipzig’s top priority is to provide the best possible care, outcome, and experience for every one of his patients. “There is nothing more rewarding to me than a happy patient,” he says.

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# RADIANT SUMMER SKIN

## EMBRACE THESE SEVEN NATURAL ESSENTIALS

BY LIANA WERNER-GRAY

Summer is the season of sunshine, outdoor adventures, and, unfortunately, skin challenges. With increased sun exposure and all the sweaty days, maintaining healthy, radiant skin becomes a top priority. As the body's largest organ, the skin requires careful and natural nourishment to stay vibrant and protected. Ditching chemical-laden products in favor of natural alternatives is wise, ensuring your skin reaps the full benefits of care without the risk of harmful side effects. Here are seven natural summer skin essentials that promise to keep your skin glowing all season long.

### Bentonite Clay

Redmond bentonite clay, derived from volcanic ash, is a powerhouse when it comes to detoxifying the skin. Its ability to draw out impurities, toxins, and excess oils makes it an excellent addition to your summer skin-care routine. When mixed with water to form a paste, bentonite clay can be applied as a mask to cleanse deeply and tighten the skin. This natural remedy helps in unclogging pores and reducing acne, leaving your skin feeling fresh and rejuvenated. Regular use of bentonite clay can also help balance skin pH and soothe irritation, making it a must-have for a clear, calm complexion. It's known as nature's Botox.

### Charcoal Mask

Activated charcoal is another natural ingredient renowned for its deep-cleansing properties. A Redmond charcoal mask can effectively remove dirt, oil, and other impurities from the skin, which is particularly beneficial during the sweaty summer months. Charcoal works by binding to toxins and pulling them out of the skin, resulting in a clearer and more even complexion. Additionally, it assists in reducing the appearance of pores and controlling excess oil, which can be a common issue in hot, humid weather. Incorporating a charcoal mask into your weekly skin-care routine can help you maintain a bright and balanced complexion throughout the summer.

### Aloisia Beauty Face Cleanser

Finding a gentle yet effective face cleanser is crucial for daily skin care. Aloisia Beauty's face cleanser stands out with its natural ingredients designed to cleanse without stripping the skin of its natural oils. This cleanser is formulated with botanical extracts and antioxidants that soothe, hydrate, and protect the skin. Its gentle formula ensures that your skin remains

moisturized while removing dirt, makeup, and impurities. By choosing a natural face cleanser like Aloisia Beauty's, you provide your skin with essential nutrients and maintain its natural barrier, which is vital for healthy, glowing skin.

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### Aloisia Beauty Face Lotion

Hydration is key to healthy skin, especially during the summer, and the natural, plant-based ingredients of Aloisia Beauty's face lotion can provide it. This lightweight lotion is ideal for the warmer months, and it's packed with vitamins, antioxidants, and essential oils that nourish and protect the skin. Using a natural face lotion helps in maintaining the skin's elasticity and softness without the risk of irritation from synthetic chemicals. It also aids in repairing sun damage and keeping the skin smooth and supple.

### Ecco Bella Vanilla Body Lotion

Ecco Bella's vanilla body lotion is a luxurious treat for your skin. Infused with organic ingredients like aloe vera, shea butter, and vanilla, this lotion not only moisturizes but also soothes and calms the skin. The sweet scent of vanilla provides an added sensory delight, making your skin-care routine feel like a pampering session. I stopped wearing perfume 15 years ago after I healed myself of cancer, and I've been using this instead ever since! Ecco Bella's lotion is free from parabens, synthetic fragrances, and harmful chemicals, ensuring that your skin absorbs only the best natural ingredients. Regular application helps in maintaining skin hydration, preventing dryness, and promoting a healthy glow.

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### Sea Salt Bath

A Redmond sea salt bath is a therapeutic way to relax and rejuvenate your skin after a long day. Sea salt is rich in minerals like magnesium, calcium, and potassium, which are beneficial for the skin. Soaking in a sea salt bath helps detoxify the skin, reduce inflammation, and improve circulation. The minerals also aid in hydration and skin repair, making your skin feel soft and refreshed. Incorporating sea salt baths into your routine can help soothe sunburn, alleviate muscle tension, and promote overall skin health. Redmond is the top brand of choice in the U.S. And unlike many other purveyors of Himalayan salt, it doesn't use explosives, so its product is not contaminated by that process.

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### Chlorophyll

While topical treatments are essential, what you put inside your body also significantly impacts your skin. Drinking chlorophyll, the green pigment found in plants, can provide numerous skin benefits. Chlorophyll is known for its detoxifying properties and its ability to support healthy digestion and liver function. By improving your body's ability to eliminate toxins, chlorophyll can help reduce breakouts and promote clearer skin.

Additionally, it has anti-inflammatory and antioxidant properties that protect the skin from damage and premature aging. Adding a few drops of liquid chlorophyll to your water daily can be a simple yet effective way to enhance your skin's health from within.

Opting for natural skin-care essentials is more than a trend; it's a holistic approach to maintaining the health and beauty of your skin. By embracing natural products like bentonite clay, charcoal masks, and botanical-infused cleansers and lotions, you nourish your skin with safe and effective ingredients. Complementing these with therapeutic sea salt baths and internal detoxification through chlorophyll can lead to a radiant complexion that thrives under the summer sun. Remember, your skin is a reflection of your overall health, so treat it with the care it deserves by choosing natural solutions that support its vitality and beauty.

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# MANHATTAN'S IN•GLO FACE AND BODY SCULPTING MED SPA

BY HANNAH HILTON



Among the many options in Manhattan, IN•GLO Face and Body Sculpting Med Spa stands out as a pinnacle of beauty and wellness. This exquisite med spa, founded by the dynamic duo of Lori Reising and Inna Knyazevych, epitomizes the fusion of advanced aesthetics and personalized care. Reising's extensive expertise in the field and Knyazevych's innovative approach to body sculpting have created a sanctuary where diversity and inclusivity are celebrated and cutting-edge technology meets holistic beauty.

## MANHATTAN'S BEST-KEPT SECRET

From the moment you step through the doors of IN•GLO, you encounter a serene atmosphere that immediately sets the stage for relaxation and rejuvenation. The spa's state-of-the-art facilities are a testament to the founders' commitment to providing the highest standard of care. Every detail, from the modern décor to the friendly staff, is designed to make you feel welcomed and pampered.

## INNOVATIVE TREATMENTS

IN•GLO offers a comprehensive range of services tailored to meet the unique needs of each client. Whether you're seeking cellulite reduction with Velashape, noninvasive body sculpting with truSculpt, or rejuvenating facial treatments like RF Microneedling, IN•GLO has you covered. Its advanced technologies achieve effective and lasting results.

My personal experience with CoolSculpting was particularly transformative. As someone who was initially nervous about the procedure, I was grateful for Inna's unwavering support. She stood by my side the entire time, making the experience comfortable and stress-free. The results have been impressive, with noticeable changes already visible after just one session.

I also indulged in a facial treatment that left my skin looking and feeling revitalized. The attention to detail and the personalized approach made the experience truly luxurious. Each session at IN•GLO feels like taking a step toward a more confident and radiant self.



Lori Reising



Inna Knyazevych

### MEET THE VISIONARIES BEHIND IN•GLO

**Lori Reising**, co-owner and beauty technician, transitioned from nursing to aesthetics, blending her medical knowledge with the artistry of beauty. Her journey is driven by a passion for empowering others to embrace their uniqueness. Her approach is not just about offering skin-care treatments but fostering confidence and celebrating individuality. Her dedication to merging self-care with well-being creates a transformative experience for clients.

**Inna Knyazevych**, co-owner and lead aesthetician, was born and raised in Ukraine, and has always been passionate about skin care. Her commitment to mastering her craft led her to explore innovative methods, balancing timeless traditions with new advancements. Her holistic approach to beauty and longevity empowers clients to achieve radiant skin and overall well-being. Her personalized care and attention to detail make every treatment a unique and enriching experience.

### A COMMITMENT TO SUSTAINABILITY

What truly sets IN•GLO apart is its dedication to environmental sustainability. In partnership with Eminence, the spa plants a tree for every treatment performed, contributing to more than 900 trees planted in New York City. This initiative not only enhances your beauty but also helps preserve the beauty of our planet. *Social Life* editors just love this!

### INCLUSIVE AND PERSONALIZED CARE

IN•GLO's inclusive atmosphere embraces all skin tones, body types, and genders. Its personalized approach to beauty, combined with financing options for treatments costing more than \$1,000, makes its premium services accessible to a broader audience. Special promotions further ensure that everyone can experience the transformative power of its treatments.

### GLOWING TESTIMONIALS

Rave reviews from clients highlight the professionalism and exceptional results delivered by IN•GLO. The founders' passion and dedication shine through in every aspect of the spa, creating a community of satisfied and loyal clients.

### YOUR JOURNEY TO RADIANCE BEGINS HERE

For those in search of the best in beauty and wellness in Manhattan, IN•GLO Face and Body Sculpting Med Spa is the ultimate destination. Schedule your free consultation today and embark on a journey to a more radiant and confident you. Experience firsthand the transformative treatments and unparalleled care that have earned IN•GLO its reputation as a leader in the world of medical aesthetics.

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MATTHEW BRUDERMAN





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## MOGUL IN A MAELSTROM

BY JONATHAN NOBLE  
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### *Saving Health Care for Long Island's Most Vulnerable*

With the wind kicking up on Oyster Bay, Matt Bruderman is exactly where he wants to be. White caps on the water and 50-mile-per-hour winds are lashing the side of his Master-Craft. The former finance executive is there reveling in the whirlwind and working furiously to secure the boat.

Daunting challenges bring out the best in Bruderman. “I don’t shy away from rough seas,” he says. It’s an approach that has made him a success in business: buying, building, turning around, and selling companies.

“I have to fix broken things. It’s my nature — and just because it may be hard doesn’t mean something isn’t worth doing,” says Bruderman, 51, now sitting high above East Meadow in the 19th floor conference room of Nassau University Medical Center (NUMC). He has served as chairman of Nassau Health Care Corporation (NHCC) since 2022, appointed to help save the struggling public health system by County Executive Bruce Blakeman.

Long Island’s largest public safety-net hospital serves more than 270,000 patients per year and handles some 67,000 emergency-room visits annually.

“You want to talk about rough seas? This is it,” Bruderman says. “So many people rely on this place, and they literally have nowhere else to go for care. But for years prior to my appointment — under both Democrats and Republicans, to be fair — this institution was grossly mismanaged.”

To add to the precariousness of the situation, the state of New York inexplicably began cutting aid in 2020 despite the pandemic, rising costs, and an increasing patient population. Since that time, the state cut funding by more than \$325 million.

Headlines flashed for years that the hospital was out of money or near closure. The Nassau Interim Finance Authority — New York State’s fiscal watchdog — even recommended

cutting staff by 90 percent.

That sounded like Matt Bruderman’s kind of storm.

“Bruce understood that if the state or the mismanagement were responsible for the closure of this hospital, it would be a gross injustice for the people of this county, particularly those who are most vulnerable,” Bruderman says. “I wasn’t raised to walk past injustice.” NUMC’s patient population is more than 80 percent Medicaid, more than 70 percent minority, and 60 percent women. More than 72 percent of the employees are from racial minorities.

“The state created the hospital to take care of at-risk communities, and it has an absolute obligation to provide aid to help keep it open. Even still, I wasn’t going to wait for Albany to take action. I was going to fight like hell to fix it,” Bruderman says. “When a business falters, jobs are lost and investors lose money. When a safety-net hospital closes, lives are lost. Bruce said that we weren’t going to just talk about quality health care for everyone. We were going to make it happen by ensuring the long-term sustainability of this hospital.”

NHCC provides more than \$1 billion in health care services annually, regardless of the patients’ ability to pay or legal status. “It was dying. Even as it struggled, one of my predecessors spent millions on these swanky new executive offices while the patient clinics were falling apart. There was no budget, no CFO, no cash balances, no financial-management standards, outdated billing and collections, and even what we charged for services had not been updated in more than a decade,” Bruderman says, his voice rising as he describes the level of mismanagement. “It was a disgrace.”

The chairmanship of NHCC is Bruderman’s first foray into public service, and he’d be the first to tell you he doesn’t care much for politics. “I’m not politically correct. I’m direct, and



Megan C. Ryan, Matt Bruderman, and Michael J. Sposato



yes, that makes me a target of the press. But I set out to demonstrate that this hospital could not only survive but thrive. There are a lot of folks who don't want change, who benefited from the dysfunction or care more about power and politics than helping people. I'm not doing this to win a popularity contest. If people are annoyed that I'm succeeding here, that's just fine by me. I'm doing this to ensure that those who need this place have somewhere to go for care."

Bruderman's reform plan is yielding results. In the last year, NUMC has increased its collections, tripled cash on hand, modernized its billing process, and renegotiated contracts, and did it all without layoffs. A recent audit revealed that the hospital had cut its projected budget deficit by more than \$100 million.

Under Bruderman's leadership the hospital has opened a new MRI center and a new surgical unit. NUMC is also constructing a new Cath Lab that will provide critical cardiac care, expanding its dialysis center, increasing mental health and substance abuse programs, and renovating the neonatal unit. The hospital has reopened its long-shuttered multichamber hyperbaric unit as well, the only one of its kind on Long Island.

Those who know Bruderman know he does everything with a keen attention to detail. He's brought that to NUMC, installing LED lights to illuminate the facade of the building. "Some people might say it's a small thing, but I want people to see this building as a beacon for our whole community. It's a statement about our commitment to helping each other with compassion and respect."

The tower, which is the tallest building on Long Island, is now regularly lit for holidays, special occasions, or to honor first responders. NUMC now even has a new Starbucks with a new design.

"I see the faces of the children and moms who rely on Medicaid or have no way to pay. They need this place. Other hospitals can't or won't provide for them what NUMC can," he says, pointing out with no small amount of frustration that state leaders still have refused to commit to restore gap funding to help ensure the long-term sustainability of the hospital. "We've done our part. If the state did its part, we'd be in the black. People on Long Island need to appreciate that we have a growing patient population and already long wait times in emergency rooms across the county. Without NUMC, every other facility in our area will be forced to bear an unmanageable burden."

Bruderman gives a lot of the credit for NUMC's recent successes to interim NHCC president and CEO Meg Ryan and new CFO Perry Sham. "Meg has been working seven days a week to ensure this program goes from vision to reality, and the results have exceeded even my expectations," he says.

"Blakeman knew that Matt would bring the kind of business acumen and know-how that the hospital desperately needed," says Ryan, the first woman to run NHCC and NUMC. "He saw the chronic problems immediately and put a plan in place for our team to execute. He also allowed for new ideas and creativity, giving me and other members of our team the ability to make changes that would add to the success of his financial program. In a year, those reforms have resulted in a stronger financial position and a more efficient, effective operation."





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— MATT BRUDERMAN

With operational and financial reforms well underway, Bruderman is now setting his sights on the hospital’s foundation and developing a more robust fundraising program to help upgrade clinics, waiting areas, and other facilities. “The mismanagement before my tenure and the state budget cuts have meant that certain facility upgrades have been delayed for years. Everyone who can contribute should be helping out. Heck, we’ll even put your name on it.”

As if all his work at the hospital weren’t enough, Bruderman is also now tackling the issue of homelessness on a national level, launching the Dakota Project, which is named after his daughter. Over the past year, Arctix, the premium outerwear brand Bruderman owns, has made an unprecedented donation of more than \$5 million worth of cold-weather gear to nonprofits that serve the homeless across the country.

“We’ve given away nearly 90,000 items, because outerwear made from the best materials and engineered to keep people warm for extended periods of exposure shouldn’t just be for winter sports enthusiasts,” he says. Bruderman and his designers at Arctix are now developing a purpose-built coat specifically engineered for the unhoused. Those items will be part of a new crowdfunded campaign to ensure that every homeless person in America has access to cold-weather gear.

He says that you can pray for fair winds and following seas or a day that’s clear above and visibility unlimited, but life is seldom that neat and tidy. What is certain, however, is that Matt Bruderman is just fine being in the middle of the maelstrom.



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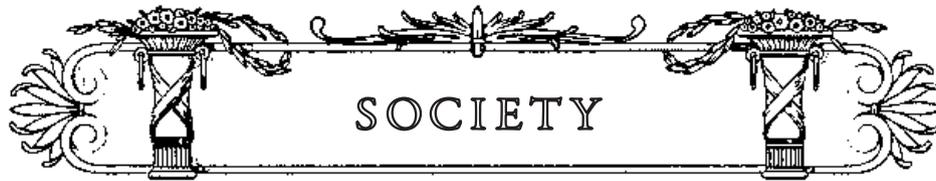
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HOSPITAL'S RESIDENCY PROGRAM IN SOCIAL MEDICINE

BY JEAN SHAFIROFF

**You oversee Stony Brook Southampton Hospital's Residency Program in Social Medicine. Tell us about your decision to become a physician and why you chose to specialize in social medicine.**

My journey to becoming a physician was circuitous. In fact, my plan was to go to divinity school, but as the saying goes, "We plan, and God laughs." I have always been driven to serve, so becoming a physician was not such a stretch, but at the time, an applicant with a degree in religious studies was not considered a serious prospect. However, during my clinical years I discovered that my humanities background actually made me a more effective physician. The true power of a physician does not reside in the prescription pad; it resides in the relationship between the doctor and the patient. To be an exceptional physician you have to be interested in people, not just their disease. You have to be curious about their culture, their beliefs, and their values. Social medicine puts a premium on those concepts and those relationships. Things outside the four walls of our offices drive 70 to 80 percent of our patients' health outcomes. If we want to create sustainable change in the health of our community, we have to turn our focus to things outside our organization. Social medicine asks us to do just that. Social medicine looks to address health inequities by addressing their root causes.

**How did your training as a resident help shape your career as a physician?**

During my time as a resident, I often saw good, smart physicians fail because they were never taught how to lead a team or create sustainable change in their patients. I was fortunate that one of my first mentors, Dr. George Miller, was a physician who understood the importance of interpersonal and intrapersonal development. He was a true coach, and



Dr. Daniel Van Arsdale

he pushed me not only to learn medicine but also to learn the skills necessary to engage patients, colleagues, and staff. When I left my training program, I looked for a place where I could teach the valuable lessons I had been taught.

**What brought you to Stony Brook Southampton Hospital?**

A chance meeting at a holiday party brought me here. What has kept me is the culture. This hospital values humanism and scientific curiosity. It's a place that focuses on "Mission first, people always," because every staff member is recognized, seen, and respected — and knows their work matters.

Dr. Van Arsdale was honored along with Father Alexander Karloutsos at this year's 66th annual Southampton Hospital Foundation Summer Party, benefiting Stony Brook Southampton Hospital's programs, technologies, and medical equipment.



Residents of Stony Brook Southampton Hospital

**Tell us about the social medicine residency at Stony Brook Southampton Hospital and the opportunities trainees have here versus other hospitals on Long Island.**

We are one of two social medicine training programs on Long Island. We teach our trainees to look through what I call the leadership lens. It is a solution-oriented way to look at the challenges we will all inevitably face. When we look through the leadership lens, it requires us to take responsibility. It requires us to take thoughtful and prudent action.

**What is the most important advice you give new enrollees?**

Spend as much time and effort improving yourself so that you have no time to criticize others.

**What is the advice you give graduates?**

Take action. Grow. Embrace failure as the great teacher that it is. Be kind to people. It is their first time living this life too. Finally, as Mahatma Gandhi said, "Be the change you wish to see in this world."

**What do you love most about your position?**

I get to learn something every day. I get to work with an amazing group of people who are dedicated to making the world a better place.

**What is the best advice that you were given when you graduated?**

There is no arriving in this life. There is only the journey. If you are not enjoying the road you are traveling on, find another road.

*ABOUT DR. DANIEL VAN ARSDALE*

Dr. Van Arsdale has dedicated over 15 years to medicine, bringing extensive experience and expertise to his various roles. As a field surgeon in the 42nd Infantry Division, he has admirably served the country in both peacetime and combat situations. In academia, Dr. Van Arsdale has made significant contributions. He served as an assistant professor at the New York College of Osteopathic Medicine and is



Residents of Stony Brook Southampton Hospital

currently a clinical assistant Professor at Stony Brook University Hospital. Dr. Van Arsdale is board-certified in family medicine, hospice and palliative care medicine, and neuromusculoskeletal medicine. His academic career includes publishing several papers and securing multiple grants, highlighting his commitment to advancing medical knowledge. In addition to his medical qualifications, Dr. Van Arsdale holds a master's degree in health administration from Cornell University's Sloan School, further enhancing his leadership and administrative skills in the medical field.

*ABOUT JEAN SHAFIROFF:*

Jean 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, with a focus on health care, underserved populations, women's rights, and animal rights. She serves on several charity boards: Southampton Hospital Association, NYC Mission Society, Casita Maria, the New York Women's Foundation, French Heritage Society, Couture Council of the Museum at FIT, Global Strays, Jewish Board (honorary trustee), and Southampton Animal Shelter Foundation Honorary Board. She is also 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 MBA in finance from the Graduate School of Business at Columbia University.

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# SOCIAL SAFARI

## THE SUMMER'S BEST EVENTS

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### **Hampton Classic Horse Show**

The Hampton Classic Grand Prix Lunch, held this year on Sunday, September 1, has always attracted a long list of stars such as Madonna, Barbra Streisand, Calvin Klein, Christie Brinkley, Donna Karan, Matthew Broderick, Steven Spielberg, Sigourney Weaver, Michael Bloomberg, and his daughter, rider Georgina Bloomberg, to name but a few. This event, catered perfectly by Chris Robbins and Ken Wolfe of Robbins Wolfe Eventeurs — think crisp champagne and yummy lobster rolls — is the posh finale of the summer social season. The equestrian event is celebrating its 49th year and features world-class show jumping and premier hunter competitions with more than \$1 million in prize money. If you missed the Olympic jumping events held at Versailles — which were super-exciting and beyond beautiful — you can catch gold medalists at the Classic. This is the Hamptons' answer to Royal Ascot, so wear a witty fascinator or extravagant chapeau. Guys do dress up a bit, but you can leave your morning suit and top hats in the closet. More than 50,000 people are expected to attend the weeklong extravaganza and watch over 200 competitions in six highly decorated show rings. The Agneta Currey Boutique Garden has more than 70 vendors, and a wide selection of dining options are spread out over the Classic's 60-acre showgrounds. Sponsors include Corcoran, Citarella, Grey/Ven, Longines, Sotheby's, and Stony Brook Southampton Hospital. [hamptonclassic.com](http://hamptonclassic.com)



Janna Bullock, Frederick Anderson Kimberly Paige Bluhm Brian Donnelly



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### **God's Love We Deliver Midsummer Night Drinks**

Lisa and James Cohen threw open the doors of their far-flung oceanfront home and

gorgeous gardens for God's Love We Deliver's 23rd Midsummer Night bacchanal. Vicente Wolf, Luann de Lesseps, Geoffrey Bradford, Tamara Tunie, and Victoria Brito were among the well-dressed attendees. The only God's Love angels missing were Blaine Trump, one of the organization's guiding lights, and Anna Wintour, whom I saw cheering on the extraordinary Rafael Nadal at the Olympics in Paris. Founded in 1985 as a response to the AIDS pandemic, God's Love cooks and home-delivers medically tailored meals for individuals living with illness as well as meals for their children and caregivers. With a community of thousands of volunteers, God's Love has delivered more than 4.3 million medically tailored meals and served more than 16,000 individuals just this year. And of course we went home with one of the organization's celestial signature brownies; it's the only way, really. Not to be missed is the organization's annual Golden Heart Awards gala; at this year's event, on October 21 in New York City, Sarah Jessica Parker will be honored. [glwd.org](http://glwd.org)

### **Parrish Art Museum Midsummer Weekend**

This year's stylish duo of festivities at the Parrish Art Museum's always inspiring Midsummer Weekend honored artists KAWS, Sean Scully, and Shirin Neshat. The art shows were particularly captivating and beautifully hung in the spacious galleries, and the museum raised more than \$1 million in support of its programs and educational initiatives, with a specific focus on raising funds for Access Parrish, a community program that provides art making, movement workshops,



Stephanie March and Mónica Ramírez-Montagut



Sherri Donghia,  
Veronica Atkins, and Irina Krylova

and gallery tours for adults and children with special needs. The elegant cocktail and seated dinner honored philanthropists Susan Pear Meisel and Louis Meisel, who announced the donation of their Sagaponack Sculpture Field to the world-class institution. Catherine Carmody, CJ Follini, Andrea Pember-ton, and Charlotte Lucas Pilaro served as the dinner's co-chairs. The dance was co-chaired by Laurence Milstein and Kendall Werts. Performers Anna of the North,

Angel + Dren, and members of the

Parsons Dance troupe provided the fun entertainment, which was sponsored by the Wells Group of New York and Greenberg Traur-ig. The Parrish's director, Mónica Ramírez-Montagut, greeted supporters including Stephanie March, Veronica Atkins, Joey Wölffer, Debbie Bancroft, Marc Perez, Nina Sarin Arias, and artists Alice Aycock, Tony Bechara, Sanford Biggers, Julia Chiang, Arcmanoro Niles, Liliane Tomasko, Ralph Gibson, Eddie Martinez, Sam Moyer, José Parlá, Hank Willis Thomas, Enoc Perez, David Smalling, Jeremy Dennis, Futura, and Nina Yankowitz. [parrishart.org](http://parrishart.org)

### LongHouse Reserve Honors Kenny Scharf and Tony Bechara

"The mission of LongHouse Reserve is to inspire living with art in all forms," said its much-missed founder, the famed textile designer and weaver Jack Lenor Larsen (1927-2020). This year's benefit, dubbed Imagination, honored artists Tony Bechara and Kenny Scharf. Larger-than-life queer artist Machine Dazzle emceed with drama and laugh-out-loud humor. "We are recognizing Kenny Scharf for his contributions to culture and his celebration of comics, amusement, and the under-ground," said LongHouse director Carrie Rebora Barratt, "and Tony Bechara for his dynamic, meticulous paintings, and a life devoted to promoting Latin culture in the arts." The evening's theme prompted guests to dress in vibrant colors, with whimsical accessories and un-conventional pairings. The night was co-chaired by Anne Erni and Nina Gillman. Guests perused the sculpture garden, which featured



Bridget Goodbody  
and Kenny Scharf

works by Ai Weiwei, Yoko Ono, Willem de Kooning, Isamu Noguchi, Toshiko Takaazu, Agathe Snow, Sol LeWitt, and Daniel Arsham. This year's happen-ing was delightfully fueled by vinter Frank Schilling's new, brilliant bubbly rosé, Aphrodise. Donors to



Tony Bechara and Elizabeth Birkelund

the art auction included Eric Fischl, Cindy Sherman, Kiki Smith, Agathe Snow, Philippe Cheng, Clintel Steed, Randy Polumbo, Suzannah Wainhouse, Robert Wilson, and Rene Ricard. Paola Lenti, the luxury Italian furniture brand, exhibited over 100 pieces throughout the art-festooned gardens. Sponsors included Marders, Charleigh Charitable Trust, J. McLaughlin, EPIC Insurance, Paola Lenti, and Northwestern Mutual. LongHouse is a 16-acre sanctuary where the arts and nature converge, creating a haven for those seeking inspiration and serenity. [longhouse.org](http://longhouse.org)

### School's Out Hetrick-Martin Institute

Tamron Hall, Andy Cohen, Candace Bushnell, Darren Star, Kelly Bensimon, Thom Filicia, and Brynn Whitfield were among the hosts of Hetrick-Martin Institute's annual Hamptons fundraiser, School's Out. Hall



Kelly Killoren Bensimon, Lish Steiling,  
and Tamron Hall

told the crowd, "I am thrilled to be joining you for School's Out. When I hosted HMI's Emery Awards, I was inspired by everyone in that room. I am so glad to be able to celebrate 45 years of community and care for LGBTQIA+ youth." HMI's CEO, Amy Harclerode, welcomed more than 500 guests to the night's lively cocktail hour, which was followed by a celebratory sit-down dinner, dubbed Best of the Hamptons, at the home of the Browns. Restaurants featured were Duryea's, STK Steakhouse, Almond Restaurant, Carissa's Bakery, and Chloe's. Martha Stewart, Kelly Ripa and Mark Consuelos, Don Lemon, Antoni Porowski, Dennis Basso, Marci Klein, Carole Radziwill, and Peter Som have all attended this affair over the years. The party was launched in 1998 to support the institute's programs throughout the summer. HMI is the nation's oldest organization serving queer and trans youth, primarily of color, between the ages of 13 and 24. This year's event raised a record-breaking \$760,000. [hmi.org](http://hmi.org)

### Robert Wilson's Watermill Center



Robert Wilson

This year's Watermill Center benefit was called A Laboratory: 100 Years of Experimentation, a nod to the 100th anniversary of the original building and the laboratory it once was for Western Union. Founder Robert Wilson told me, "Experimentation is to ask, What is it? This question shall remain throughout the life of an artist. It is the reason we work as artists." The night honored the artist Lucinda Childs and spotlighted the work of Liz Magic Laser, Gideon Appah, Mykki Blanco, Sadie Laska, CocoRosie, Ruth Childs, and Alicja Kwade. The center is an interdisciplinary laboratory for the arts and humanities sprawled across a 10-acre campus. The evening was presented by Van Cleef & Arpels. [watermillcenter.org](http://watermillcenter.org)

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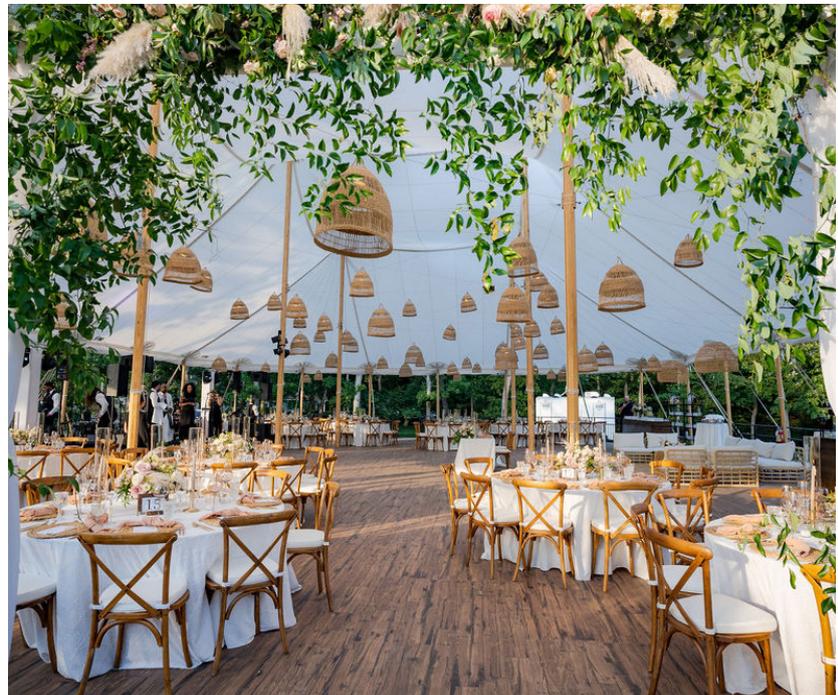
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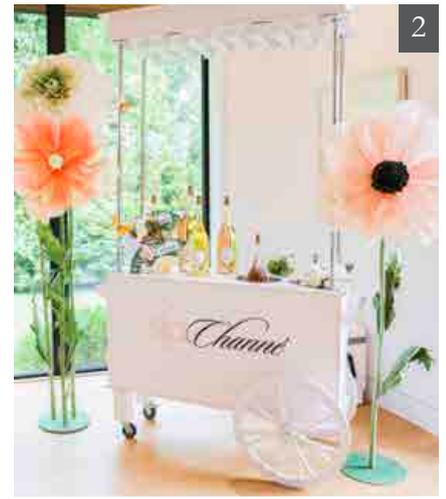
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## HOT SHOTS

BALMAIN SHOW  
SOUTHAMPTON  
ARTS CENTER

Olivier Rousteing, Balmain's creative director, celebrated the Southampton Arts Center's SummerFest Gala by showing his new collection. "The Southampton Arts Center is a beacon of creativity," he declared. The event was hosted by the center's co-founder, Simone Levinson; Jamee Gregory; Kara Ross; and Nicole Salmasi. In the mix at the Aphrodise rosé-fueled lunch were Candace Bushnell, Andrea Douzet, Sylvia Hemingway, Christine Schott, Debra Wasser, Lauren Roberts, Victoria Wyman, and Paola Bacchini. [southamptonartscenter.org](http://southamptonartscenter.org)

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Audrey Gruss, the founder of Hope for Depression Research Foundation, and Arthur Dunnam hosted a committee dinner for the Race of Hope. Guests included John Paulson and Alina de Almeida, Martin Gruss, Jamee and Peter Gregory, Stacey Pashcow and Marc Caputo, GERALYN and Tyler Lucas, Janna Bullock, Scott Snyder, Melissa Breitbart, Bambi and Roger Felberbaum, and HDRF's Louisa Benton. Gift bags featured Revo sunglasses. Stacey Griffith, a founding senior master instructor of SoulCycle, was the grand marshal of the race. [hopefordepression.org](http://hopefordepression.org)

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Gwyneth Paltrow, Katie Couric, and Carl Bernstein are a few of the writers who have signed their books at the East Hampton Library's Authors Night, which just celebrated its 20th anniversary. Over 2,000 book lovers sipped bubbly Aphrodise rosé with 80 esteemed writers, including Wilbur Ross, who talked up his book *Risk and Reward*; John Avlon, who signed his *Lincoln and the Fight for Peace*; and actress and producer Christy Cashman, who presented her best-selling equestrian novel *The Truth About Horses*.

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## ROUND HILL HOTEL AND VILLAS

UNDER DIRECTOR JOSEF FORSTMAYR'S CARE,  
THE MONTEGO BAY RESORT EPITOMIZES ELEGANT LUXURY

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Round Hill Entrance

### A RESORT WITH A HISTORIC PAST

Round Hill Hotel and Villas, the ne plus ultra of resorts in Montego Bay, Jamaica, has a storied past. Part of a onetime sugar plantation, the hotel and private cottages opened in 1953. Its first shareholder was Noël Coward. Adele Astaire, Fred's sister and dance partner, owned one of Round Hill's villas, Number 25, that was later used by John and Jackie Kennedy. JFK actually edited and rehearsed his presidential inauguration speech there, and parts of it are still displayed in the cottage. Oscar Hammerstein owned Villa 12 and met the real-life Maria von Trapp there. He wrote *The Sound of Music*, as well as several other musicals, in the three-bedroom property.

Angela Bassett, Whoopi Goldberg, and Taye Diggs lounged

in the private pool while taking in the spectacular hillside views of the Caribbean from Villa 11, the set of the 1998 movie *How Stella Got Her Groove Back*. A few years later, Diggs and Idina Menzel had their wedding at Round Hill. I stayed in shoe designer Vanessa Noel's perfectly appointed Villa 12, which also boasts some of the hotel's best ocean views.

### PRINCE HARRY AND MEGHAN MARKLE

Prince Harry debuted his romance with Meghan Markle at the resort in 2017 when the actress joined him for the wedding of his best friend, Tom "Skippy" Inskip. The occasion marked her first introduction to Harry's closest circle of friends. The couple stayed at Cottage 16, the same one in which author Ian Fleming, creator of James Bond, stayed.



Meghan Markle and Prince Harry



Josef Forstmayr, Ricky Lauren, Ralph Lauren

The glamorous, ultra-private villa has six bedrooms, two pools, and stunning views of the Caribbean, with décor by Ralph Lauren.

Lauren and his wife, Ricky, own two of the 27 villas on the lush 110-acre property. One, called High Rock, sits on the resort's highest point: "We made the house what it should be," Lauren said of the place he's owned for more than 30 years. "It's in the spirit of Round Hill — very quiet, very elegant." The other, White Orchid, which they purchased in 1996, is down the hill, directly on the beach, and was once owned by William and Babe Paley.

Round Hill is the Laurens' home away from home; the couple visit regularly, along with their children and grandchildren. "We go there as often as we can escape," says Ricky, who penned a book about Jamaica, *My Island*. Ralph designed the 36 luxurious ocean-view guest rooms at the Pineapple House, the property's main hotel.

#### FROM AUSTRIA TO JAMAICA

Josef Forstmayr, Round Hill's popular managing director, has been at the helm of this elegant Caribbean oasis since 1989. He worked with Ralph Lauren on the resort's most recent update in 2024 and loves Jamaica just as much as the fashion mogul does.

In his office at Round Hill, Forstmayr has a glorious letter from Queen Elizabeth II, naming him Jamaica's honorary Consul General for Austria. "The Queen bestowed the OD, or

the Order of Distinction, on me, which I was able to accept, having Jamaican citizenship," Forstmayr says. "Being a Jamaican and an Austrian, I'm able to use it. That was a great honor. It was in recognition of the many years that I've worked in tourism and also on behalf of the government of Austria."

Among the many famous guests at Round Hill during his 35-year tenure, Forstmayr is especially fond of Goldie Hawn and Kurt Russell, and Sir Paul McCartney, who has been coming to the resort for many years. "All of Paul McCartney's children grew up here: Stella, Mary, James, and Heather. They all used to spend every Christmas here, and he's an incredible person," says Forstmayr, who is currently the director of the Jamaica Tourist Board, sits on the Montego Bay Chamber of Commerce, and chairs the Montego Bay Arts Council.

After visiting Round Hill for decades, I finally sat down with Forstmayr to hear the story of how this Austrian became a Jamaican citizen and found his life's work in this idyllic setting.

#### HOSPITALITY IN HIS BONES

Forstmayr's parents owned a farm and restaurant in a small town outside of Salzburg, Austria, and always encouraged the children to help out with the business. "Hospitality is part of what I always was brought up with, and it's something I always wanted to do," he says. After finishing college in Salzburg, he was encouraged by his parents to travel and see the world, so he decided to do postgraduate work at Cornell and its Statler Hotel. When the program ended, a fellow student from a



Beach Bar



Justin and Hailey Bieber

wealthy Jamaican family invited Forstmayr to visit the island. He figured why not and hopped on a plane. That was in 1979, and he's been there ever since.

He stayed first at a beautiful hotel in Negril called Coconut Grove. It was owned by a stylish Jamaican man and his wealthy German wife. The place was highly successful, even though tourism was floundering in Jamaica at that time because of political upheaval. The couple asked him to stay on as assistant manager. That hotel is now part of a larger, mass-market property, but back then it was one of the great resorts on the island, celebrating the best of Jamaica, with Ja-

maican furnishings, food, staff, and music. "We had the first reggae band that performed in a hotel. I mean, that didn't exist in the early '80s," Forstmayr says.

He was hired away from Coconut Grove by Earl Levy, a Jamaican architect and visionary, for his property in Port Antonio called Trident Hotel. "That was one of the great small boutique hotels in the '80s where we filmed many international movies, like *Cocktail* and *Clara's Heart*."

### TOM CRUISE IS A FRIEND

Forstmayr met a lot of movie stars, some up and coming, like Tom Cruise, who became a pal. Cruise came often with his first wife, Mimi Rogers. "I met them when he had just gotten married," Forstmayr says. "He had just finished the movie *Risky Business*, which hadn't been released yet. He was with his beautiful redheaded wife, riding on a motorbike, and came into my lobby at Trident." The couple was incredibly beautiful, so he gave them a good rate on a room even though he didn't know them at all. Now, years later, Forstmayr says he is very fond of the actor. "He's an incredibly nice man and also a very smart, very real guy." As Cruise became extremely famous, Forstmayr drove him crazy, telling the actor that he needed to shoot movies in Jamaica to bring more business in the summer months. "He was the one that actually brought us *Cocktail*,"



Dinner Service



Hanover Terrace



Round Hill Tea

Forstmayr says. “His whole family stayed with me at Trident.”

When Cruise was at the peak of his early success, after *Top Gun*, he told Forstmayr, “Josef, all this movie fame is nonsense. You’re only as good as your last film and you’re always searching for your next one.”

### 1989 TO ROUND HILL

In 1989, Round Hill stole Forstmayr away, offering him what he felt was a great opportunity to rejuvenate the resort, which had fallen on hard times. It was open only for four months out of the year, so it had missed out on new business from families. Its old audience was dying out, and the owners hadn’t invested in the property.

### EXCLUSIVE AND INCLUSIVE

Forstmayr took over on October 1, 1989, and was asked to open up all year long. To do that, he explains, he needed to create a new audience: “You have to make people feel that it’s not stuffy, that families will become comfortable here, that we will look after you, that it is very inclusive. It’s not just some very exclusive club that you can’t get into, because it did have that kind of personality.”

Now, he says, the resort’s feel is much warmer. “We want to be exclusive, but we don’t want to be excluding anyone. And I

think we’ve been able to do that by becoming a real great resort for children, for Black guests, for gay guests. And Jamaica doesn’t have a great reputation that way.”

In fact, Forstmayr is gay and married to a Jamaican man, and says he has never experienced any kind of marginalization on the island. The two have been together since 1999 and married in Austria in 2014. “I keep pushing the love as much as I can,” Forstmayr says. “And I must say, I give Jamaica full credit. I have never suffered in any way.” He is proudly gay and has never held back; he has always stood up for his beliefs. “I guess my upbringing helped me, because it never mattered to me actually. I didn’t define myself by my sexuality, so that made my life a lot easier in many ways.” He adds that he has great respect for his Jamaican husband, who is from a poor family but grew up with tremendous love from his father. “It shows you that a strong, positive father figure who is accepting of you is incredibly important in a man’s life. And that was what made Richard so strong.”

### ROUND HILL STAFF: SECRET SAUCE

The ratio of staff to guests at Round Hill is one-to-one. Altogether, the property has 130 rooms with two beds, so a minimum of 260 staff are on duty. When the hotel is full, they bring on extra staff, up to 300.



Villa Living Room

And Forstmayr believes it's the people that make the place unique. "I refer to our staff as our secret sauce," he says. The people that work there are proud, many have history with it; some workers are second and third generation, so their grandparents helped build it. "They have a real investment in this. They create loyalty, and they make it possible to really get the feel that this is something that is special."

This level of service and privacy is what the famous guests treasure about spending time at Round Hill. Harry and Meghan stayed in Villa 16, a six-bedroom house complete with highly discreet staff — if you want them. The private chef will prepare gourmet meals, and you don't need to lift a finger during your visit, but if you'd prefer to show off your own culinary skills, the magnificent kitchen is at your disposal.

#### **A PLACE APART: UNDERSTATED LUXURY, WARM JAMAICAN HEART**

Jamaica has developed so much over the years, and there are so many more resorts competing on the island now, Forstmayr points out. But the original mission that he established when he came on board at Round Hill is what sets it apart.

"I'm a great believer that you focus on the things that you are and that you do well where you are. That's really important to me," he says. "We created this mission statement many, many, many years ago, which is: Timeless elegance, understated luxury, warm Jamaican heart. Whatever we do, be it improvements in your accommodations, in your services, in your locally produced foods from our organic garden, your local farmers, the local



Villa Bedroom



Villa Bathroom



Villa Pool

fishermen, we always try to live up to that mission. And when you do that and you do it as good as you can, the guests will appreciate it and it will set you apart. You never ever have to copy what anybody else does. You just need to do whatever you can do better and make it more relevant.”

### SUGAR CANE BALL

An annual highlight at Round Hill is the Sugar Cane Ball, a charity gala held each February to benefit the Hanover Charities. The charity provides support to local schools, shelters, kitchens, and health care, and also awards scholarships.

The gala celebrates the harvesting of sugarcane, which took place in February, and the charity is linked to the founding of Round Hill. When the sugar was being produced, everybody was working a lot and everybody got more money, but yet there was still a lot of need as well. So John Pringle, the property’s original owner, decided to host a ball once a year where all his rich friends and guests could donate lots of money for good causes for the region.

“For our parish, we focus on the young and the old, the Noel Holmes Hospital in Lucea, the soup kitchen in Lucea, orphanages and old people’s homes,” Forstmayr says. The organization also grants more than 170 tertiary scholarships for young Jamaican students from the parish to study at universities.

The Sugar Cane Ball was another long-held tradition that Forstmayr was determined to revitalize when he took over the resort. “I remember when I first came I had a really hard time putting on the Sugar Cane Ball. I wanted people to dress up in black tie and white dinner jackets and to really create that 1950s-’60s vibe. It was hard because people were so informal.”



Villa

However, he and his team were eventually able to re-create that magic and make it fun again.

“The exciting thing is that the new generation is just as eager to celebrate what their grandparents had,” he says. “And now you go in February to our biggest Sugar Cane Ball or any other Saturday night, and you have a lot of young people that are dressed to the nines. They’re celebrating and they’re having a blast. And it’s so rewarding to see that.”

Last February the evening raised \$880,000 for charity, after expenses. Forstmayr says, “We are the largest charitable organization in Western Jamaica, and we have been around for now almost 69 years.”

### Round Hill Hotel and Villas

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# JET-SETTER STYLE

## RAFFLES LONDON AT THE OWO

UNITED KINGDOM

BY GREGORY DELLI CARPINI JR.  
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In the heart of London, where history and modernity converge, is a beacon of timeless luxury: Raffles London. A name synonymous with opulence and impeccable service, Raffles has redefined grandeur in the bustling metropolis, offering an unparalleled blend of historic charm and contemporary elegance.

Situated in the iconic Old War Office building, an architectural masterpiece that once served as the backdrop for pivotal moments in British history, Raffles London stands as a testament to timeless elegance. The building has been meticulously restored to its former glory while incorporating cutting-edge amenities. A six-year restoration has seen thousands of expert craftsmen and women transform the Old War Office, now known as the OWO, into an

exciting new destination. Handsome state rooms and grand offices have been converted into 120 spacious guest rooms and suites with views of Whitehall and Horse Guards. The building's majestic architectural features lend themselves to dazzling entertainment and celebration in true Raffles style.

Stepping into Raffles London is akin to entering a different epoch. The grand staircase, where Winston Churchill once stood to address the troops, immediately transports guests to a historic era. The soaring ceilings and intricate detailing evoke a sense of awe. Rich wood paneling, opulent chandeliers, and luxurious fabrics create an ambiance of refined sophistication. Each element, from the carefully curated art pieces to the bespoke furnishings, tells an impressive story.





The rooms and suites at Raffles London are the epitome of luxury. Designed with the discerning traveler in mind, each space combines classic elegance with modern convenience. Customized carpets, fabrics, and wall coverings complement the natural light, while custom-built furniture and lighting ensure contemporary comfort. Corridors feature carpet designs inspired by the building's original floor grills and historical fabric, while window treatments nod to the iconic uniforms of the Horse Guards. London perfumer Azzi Glasser has crafted a bespoke fragrance for the hotel, featured in a special collection of bathroom products. This evocative scent blends fresh notes of Sicilian bergamot, neroli, and clary sage with rich vetiver, cedarwood, and red sequoia wood, amplified by heritage notes of Saxon moss and black oudh.

Culinary excellence is a cornerstone of the Raffles experience. The hotel boasts an array of dining options, each offering a unique gastronomic journey. Michelin-starred chef Mauro Colagreco elevates the flavors of the English garden in all its seasonal glory, bringing a fresh and vibrant twist to classic dishes. Saison, a relaxed Mediterranean all-day dining venue, is inspired by the Riviera and masterminded by Colagreco. The Guards Bar and Lounge, located just a few paces from Horse Guards in the heart of Whitehall, features an exquisite selection of champagnes, cocktails, and spirited tipples. For a truly unique experience, guests can descend into the Spy Bar, a secretive speakeasy hidden beneath the hotel, available exclusively to guests and offering an intriguing and intimate ambiance.

Raffles London is not just a hotel; it's a sanctuary of well-being. The wellness center spans 27,000 square feet and four floors, featuring the prized treatment expertise of Guerlain Paris and the movement and nutrition skill of Pillar Wellbeing. The Guerlain Spa offers profoundly calming and secluded spaces, including VIP suites, pools, and saunas. Guests can escape the demands of modern life and emerge restored and renewed after luxuriating in these serene environments.

Beyond its luxurious accommodations and world-class amenities, Raffles London offers an unparalleled level of service. The staff, trained to anticipate and fulfill every need, provide a personalized experience that is both warm and discreet. From arranging bespoke city tours to securing reservations at the city's finest restaurants, the concierge team goes above and beyond to ensure an unforgettable stay.

Raffles has always been a refuge for distinguished guests. Today, this legacy continues with Raffles Residences, offering privileged services and sophisticated living spaces you can call home. When you come home to Raffles, you unlock not just your own front door but a storied legacy.

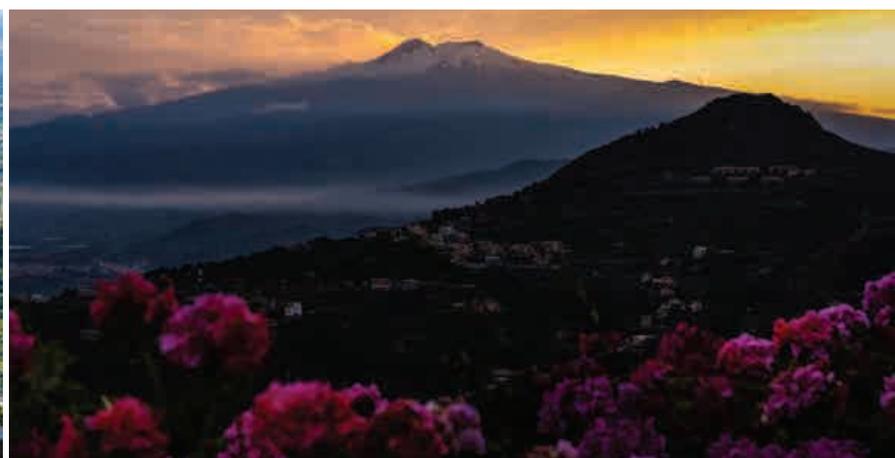
Raffles London is more than a place to stay; it's an experience. It captures the essence of London's rich history while offering a contemporary haven of luxury and comfort. Whether you're in the city for business or leisure, Raffles London promises a stay that is nothing short of extraordinary. Rediscover the art of luxury at Raffles London, where every moment is crafted to perfection. To book your stay please visit [raffles.com/london](https://raffles.com/london).

# JET-SETTER STYLE

## HOTEL VILLA DUCALE

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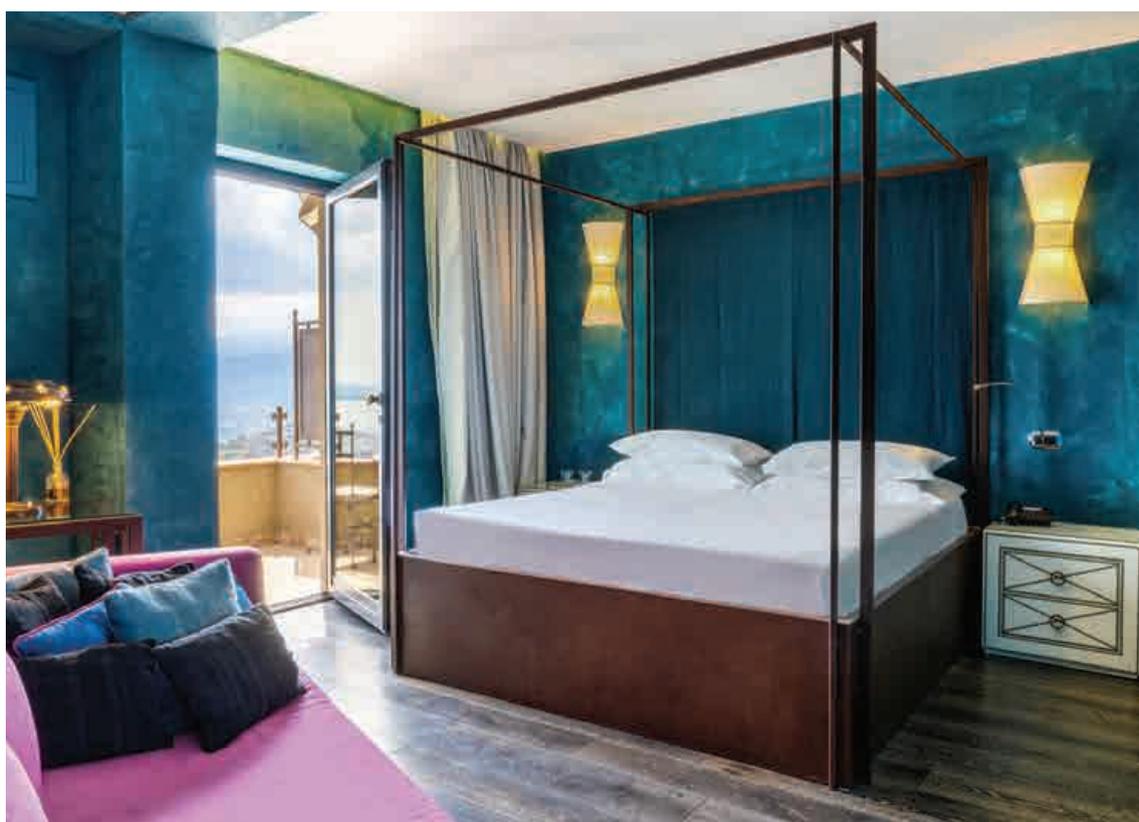


High above the picturesque town of Taormina, Hotel Villa Ducale offers an unrivaled retreat where luxury meets breathtaking natural beauty. As a proud member of the Small Luxury Hotels of the World, this boutique gem has just 19 elegantly appointed rooms and suites, each providing panoramic views and promising an intimate escape in the heart of Sicily. To live is to travel, and a visit to this corner of paradise is not to be missed. Here, the pace of life slows, allowing you to relax, recharge, and savor every precious moment.

Every room at Hotel Villa Ducale is a sanctuary of comfort and style, featuring luxury en suite bathrooms, bespoke hand-crafted furniture, a minibar, complimentary Wi-Fi, personalized lighting, and more. The thoughtful design and attention to detail ensure a stay that is as comfortable as it is memorable.

The crown jewel of Hotel Villa Ducale is its romantic restaurant, perched high on a hill with breathtaking views of Mount Etna and the sparkling Ionian Sea. Here, dining is a sensory experience that takes you on a gourmet journey through Sicily's rich culinary heritage. Traditional ingredi-

ents and secret recipes passed down through generations come together to create dishes that are both familiar and extraordinary. Enjoy homemade pasta and freshly made sauces as you gaze at your loved one or out to sea. The setting is private, relaxed, and intimate — perfect for candlelit dinners, celebrations, or family gatherings.





By day, the panoramic terrace is bathed in natural daylight, offering miles of stunning coastal views. Open from early until late, the Villa Ducale restaurant caters to every occasion, from delicious breakfasts to light lunches and unforgettable dinners. Breakfast on the terrace is a highlight, served in full Sicilian style. Savor a rich coffee or frothy cappuccino while admiring the sea and Mount Etna. Indulge in Sicilian specialties, including pastries made by the hotel's pastry chef, local cheeses, and hams. Eggs can be prepared to your preference, and breakfast can also be enjoyed in the privacy of your room or terrace.

The hotel's swimming pool is another haven of tranquility, surrounded by lush green flowers and plants with spectacular views of the sea and the Strait of Messina. Mediterranean colors and scents envelop you in the private garden as you relax, soak up the sun, and enjoy the serene ambiance. It's the perfect way to start your day in this Sicilian paradise.

Hotel Villa Ducale in Taormina offers an exquisite blend of luxury, comfort, and natural beauty, ensuring memories that will last a lifetime. To book your stay please visit [villaduale.com](http://villaduale.com).



# SOLÉ EAST IN MONTAUK

BY DEVORAH ROSE



Solé East in Montauk, located within a historic 1920s edifice, epitomizes laid-back luxury and modern elegance. The hotel boasts exquisitely landscaped gardens and hosts engaging pop-ups and activations throughout the summer. Renowned as the preferred retreat for discerning young travelers and recently redesigned, Solé East offers an unparalleled experience.

**What are some of the biggest challenges you faced during the redesign process?**

We are always facing deadlines before the season kicks off, and this was no different. We wanted to deliver this new venue on time, and naturally that wasn't easy. There was some concern about how our guests would react to the changes, but so far I think everyone is super thrilled.

**Were there any unexpected discoveries or innovations that influenced the final design?**

In design I really like to repurpose items and ideas, and the new

backyard is definitely a product of that thinking. Not only is that approach sustainable and cost-efficient; it also helps bring about a sense of familiarity in a place with such a long history.

**Are there any eco-friendly initiatives or practices that were prioritized during the redesign of Solé East?**

Our commitment to repurposing was definitely at the core of the redesign.

**Looking forward, what plans or developments are in store for Solé East following the redesign?**

We are focusing on activating the space with unique and fun events that will further animate this property.

**What does the future hold for Solé East?**

Hopefully a very busy and exciting summer season!

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# A PERFECT GETAWAY AT THE OCEAN CLUB

## A FOUR SEASONS RESORT

BY NORAH BRADFORD



The beauty of the Bahamas is even more alluring when you live on the East Coast and can easily access paradise for the weekend.

After a short flight, you find yourself in the warm embrace of the tropical oasis known as the Ocean Club, a Four Seasons Resort. The legendary property offers a truly luxe experience and an escape from busy weekdays back home. The premier beachfront location offers a vacation that appeals to all ages. Newly renovated guest rooms and suites, three beautiful pools, and the glimmering turquoise ocean just steps away are just some of the qualities that guests love. They are all part of the reason the Ocean Club was just named to *Travel + Leisure's* T&L 500 list of top hotels around the world in 2024.

Summer is the perfect time to discover the priceless value found in a trip to the Ocean Club. Numerous room types — including guest rooms and suites that can outer-connect as well as two garden bungalows with private plunge pools and three stunning three- and four-bedroom beachfront private villa residences — can be found here. Spacious rooms boast sweeping views of the ocean and a palm garden.

During your weekend visit, there's an emphasis on being on island time: Unwind in hammocks strung between the palms or spend quiet time in the adult-only Versailles pool. Indulge in a treatment at the resort's Balinese-style spa. For those seeking a more active day, there are water sports like kayaking, Jet Skiing, and snorkeling.

The fitness center has an indoor gym plus an outdoor “jungle gym,” while the tennis program offers ample court time, plus instructors for group or private lessons. Nearby, the 18-hole Tom

Weiskopf-designed Ocean Club Golf Course presents a challenging layout set amid gorgeous outdoor scenery.

The property's countless activities and world-class service are enhanced with the superb culinary offerings in the exclusive hospitality portfolio. Discover restaurants such as the Ocean Blu Restaurant at the Ocean Club. This open-air restaurant on the beach offers stunning ocean-side views and delicious Western Tropics-inspired cuisine, with dinner service nightly. A second dining option is Dune by Jean-Georges. The venue sits right on the shore of the bold, blue Atlantic.

The two culinary gems boast menus that delight, and Ocean Blu's new refurbished look embraces a design concept inspired by the stunning, expansive ocean views seen from the open main dining room.

Fresh grilled seafood, salad, and fish tacos await you for lunch. Dinner includes such options as the famous seafood platter with spiny lobster, shrimp, conch, and more; snapper ceviche; branzino and grouper; New York strip steak with island herb chimichurri; and more. Guests can also enjoy cocktails infused with exotic fruits while watching the sunset over the ocean waves. The Dune dinner menu reflects dishes from Jean-Georges's global travels, including fresh lobster with truffle butter, tuna tartare and caviar, truffle pizza, chicken samosa, parmesan-crusting organic chicken, and conch salad.

Escape the hustle and bustle this weekend and be transported to a true Bahamian paradise at the Ocean Club, a Four Seasons Resort.

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# A PARADISE PERFECTED

## THE FOUR SEASONS RESORT AND RESIDENCES IN ANGUILLA

BY LAURA KERN

Anguilla, a Caribbean gem of an island with powdery white-sand beaches and crystal-clear turquoise waters, has long captivated travelers seeking an idyllic escape. On its shores can be found the Four Seasons Resort and Residences Anguilla, a place where luxury and natural beauty come together in perfect harmony. From the stunning location to the elegantly designed rooms and the unforgettable culinary experiences — including the island’s best restaurant, Salt — the Four Seasons in Anguilla offers an unparalleled vacation experience.



### THE PERFECT LOCATION:

#### Between Two of Anguilla’s Most Beautiful Beaches

The Four Seasons Resort and Residences Anguilla is uniquely positioned between two of the island’s most spectacular beaches: Meads Bay and Barnes Bay. This prime location allows guests to enjoy the best of both worlds — the serene, calm waters of Meads Bay, perfect for swimming and sunbathing, and the slightly more rugged beauty of Barnes Bay, ideal for a more private beach experience.

Meads Bay, often ranked among the world’s most beautiful beaches, is known for its long stretch of powdery sand and gentle waves. The beach is an idyllic spot for a relaxing day under the sun, and the waters are ideal for a refreshing swim. For those who prefer a quieter, more intimate beach experience, Barnes Bay offers a more secluded experience, with its rocky outcrops and fewer visitors.

The resort’s location means guests are never far from Anguilla’s top attractions. Whether you’re interested in exploring the island’s rich cultural heritage, indulging in its vibrant dining scene, or simply soaking in the natural beauty of the Caribbean, the Four Seasons Anguilla serves as the perfect base for your island adventures.

### A SANCTUARY OF SOPHISTICATED COMFORT

At the Four Seasons Anguilla, luxury is not just a promise but a lived experience. The resort offers a variety of accommodations, each designed to provide the utmost in comfort and style. Whether you’re staying in one of the resort’s guest rooms, suites, or private villas, you’ll find that every detail has been carefully considered to guarantee a relaxing and rejuvenating stay.



The guest rooms at the Four Seasons are spacious and elegantly appointed, featuring floor-to-ceiling windows that allow for plenty of natural light and stunning views of the surrounding landscape. The rooms are designed in a contemporary Caribbean style, with neutral tones and natural materials that create a calm and inviting atmosphere. Each room is equipped with modern amenities, including plush bedding, a flat-screen TV, and a well-stocked minibar, ensuring that guests have everything they need for a comfortable stay.

For those seeking a more exclusive experience, the resort's suites and private villas offer additional space and luxury. The suites feature separate living and sleeping areas, as well as private balconies or terraces with breathtaking views of the ocean or the resort's lush gardens. The private villas, on the other hand, are perfect for families or groups of friends, offering multiple bedrooms, fully equipped kitchens, and private plunge

pools. The villas are designed to feel like a home away from home, with plenty of space for relaxation and entertaining.

One of the standout features of the accommodations at the Four Seasons Anguilla is the attention to detail. From the custom-made furniture to the locally inspired artwork, every element of the room design has been thoughtfully chosen to create a sense of place. The result is a space that is both luxurious and welcoming, where guests can unwind and enjoy the beauty of their surroundings.

#### **DINING EXCELLENCE: THE FABULOUS FOOD AT SALT RESTAURANT**

While the Four Seasons Anguilla is renowned for its luxurious accommodations and stunning location, it's the dining experience that truly sets it apart. The resort is home to several exceptional restaurants, but none quite compare to Salt, the



signature restaurant that has quickly earned a reputation as the best on the island.

Salt is not just a restaurant; it's a culinary journey that reflects the rich flavors and traditions of Anguilla. The restaurant's chef is a master of his craft, with a deep understanding of local ingredients and a passion for creating dishes that are both innovative and deeply satisfying. One of the most memorable experiences at Salt is the opportunity to see firsthand where the restaurant gets its namesake ingredient. During my stay, Chef Manu graciously took me on a tour of the local salt ponds, where the salt used in the restaurant's dishes is harvested. The tour, called A Taste of Anguilla, taught us about the traditional methods of salt production that have been passed down through generations on the island. Watching the salt being carefully collected and prepared was a truly unique experience, and it gave me a deeper appreciation for the flavors that are infused into each dish at Salt.

The menu at Salt is as diverse as it is delicious, with a range of options that cater to every palate. It celebrates Caribbean cuisine by showcasing the island's bountiful produce and seafood. Whether you're in the mood for fresh seafood, succulent meats, or vibrant vegetarian dishes, you'll find something to satisfy your cravings. Some of the standout dishes include the perfectly grilled Anguillan lobster, served with a rich garlic butter sauce, and the tuna tartare, which is delicately seasoned with the restaurant's signature salt. Each dish is beautifully presented, with a focus on bold flavors and creative pairings that elevate the dining experience to new heights.

In addition to its exceptional food, Salt also offers an impressive selection of wines and spirits. The sommelier at Salt is highly knowledgeable and can recommend the perfect pairing to complement your meal. Whether you're enjoying a glass of crisp white wine with your seafood or savoring a rich red with your steak, the wine list at Salt is sure to impress.



The ambiance at Salt is just as inviting as the food. The restaurant's design is sleek and modern, with floor-to-ceiling windows that offer stunning views of the Caribbean. Whether you're dining indoors or on the terrace, you'll be treated to a breathtaking backdrop that enhances the overall dining experience. The combination of exceptional cuisine, impeccable service, and a beautiful setting makes Salt a must-visit destination for food lovers on the island.

#### **A WORLD OF ACTIVITIES AND RELAXATION**

Beyond the stunning beaches and exceptional dining, the Four Seasons Anguilla offers a wealth of activities and amenities to make sure that every guest has an unforgettable stay. Whether you're looking to relax and unwind or stay active and explore, there's something for everyone at this luxurious resort.

For those who want to relax, the resort's spectacular spa offers a range of treatments designed to rejuvenate the mind,

body, and spirit. The spa's menu includes everything from traditional massages and facials to more specialized treatments like the Anguillan Salt Scrub, which uses the locally harvested salt to exfoliate and revitalize the skin. The spa's serene setting, with its tranquil gardens and soothing water features, provides the perfect environment for relaxation and renewal.

If you're looking to stay active during your stay, the Four Seasons Anguilla has plenty to offer. The resort features three infinity-edge pools, including an adults-only pool where you can swim laps or simply enjoy the stunning ocean views. There's also a state-of-the-art fitness center, as well as tennis courts and a rock-climbing wall for those who want to challenge themselves.

Water-sports enthusiasts will find plenty to keep them busy, with options like kayaking, paddleboarding, and snorkeling available right from the resort's beaches. The calm, clear waters surrounding the resort are perfect for exploring the



vibrant marine life that calls Anguilla home. The resort also offers guided tours and excursions, including boat trips to nearby cays and fishing trips that allow guests to experience the island's natural beauty from a different perspective.

For families, the Four Seasons Anguilla offers a range of activities and amenities designed to keep younger guests entertained. The Kids for All Seasons program provides supervised activities for children, including arts and crafts, nature walks, and games. There's also a dedicated family pool and a children's menu available at the resort's restaurants, allowing even the youngest guests to have a memorable stay.



### THE ULTIMATE CARIBBEAN ESCAPE

From its stunning location between two of Anguilla's most beautiful beaches to its luxurious accommodations and world-class dining, the Four Seasons Resort and Residences Anguilla offers an unparalleled vacation experience. Whether you're seeking relaxation, adventure, or a little bit of both, the resort has something to offer everyone. In celebration of the festive season, the island's most joyous and busiest time of year, the resort has developed an array of guest experiences and offerings through partnerships with renowned experts in the culinary

arts, wellness, and entertainment. The resort's curated festive roster will span from December 19, 2024, through January 2, 2025, and will offer several programming initiatives.

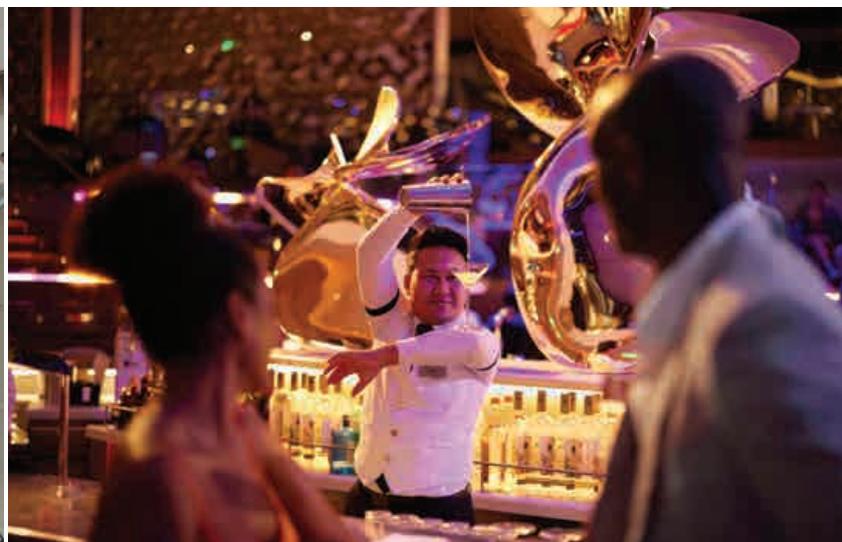
The Four Seasons Anguilla's commitment to excellence in every nuance makes it the ultimate Caribbean escape. Whether you're exploring the island's natural beauty, indulging in the culinary delights at Salt, or simply enjoying the tranquility of your private villa, you'll find that every moment at the Four Seasons Anguilla is to be savored. This is a place where memories are made and where every detail is as perfect as the island itself.



# A HOP, A SKIP, A JUMP, AND A SAIL!

*SOCIAL LIFE ESCAPES ON THE CELEBRITY REFLECTION —  
AND GRABS A “PERFECT DAY AT COCOCAY”*

BY KAREN HOLLY BERLINER



Celebrity Cruises has outdone itself once again. It is proud to feature the *Celebrity Reflection*, the latest and largest ship among the five in its Solstice class. Besides all the quality offerings cruisers can expect to enjoy on the *Reflection* itself, given Celebrity's outstanding track record and well-earned shining reputation, those who want the very best in a brief trip can now enjoy the Perfect Day at CocoCay, departing from Port Everglades in Fort Lauderdale. This award-winning private island destination, introduced by sister brand Royal Caribbean International, is part of Celebrity Cruises' new short Caribbean itinerary offerings.

Perfect Day at CocoCay presents a variety of new experiences for Celebrity guests seeking quick beach getaways without having to travel too far from home — convenience with uncompromised luxury. Guests can simply walk off the ship and onto the island, adding greater ease and more time to savor it all. The island of CocoCay underwent a \$250 million overhaul in 2019, and its list of attractions include the tallest waterslide in North America, overwater cabanas, a 1,600-foot zip line, and — the cherry on the sundae — an adults-only zone.

Perfect Day at CocoCay offers a superb adult-only beachfront experience at Hideaway Beach, complete with a DJ, four bars serving icy cold cocktails, and island-inspired eateries. Hideaway Beach is like an endless pool party, with club music playing throughout the idyllic horseshoe-shaped cove. The DJ is in the middle of a lagoon-style pool, where you'll find a swim-up bar for soaking and

sipping. For a quieter vibe, go over to the far side of the beach, where the cabanas with semiprivate pools are located.

At Coco Beach Club, guests can enjoy a refreshing swim in the beachfront infinity pool, dine at the top-notch outdoor restaurant, or relax at the first overwater cabanas in the Bahamas, complete with hammocks to gently lull you. There are also individual slides into the pristine water and countless other accoutrements and amenities. Day passes to Coco Beach Club include access to the exclusive private beach, the clubhouse, the infinity pool, beach chairs and towels, and complimentary dining at the Coco Beach Club Mediterranean restaurant, its Snack Shack, and the Slice of Paradise Pizza Bar. The lobster, served here grilled to perfection, is a treat; enjoy it with a glass of chardonnay. It's the perfect way to squeeze every bit of the juice out of your CocoCay experience.

For family fun, guests have access to Splashaway Bay and Captain Jill's Galleon (two splash pads for kids); Oasis Lagoon (the Caribbean's largest freshwater pool); and the beaches Breezy Bay at Chill Island and South Beach. Also ready and waiting for those seeking a little adventure are Thrill Waterpark, with 13 slides and a wave pool; a 1,600-foot zip line; and Up, Up, and Away, a helium balloon ride. Other activities include snorkeling, kayaking, Jet Skiing, and scuba diving. Dining is included at Skipper's Grill, Chill Grill, and Snack Shacks. Captain Jack's has delicious menu choices as well. Enjoy burgers, tacos, sandwiches, and more, including soft-serve ice cream to cool off.



### All Aboard!

On board the *Celebrity Reflection*, expect the top-notch quality of Celebrity Cruises' fabulous venues, shopping, casinos, spectacular bars, excellent service, and cuisine. All cabins are spacious, well-appointed, and comfortably furnished.

The luxurious main restaurant, Opus, offers multicourse menus for breakfast, lunch, and dinner with favorites and signature dishes at each seating. Opus is accented by its dramatic two-story glass wine tower and inventive dishes.

Various specialty restaurants onboard offer culinary highlights, while the buffets feature high-quality fare and variety in a more casual setting. Numerous cooking stations showcase freshly prepared dishes.

Oceanview Café is open for breakfast and lunch, offering a variety of food stations. Sushi on Five showcases a variety of sushi, sashimi, hot pot, and noodle dishes and a wide selection of specialty sakes and Japanese craft beers. Café al Bacio and Gelateria serves traditional gelatos and Italian ices, pastries, and specialty coffees. The AquaSpa Café is perfect for lighter fare served in the solarium. The food is artfully prepared in an open station where you can relish an al fresco dining experience. The ship's casual poolside venue, Mast Grill & Bar, offers tasty items grilled to order.

With an intimate atmosphere and an extraordinarily attentive waitstaff, Murano offers a fusion of delicious classic and modern Continental dishes prepared, plated, and served to the nines. Tuscan Grille is a supreme Italian steakhouse, and the Porch is an intimate, Hamptons-style casual dining venue that offers breakfast and lunch menu items such as fresh pastries, sandwiches, and salads lawn-side. Martini Bar & Crush serves classic and contemporary martinis on an ice-top bar, smooth as a rink and cool as a cuke!

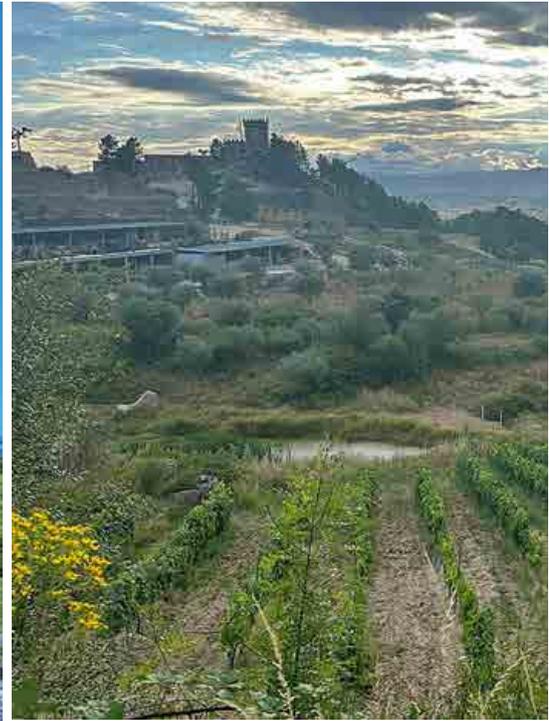
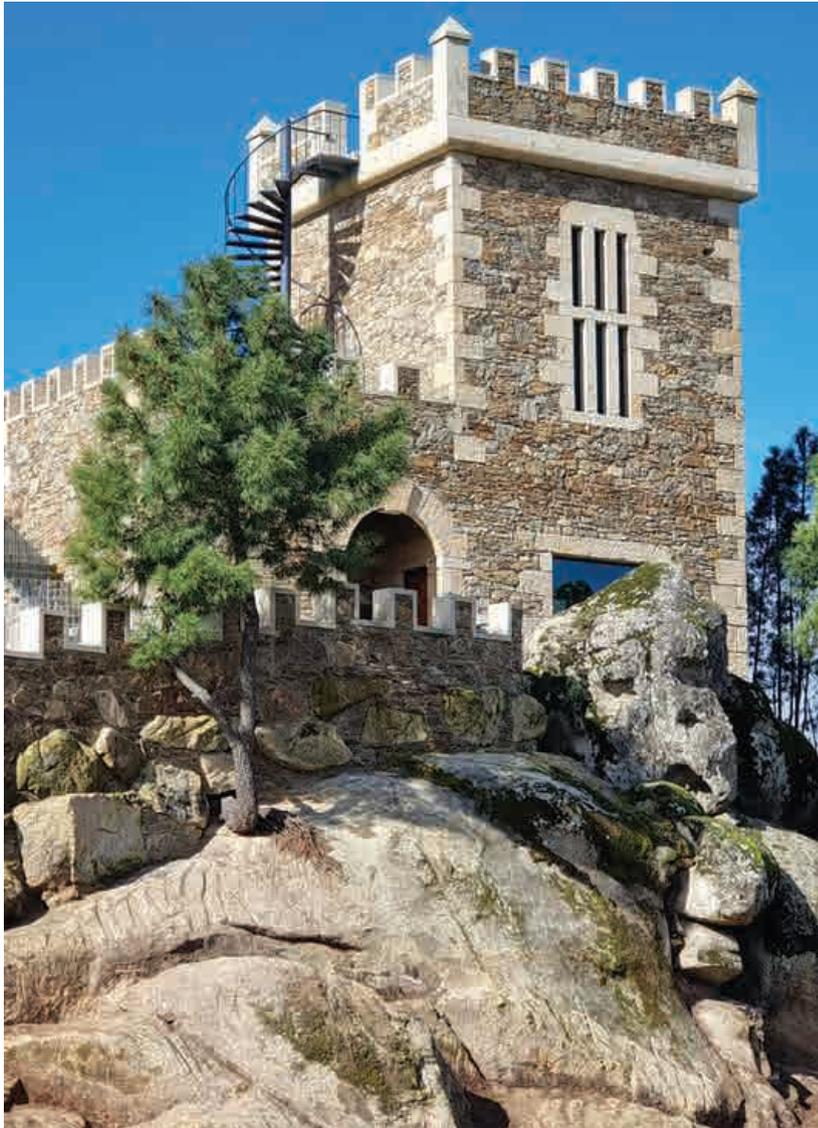
For on-board entertainment, the ship offers everything from piano music at Michael's Club to Broadway-style shows and a vibrant discotheque where guests can dance till the wee hours. Game On is a new innovative, whimsical twist on the traditional card room with six 32-inch touchscreen tables featuring eight interactive games.

With regularly scheduled live art auctions, grab a glass of bubbly and get your culture on — perhaps you'll buy a painting and bring home a forever cruise memory. There are also bingo games, a variety of interesting lectures on the various ports, and a state-of-the-art spa that offers pampering and beauty treatments. Two pools and a few whirlpools on deck invite you to swim and relax, while the Aqua Spa has a large fitness area with resplendent sea views and a pool with a relaxation area. The spa offers classes such as Pilates and yoga, and features a hydrotherapy Thalasso pool with seawater enriched with healthy mineral extracts. The jogging track with a unique view over the sea invites you to exercise in the fresh air.

# PEDRA PURA RESORT

## AN EXQUISITE ESCAPE CRAFTED BY LINO MARÇAL

BY DENISE MARÇAL



Lino Marçal, my dear father, has spent years meticulously crafting the exquisite Pedra Pura Resort, a luxurious retreat located on the serene outskirts of Chaves, Portugal. This 60-acre sanctuary epitomizes the tranquil elegance of northern Portugal, reflecting his deep passion for architecture, nature, and hospitality.

Pedra Pura Resort is distinguished not only by its opulent accommodations but also by its distinctive architectural elements. The resort features a small castle, a tower, and several buildings constructed from repurposed stones and wood, including a new restaurant fashioned from the remains of a 2,000-year-old

Roman estate. The resort boasts 40 elegantly designed suites, each seamlessly integrated into the existing rocks and offering serene views of Chaves. These suites blend modern luxury with traditional Portuguese elements, featuring unique touches such as sinks carved from schist stones, showers nestled among granite rocks, and doors crafted from old beams or reclaimed from churches. Additionally, the roots of olive, pine, and chestnut trees from our hometown of Padrela, Valpaços, have been transformed into furniture pieces like tables, counters, and benches.

Pedra Pura is more than just a place to stay — it's a destination where guests can immerse themselves in both luxury and nature. The menu emphasizes farm-to-table dining, sustainability, and local sourcing, featuring dishes made from ingredients grown on the resort's organic farm. Each meal promises to be unforgettable, celebrating Portuguese traditions while embracing modern gastronomic innovation.

My father's dedication to providing an enriching guest experience extends beyond fine dining. The resort offers luxurious spa treatments and various outdoor activities. Guests can explore the property on foot, with trails winding through vineyards, cherry orchards, and chestnut groves, and past fields where sheep graze quietly. It's not only relaxing; it also deepens guests' connection to the land, showcasing my father's vision of integrated, sustainable land use.

What truly distinguishes Pedra Pura is my father's hands-on involvement. Known for his approachable and charming nature, he takes the time to personally greet his guests, frequently sharing a glass of wine or a cup of freshly brewed herbal tea with them. His passion for highlighting the beauty of Pedra Pura is contagious, creating an atmosphere where everyone



feels like they are part of an extended family. This authentic bond between host and guest is rarely found to such a remarkable extent in other luxury resorts, making Pedra Pura exceptionally unique.

Events at Pedra Pura reflect my father's personal flair and meticulous attention to detail. Whether it's a family gathering, an anniversary, a corporate event, or a yoga retreat, the resort provides adaptable spaces that cater to any occasion. Against the breathtaking backdrop of northern Portugal's landscape, each gathering becomes a memorable happening, characterized by the resort's unique mix of luxury and scenic charm.

Pedra Pura Resort offers more than a mere escape; it's a place where every guest can discover tranquility, savor exquisite cuisine, explore Portugal's stunning landscapes, and receive warm hospitality from a gracious host. My father's enduring passion for creating environments that blend luxurious comfort with natural beauty has culminated in a resort that impeccably embodies this harmony. Pedra Pura isn't just a resort to visit in Portugal; it is a destination where you will be enchanted and transformed.



**Pedra Pura Resort**  
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# MRIYA GALLERY

## SPOTLIGHTING UKRAINIAN ART

BY LEXI WOLF

### GALLERIST ARTEM YALANSKIY

Mriya Gallery, the first Ukrainian gallery in New York City, is on a mission to spotlight and celebrate the rich tapestry of Ukrainian art, artists, and culture. Founded by Artem Yalanskiy, the new creative space at 101 Reade Street in Tribeca is providing a platform for talented Ukrainian artists to reach a global audience, with proceeds from each purchase going toward charitable organizations in their regions.

### MRIYA GALLERY

#### HAMPTONS EXHIBITION

This Labor Day Weekend, the gallery will host an exclusive event, showcasing a collection of Ukrainian art from Mriya alongside the private collection of Scott Baxter, which features renowned artists such as Warhol, Edwin, Rodin, Dalí, Andoe, Mallet, Edwardo, and Collins. A highlight of the evening will be a charity auction benefiting Liev Schreiber's Bluecheck Foundation. The auction will feature five exceptional art pieces, with all the proceeds going to charity. Additionally, the private collection, valued at over \$500,000, and the Ukrainian collection, valued at \$100,000, will be available for sale, with 20 percent of the proceeds supporting Schreiber's charity.



Artem Yalanskiy



Liev Schreiber

### A DREAM FOR A BETTER FUTURE

Yalanskiy, a native Ukrainian, is a newcomer to the art scene, coming to it from the field of sports management. When Russia invaded his home country in 2022, he, along with his classmates, sought an innovative means to support those affected by the conflict. "Art speaks about the war in a subtle

way," he says. "We don't talk about politics; rather we show the beauty of the art Ukrainians have created. The art draws attention to the country's culture and will keep a conversation flowing so the cause remains relevant." The name of the gallery, which translates to "dream" in the Ukrainian language, represents the dream of a peaceful future for Ukraine, as well as the resilience and resistance of the Ukrainian people. Additionally, the name is also a tribute to the largest aircraft in the world, which was destroyed by the Russian Army.

### QUALITY ART AND SCULPTURES BY MARIA KULIKOVSKA

Since opening in fall 2023, Mriya has put on a new exhibition each month, a show of dedication that landed them a spot at the exclusive VOLTA Art Fair in New York City. "We had been operating for only eight months when we were selected for the fair because they were able to see the quality of the art that we showcased on a regular basis," Yalanskiy says. "It's tough to open doors, but we decided to put a majority of time and effort into the gallery to really make an impact." Mriya's showing will be headlined with sculptures by Maria Kulikovska, a multimedia artist who creates paintings, drawings, and political performances, with the core of

Maria Kulikovska, Photo by Svitlana Levchenko



her work being reproductions of her body in her sculptures. Artem Volokitin's *Afterimage* series will also be featured. "When I started this, honestly, we were going through thousands of paintings," Yalanskiy says. "I was amazed at the quality. It was very hard to reject and to select a few to bring because the level of the art is very high, and it's our mission to showcase it to the world."

Kulikovska also plays a vital role in the curation of each exhibition at Mriya. "She has been on advisory boards in museums, and she does consultations for artists and galleries," Yalanskiy says.

"She's so passionate about it, and we've just been lucky to work with her. So she's developing the concept of every exhibition. She has a team that does it, and we do it all together. But ultimately I trust her to come up with different ideas." One of their most recent shows focused on the topic of feminism and women's power. Since Mriya was built on the foundation of philanthropy, each exhibition aims to maintain a balance between commercial success and artistic integrity.

### A CREATIVE SPACE

There are more than just exhibitions at Mriya. Yalanskiy describes it as more of a creative vessel. "We try to incorporate as much as we can into the space," he explains. "We have hosted events for Ukrainian entrepreneurs and networking events for those who work in venture capital, technology, and creative fields. We also offer painting classes where people come together to relax, paint, and enjoy conversations with one another. It is a calm and therapeutic ambience."

**Mriya Gallery**  
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Yurii Kokh, oil on canvas, 50x40 cm, framed, 2018





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## TARA CAPRI OF NEST SEEKERS

BY LAURA KERN



From her earliest days on Long Island, Tara Capri has been driven by a passion for real estate. Growing up in Suffolk County and spending summers in Montauk, she developed a deep connection to the East End that fuels her dedication to helping clients achieve their real estate dreams.

Known for her flexibility, positive attitude, and client-focused approach, Capri stands out for her no-pressure sales style and her keen ability to truly listen to her clients' needs. Her clients value her honesty and tireless commitment to their goals, whether they are buying, selling, or renting.

A 2017 Hofstra University graduate with a degree in finance, Capri transitioned from a successful three-year stint as a financial analyst at Altice USA to the real estate world. Her background in finance has equipped her with critical skills that enhance her negotiations, client education, and marketing strategies.

Outside of real estate, Capri enjoys spending quality time with her family, playing tennis, and DJing at lounges and restaurants in the Hamptons and New York City. Her multifaceted interests and experiences enrich her vibrant approach to both work and life.

Check out one of her listings:

### 8 Farmstead Lane, Water Mill | \$2,000,000





Tucked amid Water Mill's farm fields, this captivating three-bedroom residence embodies the peaceful allure for which the Hamptons are known. This charming home is situated across from a protected reserve and roughly 100 acres of open fields on the esteemed Blank Lane. Enjoy views from the upper level, knowing your privacy is secured by the impossibility of development around this unique location. Ready for immediate occupancy, this property can be enjoyed in its current state, or you can choose to explore its significant potential for expansion or new construction. Secluded behind a meticulously groomed privet hedge on a sprawling half-acre of mature grounds, the property emanates a sense of artistic charm and serene ambiance. The 750-square-foot unfinished lower level presents ample storage, laundry facilities, and workspace with the potential for further finishing. Outside, the enchanting grounds capture the quintessence of the Hamptons, featuring a sun-drenched pool, a deck off the kitchen area, a new outdoor shower, and manicured gardens.



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## LYNNE LEAHY OF NEST SEEKERS

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BY LAURA KERN



Meet Lynne Leahy, the unmatched matchmaker of Hamptons real estate. Whether you're on the hunt for your dream home or waiting to connect with the ideal buyers, Leahy is the expert who can turn those aspirations into reality.

Raised on Long Island and deeply rooted in the East End, Leahy has long been fascinated with real estate. After raising three children in the Hamptons, she channeled her passion into a thriving career. Today she's a celebrated licensed real estate agent known for her exceptional service and dedication.

With over a decade of experience, Leahy delivers a personalized approach that sets her apart in the competitive Hamptons market. Her in-depth local knowledge, coupled with her warm and vibrant personality, makes her a favorite among clients.

But Leahy offers more than just real estate expertise. With her husband's construction and pool services and her extensive network of local connections, she ensures that you're not just buying a property; you're finding a place to truly call home.

Check out one of her listings:

### **36 Blackwatch Court, Southampton**

**\$2,995,000**





This newly renovated Post Modern is located in the Highlands, a desirable neighborhood south of the highway on a cul-de-sac in Shinnecock Hills. This Southampton home boasts 3,500 square feet of living space coupled with 3,000 square feet of stunning multiple-level decks for entertaining. Enjoy the incredible southern-exposure views of the heated swimming pool and brand-new eight-person gunite spa. The entry foyer leads to a beautiful family room with a newly renovated fireplace and lined with glass doors for continuous light. The doors lead out to the expansive deck. On the first floor are three decorator's bedrooms and two completely renovated marble bathrooms, as well as a spacious laundry room that leads out to a two-car garage. The second floor has a flowing open floor plan with a gourmet chef's

kitchen, dining room, living room, and half bathroom as well as an additional brand-new fireplace, all sun-filled and connected to pristine wood decking. The gorgeous master suite includes a walk-in cedar closet and a large powder room that leads to the marble bathroom with a large soaking tub and separate shower. Enjoy your summer serenity with views of the professionally landscaped yard from almost every room. Conveniently located less than two miles from Southampton Village beaches, restaurants, and shopping.

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# JULIA HAART

BREAKING FREE WHILE EMPOWERING THE WORLD

BY CHRISTINE MONTANTI  
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The magnitude of courage, understanding, and talent that American fashion designer and entrepreneur Julia Haart possesses is completely unsurpassed. Known for starring in Netflix's *My Unorthodox Life*, a reality series which centers on Haart after she fled her ultra-Orthodox Jewish community and moved to New York City, the five-foot powerhouse continues her transformative journey into modern society. With several innovative projects underway, this year marks the 10th anniversary of the mother of four's rebirth into a new life of freedom.

The fashion mogul is conquering career goals at an astounding rate. Within months of first leaving her Haredi community, Haart expeditiously launched a luxury shoe collection and, only a few years later, secured positions as creative director of

La Perla and CEO of Elite World Group. More recently, she released her best-selling autobiography, *Brazen: My Unorthodox Journey From Long Sleeves to Lingerie*, and launched a luxurious shape-wear collection, +Body by Julia Haart. Currently, the pioneer is proving more resourceful than ever as she gears up to unveil a new swimwear collection as well as partnering with a groundbreaking dating app, all while advocating on multiple global platforms for women's civil rights and against anti-Semitism.

The day of our interview with the Netflix star is Friday, October 13, almost one week after the horrific attack on Israel by Hamas. News of the atrocities and innocent victims is breaking all over the globe, and media outlets are encouraging the public to stay out of Manhattan because Hamas is calling for global demonstrations in

support of the assaults. When I arrive at Haart's Tribeca penthouse, her demeanor is justifiably somber. "It's really difficult to even find words for what's happening," Haart explains. "Every time I turn on the television or look at my phone it gives me tremendous anguish to see things that I genuinely can't comprehend."

It's an extremely distressing time for the entire world, but especially troublesome for Haart, whose youngest son, Aron, and ex-husband, Yosef, are currently both in Israel. They were there at the time of the massacres to celebrate the Jewish holiday of Sukkot while Aron is studying in yeshiva; they have decided to remain in Israel to show solidarity with the Jewish people. Fortunately, Haart's three other children, Batsheva, Miriam, and Shlomo, were not in Israel at the time of the horrific acts of terrorism. Haart, a strong advocate against anti-Semitism, is planning to travel to Israel soon to provide support on behalf of her Jewish heritage and community.

The Russian-born entrepreneur is no stranger to activism. Earlier this year, Haart was at the front lines in Ukraine in an ambulance, trying to assist freedom fighters while aggressively being shot at and attacked. "I have led, marched, and spoken at a rally in Washington for Iranian women who have been brutalized, poisoned, beaten, and imprisoned because they asked to be educated and to have the freedom not to be covered head to toe," she says. "I have walked through remote villages in Rwanda handing out menstrual cups to women. I believe in global sisterhood, and I have spent all the strength I have to create this army of women who are united and working together to change the world to a better place."

Haart, a well-known and adored educator in her former Haredi community, taught English and Judaic studies at several Jewish schools in Atlanta as well as Brooklyn and Monsey, New York. She is visibly shaken by the expressions of hatred toward Jews. "First it starts with religious anti-Semitism, then it transforms into economical anti-Semitism, and the third version of anti-Semitism is political," she explains. "I have always had such a difficult time understanding how, during the Holocaust, normal people could walk their dogs, feed their children, tuck them in at night and go to work, while other children were being brutalized and ovens next door to them were being fed human sacrifices. How did they say nothing? How could they dehumanize people to such a degree? How did normal, average people walking the streets remain silent? I never understood it. It's not until today that I actually understand, and that is, hate always has an excuse. There is always a justification for hate, and that's what is happening today."

Despite it being a terribly sad moment for the entire world, it happens to be a picture-perfect day in Manhattan. We are seated on beautiful white art deco sofas in the living room of Haart's modish, three-floor penthouse.





Next to us, stunning floor-to-ceiling casement windows offer breathtaking views of the Hudson River. The sun is glistening on the water, and in the distance, there are several people paddleboarding. Further to the left is Governors Island and the historic Statue of Liberty, the iconic symbol of freedom, which seems appropriately within our line of sight.

Haart's passion for advocacy is a result of her own transformational journey based on years of restrictions and being subservient in her former Orthodox community. In her best-selling memoir, *Brazen*, Haart details her personal voyage, her unrelenting desire for freedom, and her creative spirit that led her to forge a new path. Shortly after fleeing her fundamentalist community, she attained her career aspirations at an unbelievably fast pace without any formal background in fashion. The mogul explains that the restrictions her community placed on her felt wrong: "I was constantly being told my purpose in life was to be silent, subservient, obedient, and invisible. There was a constant dichotomy of who I was as a person. I am not a quiet person and I'm not shy. I am a ferocious reader and I'm not stupid. There was this constant war between who I was as a person and who I was supposed to be. They had convinced me that I was eternally flawed."

The activist's groundbreaking work in the fashion industry is not only about creating stylish garments; it's a platform for empowerment and self-expression. Her cutting-edge designs and her commitment to inclusivity is reflected in her latest fashion endeavor, +Body by Julia Haart. +Body promotes diversity and body positivity. The collection features fashion-forward pieces that women can wear either under their clothes or simply as stylish clothing itself. Sizing combines both dress size and bra-cup size for a perfect fit for any body type. The exclusive shapewear collection is crafted from luxurious breathable materials, and each piece is designed to provide support without sacrificing comfort and made to fit women's bodies like a glove, enhancing natural curves and offering a seamless foundation for any outfit. Haart uses a revolutionary technology that enforces the shapewear fit, making it extra comfortable by incorporating stretch material fused with print and color so the fabric won't distort or fade and will be more durable. As an extension of the +Body collection next season, Haart will launch the first-ever shapewear

swimwear. The revolutionary collection's pieces look and feel like bathing suits but are more flattering and have the appearance of a tankini. Aside from fashion, Haart is also partnering with the dating app Tawkify and will be revealing the details of her relationship with the matchmaking service very soon.

One of the most significant aspects of Haart's journey is her commitment to empowering women. "What I tell people all the time is to embrace the unknown. Don't be afraid to be afraid. The unknown is where everything happens. It took me eight years to leave my fundamentalist community because I knew nothing about the outside world. I educated myself and I read every book that I got my hands on. I watched television and made money under the table. While everyone thought I was teaching, I was also selling life insurance. I hid everything. I didn't know a single human being on the outside world because I didn't exist on the outside world. I didn't have social media. I was a zero and I was scared. Although I planned to leave, I was so afraid — it felt like time travel. It felt safer to die than to walk out of my community."

Although Haart was planning her exodus for many years, she became increasingly depressed and suicidal because it felt almost impossible and frightening for her to leave without having any connections to the outside world. Ultimately, it was Haart's younger daughter, Miriam, that motivated and inspired her to flee her community when she raised the same questions and concerns as her mother regarding the unfair treatment of women.

As we wrap our interview and gear up for the *My Unorthodox Life* star's photo shoot, she turns to me and asks, "When do we invent and create? When we walk into the unknown. If you know everything, you have the answers to everything, and you don't ask any questions. If you think that everything has been done already, then you don't innovate, create, and change. I understand that the unknown is scary, but that is where everything of value is. Don't be afraid of being uncomfortable. If you are doing something that is so easy for you that it is comfortable, you are not doing anything to build or change. Put one foot in front of the other, even if your body is shaking and sweat is pouring out of every pore, and embrace the unknown. The unknown is beautiful!"

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# ELIZABETH CHAN

## THE INSPIRING STORY BEHIND THE QUEEN OF CHRISTMAS'S LATEST HOLIDAY ALBUM

BY CHRISTINE MONTANTI

Singer-songwriter Elizabeth Chan, known for her inventive holiday music, soulful vocals, and festive storytelling, is undoubtedly the Queen of Christmas. The New York-born recording artist focuses solely on producing festive hymns that celebrate the joy, love, and unity associated with the spirit of the holiday season, and for over a decade, the songwriter has been captivating millions of listeners with her impressive collection of Christmas melodies. As an artist and record producer who frequently reaches the *Billboard* charts and who has been nominated for numerous awards, Chan has managed to release a holiday album for an astonishing 13 consecutive

seasons. It's not only her latest studio album, *Songs From Noelle*, written and performed with her daughter Noelle, that critics are raving about. They are also moved by Chan's personal story of unwavering strength. After suffering from a serious injury this summer, the musician was left temporarily paralyzed, unable to breathe, and did not know if she would ever be able to sing or perform again.

Growing up in Manhattan, Chan began her musical journey early on, at the age of 6, with a deep love for Christmas. At that time, the singer knew that Christmas singing and songwriting was what she wanted to do with her life, and her multicultural background and Filipino heritage had an important influence on her style. Filipinos traditionally celebrate Christmas with music from September through January. Chan's affection for the holiday season inspired her to focus her talent on creating original Christmas songs that would capture the hearts of listeners and resonate worldwide. When the songwriter released her debut album, *Everyday Holidays*, in 2011, she obtained her first *Billboard* hit, and since then Chan has written an astounding 1,500 Christmas songs. Many of Chan's songs play annually as top 10 hits on the Holiday and Adult Contemporary charts.



Hailed as the Queen of Christmas by the *New York Times*, *Good Morning America*, and *People* to name a few, Chan currently resides in Battery Park City with her husband, Andy Fraley, a graphic designer; and her two adoring daughters, Noelle, 6, and Eva, 2. Unfortunately, during the summer, a terrible accident occurred while Chan was bathing Eva just after returning home from the hospital. While taking Eva out of the tub, Chan slipped and fell, seriously injuring herself and breaking her spine.

She was immediately seen by a neurosurgeon and several other specialists, who discovered she was paralyzed in her left leg.

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The extremely debilitating injury brought challenging obstacles that Chan bravely sought to overcome. "As a recording artist, my body is also my instrument," Chan says, "and I needed to be able to stand and walk. You use your body for breathing, and your diaphragm is connected to your spine, so my muscles became weak because I wasn't able to walk."

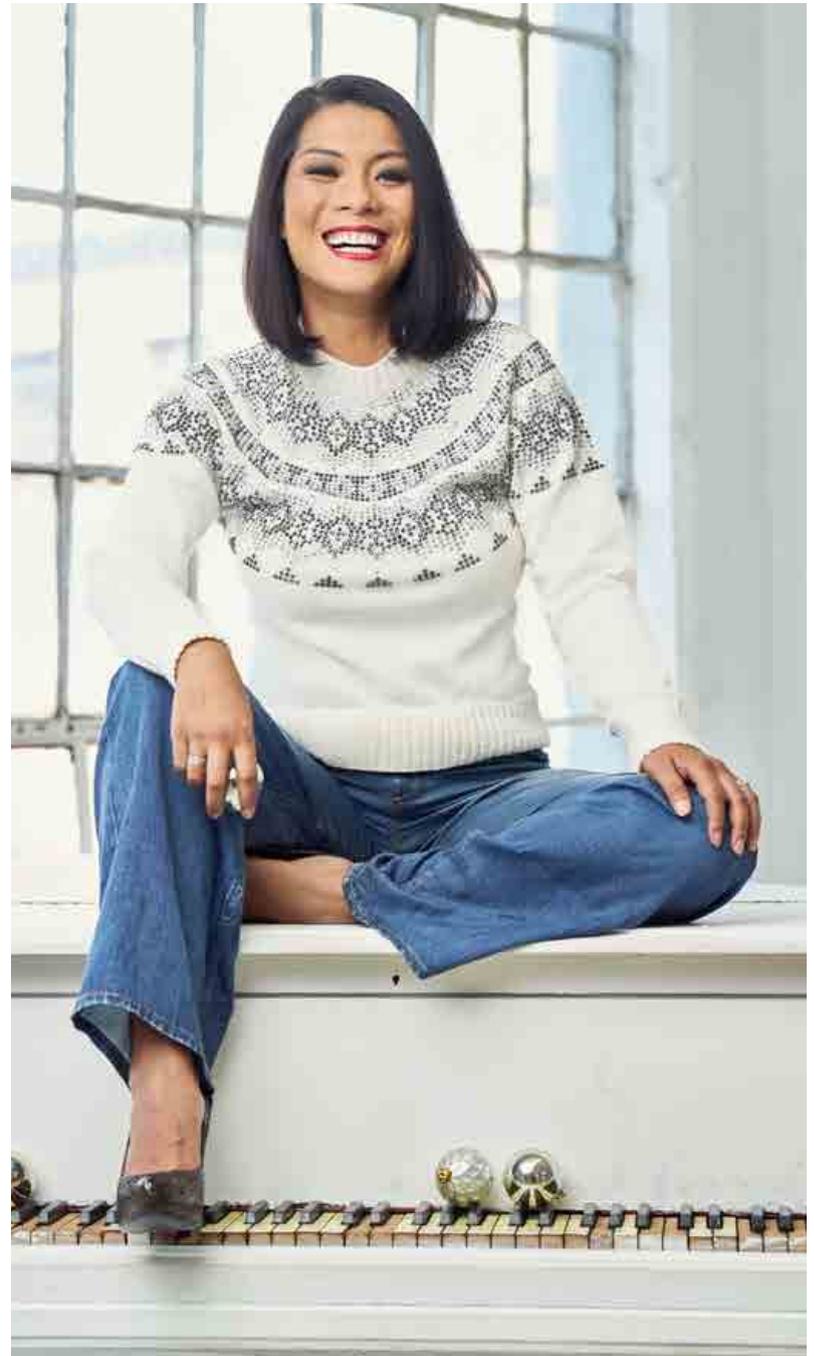
Summertime is when Chan produces her new holiday music, so she didn't know if she would physically be able to release another Christmas album this season. "I was more devastated with the idea of not doing another Christmas album and letting my fans down," she says. "After talking to my band, nobody wanted me to miss Christmas, and I just started crying. I didn't know how I was going to do it this year because I literally couldn't stand. I was having trouble breathing, and I was in so much pain. I think what was more painful was not the physical pain from the accident but rather the pain of not being able to put out another Christmas record. My friend Dave said that he really believed it was his responsibility to help my healing by helping me continue recording, and that was so touching!"

Chan's oldest daughter Noelle inspired the singer's healing and recovery by offering to participate and to be featured on her mom's latest holiday album. "Despite my injury, I was still able to produce," Chan says. "I was just not able to walk. I was in a tremendous amount of pain, and I couldn't even sit. I was laying down with a laptop on my side listening to the music and taking notes when my daughter, who was sitting with me, said, 'Mom, I can help you. I can sing!' Noelle grew up hearing all of my Christmas music, and she has all the vibrato and confidence in the world. My band has watched Noelle grow up, so they took her just as seriously as an artist as they do me while we worked together remotely. Noelle came into this project with so much joy and love, and she just wanted to help her mom because of her graciousness and generosity. For Noelle, it was just fun. There was no pressure there." Remarkably, one of the Christmas songs Noelle wrote and sang, "Christmas Time," is getting air-play on SiriusXM's rotation. Adoring fans have already named Noelle the Princess of Christmas.

As far as her recovery is going, Chan reveals, "I have been blessed to have physical therapists and doctors who were very focused in trying to get me back and healed because I am also a mom of a two-year-old and six-year-old who need me. As a mother, I wanted to have it all but sometimes life has other plans. You take stock of what you have at the table. It took many months of very vigorous physical therapy and acupuncture, but I am on the other side of it now, and I am getting better. I am so grateful I am able to walk normally now, but I am still in physical therapy five times a week, which started in July, and I go to acupuncture for pain management two times a week. I really owe my husband because when I couldn't walk, he would drive me and the kids, and I am very blessed that I also live in New York City because we have some of the best doctors and spinal surgeons."

Aside from singing and songwriting, the Queen of Christmas undeniably enjoys spreading Christmas joy to millions. She is also the CEO of Merry Bright Music, a New York City-based entertainment company that specializes in producing Christmas and holiday music, releasing dozens of songs globally.

Chan reflects on how Christmastime has inspired her entire musical career and journey. "Christmastime had such a big impact on me because it was mostly about family, food, music, and singing, and it was a big part of how I was raised. I have a very large extended family; on Christmas Eve all my cousins, aunts, uncles, and grandparents would come together on this one night, from all over the country, and we would celebrate and appreciate Christmas together. I understood at an early age that music was really powerful for memory, and that music makes the moment. I sang at so many friends' weddings since I was very little, only eight years old. Everyone was asking me to be their singer for their most special moments. Even my high school teacher asked me to sing at his wedding. Throughout my life, I always loved music and recognized that I got a positive response when I sang."



Chan admits she takes absolutely nothing for granted. "The act of putting out this album was cathartic, and it was a healing process for me because I feel if I didn't release this album, I honestly might not have been as healed as I am today. I would have been mentally down!"

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# 9<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL NORTH FORK TV FESTIVAL

BY JOSHUA KOKENY



Richard Schiff, Marcia Gay Harden



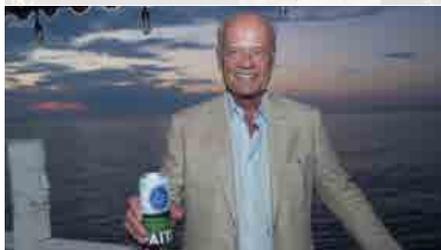
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David Kelsey, Bridget Moynahan



Jessica Daniels, Max Jenkins



Kelsey Grammer



Adrienne White



Sue Kramer, Mike Stern



Stephen Moyer

The picturesque town of Greenport became a hub of creativity and entertainment as it hosted the 9th annual North Fork TV Festival. Known for its commitment to independent television and its ability to foster meaningful connections between creators, industry professionals, and fans, the festival continues to solidify its reputation as a key event in the television industry. The festival, which ran from August 27-28, showcased a diverse array of pilot screenings, panels, and events designed to celebrate the art of storytelling and to support the next generation of television creators. Attendees had the opportunity to engage with content that ranged from drama to comedy, with each screening followed by insightful discussions led by the creators themselves. These sessions not only provided an inside look at the creative process but also allowed the audience to connect directly with the visionaries behind the shows.

One of the most talked-about moments of this year's festival was the presence of renowned actors Marcia Gay Harden and Kelsey Grammer. Both stars were honored for their significant contributions to the television industry. Marcia Gay Harden, known for her versatility and powerful performances in recent series such as *The Morning Show* and *So Help Me Todd*, was recognized with the Canopy Award. Her speech highlighted the importance of nurturing new talent and the unique role festivals like North Fork play in giving emerging creators a platform.

Kelsey Grammer, a television icon best known for his role as Dr. Frasier Crane in *Frasier* and *Cheers*, presented the award to Harden, and delighted everyone in attendance with his Faith American Beer!

In addition to these high-profile awards, the North Fork TV Festival also celebrated several up-and-coming talents. Best Pilot was

awarded to SWIPE NYC, created by Sue Zarco Kramer, a compelling story that captured the attention of the judges. In the Best Comedy category, *THE LADIES*, created by Juliana Piscina, took home the top honor for its humor and unique storytelling. The Best Drama title was claimed by *THE SESSIONS*, a gripping series created by Al Julian and Vince Eisenson. In the Best Sketch Comedy category, *TYPICAL DAN PETERSON STUFF*, created by Josh Long, Scott Kruse and Kurt Quinn, stood out for its originality and wit. The festival also honored the top TV Pilot Scripts. The first winner, *SHARK*, was penned by Gregory Abbey, while the second, *BACKWOODS CHIEF*, was written by Heidi-Marie Ferren.

Beyond the awards and screenings, the festival hosted a series of panels featuring industry veterans and emerging talents. Jessica Daniels and Max Jenkins hosted a casting director panel, we went on a journey through the evolution of tv with actor John Turturro which was moderated by Erik Warner and Elisa DiStefano, and even got a glimpse into the mind of tv showrunners sponsored by the Gersh Agency. These panels provided invaluable insights into the evolving landscape of television, offering both inspiration and practical advice for creators at all stages of their careers.

The North Fork community played a vital role in the festival's success. Local businesses and venues participated, offering a taste of the region's charm and hospitality. The festival's intimate setting with ocean views at Sound View Greenport, coupled with its emphasis on fostering genuine connections, made it a unique experience for both attendees and participants. It's this blend of industry expertise and small-town warmth that truly sets the North Fork TV Festival apart from other industry events. [northfork.tv](http://northfork.tv)

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# SAM PEZZULLO

## MAN ABOUT TOWN

BY DEVORAH ROSE



of the best in the industry to provide great service and ensure that our guests feel special and have a wonderful experience each and every time they come. Working the door and developing relationships with our patrons keeps me very connected to the local community, and through that I've rediscovered my love of the hospitality industry.

### **Tell us how you are creating a sense of community at Sagtown.**

I'm not so much creating a sense of community as much as I am capturing it. It's been there all along, and I've been a part of it for years. Sagtown is a special place that becomes a home away from home for most. The staff and patrons are a diverse cast of interesting and entertaining characters lead by Shane, the owner. Through social media and our podcast, *Next in Line*, we've been able to shine a light on the people who make Sagtown so much more than just a local coffee shop. The greatest reward is hearing that through a photo or podcast episode someone was able to connect with another customer and find common ground that they wouldn't have otherwise. In that sense, we are strengthening the sense of community for sure.

### **You're a man who wears many hats. What's that like?**

It's a juggling act at all times. Thankfully I'm a good multitasker and enjoy working on a variety of creative and professional things as opposed to being solely focused on one thing.

### **Why did you move to the Hamptons?**

I've been drawn to this area since I was a kid. I love everything the East End has to offer, the natural beauty and idyllic small-town charm mixed with the sophistication and culture of a big city. It's a small pond with the biggest fish in the world, and I'm proud to be swimming among them.

### **Tell us about your role at Tutto il Giorno.**

While my role as the maitre d' at Tutto in Sag Harbor can be challenging and demanding during the height of the season, I truly feel privileged to work in such a unique, beautiful establishment and take great pride working for and alongside some

### **What is your passion and how do you express it?**

My truest and earliest passion has been to entertain people through storytelling and comedy. I try to apply that entertainer mentality to everything I do.

### **What can we expect from you in the future?**

You can expect to see me take my love of comedy and performing and amplify it in a major way with the release of my first feature film, a satirical comedy called *The Premiere*, which was conceived and filmed entirely in the Hamptons. It's truly a love letter to this community and is an official selection of the upcoming Hamptons International Film Festival.

# THE DIVORCE BOOK FOR MEN AND WOMEN

HARRIET NEWMAN COHEN AND MARTHA COHEN STINE

BY BENNETT MARCUS

## COHEN STINE KAPOOR LLP

Meet Harriet Newman Cohen and Martha “Marti” Cohen Stine, the mother-daughter legal duo who are principals of their firm Cohen Stine Kapoor LLP, specializing in family and matrimonial law. “We were one of the first mother-daughter law firms, and we’re one of the only mother-daughter law firms in New York,” says Newman Cohen. With decades of experience under their belt, both have represented high-profile clients, including Andrew Cuomo, Paul George, Howard Stern, Laurence Fishburne, and the wives of Harvey and Bob Weinstein, during challenging times in their lives.

## HARRIET NEWMAN COHEN: DOYENNE OF MATRIMONIAL AND FAMILY LAW

Newman Cohen, now known as the doyenne of matrimonial and family law attorneys, enrolled in Brooklyn Law at 38, after years as a stay-at-home mother of four and a stint teaching math. “I didn’t want to continue to be a schoolteacher,” she says. “I wanted to go into a profession where women were in a man’s world and make an impact.”

She has served as president of the New York Women’s Bar and was a member of the Matrimonial Mediation Subcommittee of the New York State Supreme Court and the Child Support Commission. She authored *The Divorce Book for Men and Women* and writes an annual *New York Law Journal* article on family law. She is on the board of directors of the Lotos Club, a prominent literary and cultural club founded by Mark Twain. She was awarded the Medal of Merit, the Lotos Club’s highest award.

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— HARRIET NEWMAN COHEN

## MARTHA COHEN STINE: NEW YORK COUNTY LAWYERS ASSOCIATION

As an undergrad at New York University, Cohen Stine knew she wanted to be a lawyer. “Harriet was in law school while I was in college, and I would sit in on her classes. I loved the classes, and my mother was an inspiration. I figured if she could do it, so can I! I never dreamed that someday we would work together.”

Cohen Stine received her J.D. from the Cardozo School of Law and then spent the first 10 years of her career as a litigator at Shea & Gould before joining her mother’s practice and focusing exclusively on family law. She has been a top attorney in family law for more than 25 years. A frequent speaker and panelist, she sits on the board of directors of the New York County Lawyers Association, is chair of the Matrimonial Law Section, and presents continuing legal education programs. Cohen Stine is also chair of the NYCLA Foundation, the charitable arm of NYCLA, which supports pro bono programs.

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# ARTHUR AIDALA

## THE HIGH-PROFILE ATTORNEY TALKS ABOUT HIS OLD-SCHOOL NEW YORK RADIO SHOW

BY BENNETT MARCUS



Arthur Aidala, Marianne Bertuna, Hon. Barry Kamins

**“My real job is as a lawyer,  
so I also do crime.”**  
— ARTHUR AIDALA

### AIDALA, BERTUNA & KAMINS

In his day job, legal eagle Arthur Aidala takes on some of the highest-profile cases in New York. We’re talking lawyer Alan Dershowitz’s federal defamation case, 50 Cent’s civil litigation case, Ghislaine Maxwell’s appeal, and Rudy Giuliani’s attempt to salvage his license to practice law. Aidala had to pause our interview for this article to take a call from his client Harvey Weinstein. His firm, Aidala, Bertuna & Kamins, has also represented former Fox News president Roger Ailes, former U.S. representative Anthony Weiner, and Dream hotelier Vikram Chatwal during their times of crisis.

### THE POWER HOUR

Since 2022, Aidala has ended each workday with a 6:00 p.m. live radio broadcast called *The Power Hour* on AM 970. Afterward, the show is made available on all podcast platforms. The lifelong New Yorker invites high-profile guests in law, politics, New York living, health and wellness, entertainment, and more to join him on the air. The show is absolutely fantastic and, well, quintessentially New York-y!

### LEGAL EXPERT: ABC NEWS AND CNN

A recent episode had Aidala and his producer, Joan Pelzer, and his engineer, Matthew Sambolin, kibitzing about which Broadway shows they’d seen that week, lamenting that one or two gems were soon to close. Pelzer talked about having a blast at the city’s Pride festivities over the weekend, and Aidala offered to fix her up with a nice woman, although she does not identify as lesbian. “I support everyone,” she said.

Aidala was excited that he was able to salvage a dinner invitation to Rao’s, the impossible-to-get-into East Harlem eatery, because the Trump sentencing hearing slated for that day had been postponed after the Supreme Court’s ruling on immunity. (Aidala does not represent Trump but had a hectic schedule during the trial, attending daily and then later appearing as an expert legal analyst on ABC News and CNN to discuss the proceedings. Aidala has long been a TV-news legal expert in New York.)

Music features in the show too. With Independence Day around the corner, Katy Perry’s “Firework” was among that day’s selections.

### WEEKLY THEMES: TIMES SQUARE ALLIANCE

A regular guest is Tom Harris, president of the Times Square Alliance. That’s because Times Square Tuesday is a weekly feature during which they talk about what’s going on in the area: the shows, hotels, and restaurants. On Mondays Aidala does an automobile segment with Lauren Fix, a car expert, and they discuss the industry, the impact of electric vehicles, and so on.

“Obviously, because people know my real job is as a lawyer, I do crime,” Aidala says. But of course, the show covers the



topic from a very New York perspective: Transit Thursday, in which the NYPD's transit chief talks about subway crime like turnstile jumping and pickpocketing.

#### ERIC ADAMS, MEGYN KELLY, AND ANDREW CUOMO

On Fridays, the chief advisor to the Mayor of the City of New York, Ingrid Lewis-Martin, does a segment called The Good News Is to discuss positive aspects of city life. "We live in a society where it's all about the bad news, the blood, the crime," Aidala explains. "And no one focuses on the good things that have happened, whether its new public bathrooms being opened around the city, new pilot programs for children, or closing down all the illegal marijuana shops."

High-profile guests on the show have included Mayor Eric Adams, former mayor Bill DeBlasio, Governor Andrew Cuomo, Megyn Kelly, Bill O'Reilly, and Rudy Giuliani. Given that many popular podcasts are true-crime based, Aidala's listeners get a first-hand perspective on the biggest legal stories. "People are intrigued by how the sausage is made, so to speak, in the courtroom, and that's what I live. That's my real job every day."

#### HOWARD STERN APPROVES, PODCAST BOOST

While Aidala has appeared on television for years, this is his first time doing radio. "I grew up in a household where talk radio was on all the time," he says. "But back in the day, it wasn't just politics. There were political shows, sure, but there were shows about restaurants and cooking and about New York City culture, like what Broadway shows and cabarets were going on. That has basically all disappeared and it's now all politics. And I said, 'Well, I don't want to do that.'"

**"AM radio, I love that!  
That's real radio."  
— HOWARD STERN**

Listeners are either in their cars or at home listening to "good old AM radio" on their smart speakers. "Last year I ran into Howard Stern, maybe the greatest radio personality ever, and I told him what I was doing," Aidala says. "He actually pumped his fist and said, 'AM radio, I love that! That's real radio.'"

And since the program is turned into a podcast, it's reaching a bigger audience: New Yorkers riding subways and buses, people who don't listen to radio at all. "There are thousands of people listening in all different ways," says Aidala. "I consider it a service to the community, because I try to educate them while I entertain them. And I consider it a privilege for me because it's a lot of fun."

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# JIMMY “GREEN” CARCHIETTA

## THE GREEN FATHER OF GOTHAM

BY BENNETT MARCUS



### THE COTOCON GROUP

Jimmy “Green” Carchietta, a certified LEED Accredited Professional and expert in green building technology, can guide your building through New York’s myriad environmental regulations to save you money. In fact, Carchietta makes it very clear to his clients that “green is also the color of money.”

Known in the industry as the Green Father of Gotham, Carchietta is not in fact a tree-hugging environmental activist. “I’m in the money business,” he says. “It’s either you keep your money, or you give your money to the city.”

### LOCAL LAW 97: EMISSIONS LIMITS IMMINENT

Carchietta is referring to New York City’s substantial and growing list of sustainability requirements on buildings of 25,000 square feet and over. The latest, Local Law 97, places carbon-emissions limits on individual buildings, and the first reports on this law are looming, due on May 1, 2025.

“You can’t avoid this,” Carchietta says. “It’s affecting building values every day, and I help you protect your assets.” Local Law 97’s goal is reducing emissions to 40 percent by 2030 and to net zero by 2050. This may be virtually impossible to achieve in all of the city’s buildings, so that means that fines will be levied. “We could put solar panels from here to China, and there’s not enough effing sun and energy that’s going to make every building go to zero emissions. Everybody’s paying fines,” Carchietta says.

The city’s buildings already have letter grades for energy use — that’s Local Law 95 — and if you don’t display them prominently, the city fines you. A big part of all this, he emphasizes, is so that the city can collect fines.

### SUSTAINABLE SYSTEMS SAVE MONEY

Carchietta’s firm, the Cotocon Group, can assess your properties, advise on steps to reduce your carbon footprint, and minimize any fines you’ll pay. Cotocon (which stands for CO-operation TO CONservation) provides turnkey solutions that maximize peak performance and devise strategies through energy modeling, audits, and commissioning for its clients to meet prerequisite standards for planning and constructing highly efficient, sustainable, and low-carbon-footprint buildings.

Of course, reducing your building’s carbon emissions does also save you money, so while it’s good for the environment and minimizes exposure to fines, it’s also good for your pocketbook.

### BUILDING-DECARBONIZATION EXPERTS

Every year, owners have to do benchmarking for these energy laws. “As a consultant, we work for building owners, and I guide them and do all sorts of reporting and filing — annual, quarterly, every decade — because we’re licensed professionals,” Carchietta explains. “We are all licensed engineers. We are registered design professionals with New York City.”



Andrea Correale, Jimmy "Green" Carchietta

## “GREEN IS ALSO THE COLOR OF MONEY.”

Essentially, in the same way that you turn to expert professionals like lawyers, tax advisors, and doctors, you need an expert consultant to analyze your building's operations for compliance with city regulations and to handle the paperwork. That way, you keep your money instead of giving it to the city.

The Cotocon people are experts in the field of decarbonizing buildings. “We educate building owners with what is the minimal amount of capital expenditures that make sense to invest in your building so that you can maximize decarbonization.”

Local Law 97 and other regulations also provide tremendous opportunities, Carchietta believes. “But if you want to know the facts, you need to talk to the Green Father. We've been studying these laws for years. There's a solution in every building, you've just got to find it.”

### HIGH-PROFILE PROJECTS

Some of the prominent properties that the Cotocon Group has worked with include Sotheby's on York Avenue, the Racquet & Tennis Club at 370 Park Avenue, the Coates Building at 56th and Madison, and the Alvin Ailey Studios on West 55th Street. Its hospitality clients include the Roosevelt Hotel on East 45th, and City Club Hotel and the Algonquin, both on West 44th. One of Carchietta's favorites is the beautiful Brooklyn Tabernacle space on Smith Street in downtown Brooklyn.

### MISFORTUNE LED TO ENVIRONMENTAL CAREER

Carchietta grew up in his family's large-scale contracting business working on municipal buildings and public works like water-treatment facilities, schools, hospitals, and nursing homes.

In 1995, his oldest son, at seven months of age, was diagnosed with a childhood cancer attributed to environmental contamination. He was age four when he was considered cured. “He beat neuroblastoma, which is a childhood cancer that takes you out — less than 10 percent chance to live,” he says. “We're very lucky. The luckiest guy in the world you'll ever meet, you're talking to him right now, trust me.”

That experience radicalized Carchietta and led him to found the Cotocon Group.

Carchietta is a member of the U.S. Green Building Council and the council's Long Island and New York City chapters, New York City's Urban Green Council, the Construction Management Association of America, and the Associated General Contractors of America.

His philanthropic efforts include the Make-A-Wish Foundation, A Mother's Kiss (a children's cancer charity), Schneider's Children's Hospital, the Michael Anthony Foundation, and the Starlight Foundation. And in 2001, Carchietta personally provided rescue and recovery services at Ground Zero.

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# BRADFORD RAND'S EVENT EMPIRE

## A SERIAL ENTREPRENEUR

BY LEXI WOLF



From relying on food stamps during his childhood to purchasing an apartment on Park Avenue and a Ferrari before his 30th birthday, Bradford Rand is a prime example of the American Dream. Rand and his various companies have produced more than 2,500 events since 1993, ranging from cybersecurity summits to charity events to fashion shows, and he has no plan of stopping anytime soon.

### THE ENTREPRENEURIAL SPIRIT

The intention behind Rand's first business venture, TECHXPO, was to earn enough money to move to Los Angeles and pursue a career in music or acting. However, once he realized the extent of his success and the possibility of expanding on it, he decided to stay put, making a name for himself through a chain of acclaimed expos, conferences, and job fairs. But perhaps his favorite event in his vast résumé was the fashion-industry career fair where he met his wife, Melissa.

In 2000, Rand was more than \$300,000 in debt and on the brink of losing everything he created due to the dot-com crash. After the events of 9/11, however, he developed his next great

plan. "New York was still smoldering," he says. "But then I came up with the idea to produce job fairs for the defense industry, as we had just gone to war with Iraq. I said a prayer to God the day before we started, and I ended up making \$300,000 after the first show and paid off all my debts." During this time he was also featured on CNN as a "Maverick of the Morning."

### PERSEVERING

Rand then went on to produce his Go Green Expo, capitalizing on the momentum from Al Gore's *An Inconvenient Truth*. This event would go on to be the largest eco-friendly trade show in the country, landing Rand on programs such as the *Today* show, speaking on the importance of sustainability practices. He also founded Cyber Security Summit, an exclusive conference series connecting C-level and senior executives with cutting-edge technology providers and renowned security experts. He sold this company along with TECHXPO in 2022 to Cyber Risk Alliance for a considerable sum, if his most recent purchase, a 2005 Ferrari F430, is any indication. He plans to give it to his son one day.

## RAND LUXURY AND HAMPTONS CONCOURS

Having always had an affinity for the finer things in life, Rand founded the aptly named Rand Luxury, which produces a series of consumer charity events showcasing everything from private jet companies to fine wines. Although its current catalog of luxury goods shown is extensive, the idea for Rand Luxury originated from his love of cars. “We started to produce launch events for brands like Lamborghini, Bentley, and Rolls-Royce,” he says. “We also produced a launch with Bugatti, where Jay Leno was the guest of honor, and the Monticello Motor Club with Jerry Seinfeld.”

Rand brings his passion for cars to the East End with Rand Luxury’s annual Hamptons Concours. Taking place at the Fishel Estate in Bridgehampton, the event features nearly a \$100 million worth of McLarens, Aston Martins, Bentleys, Ferraris, and Porsches. As a bonus, many of the exhibits are up for sale, giving attendees the option to drive off in their very own sports car. As for beverages, guests can expect their tumblers to be filled with Glenrothes scotch and their flutes with Telmont champagne. Sponsors for the event also include Morgan Stanley.

There is also a competitive edge to the show. “We bring in a series of car collectors who know everything about cars, even more than me,” Rand says. “We judge both Ferraris and Porsches separately, each with its own set of awards. There’s a prize for the top three or four Porsches and another for the top three or four Ferraris.”

Although the displays would be reason enough to draw a crowd, there is also a sectioned pen filled with dogs and puppies available for adoption from the Southampton Animal Shelter, the primary charity for this year’s event. “We have one of the most prestigious car shows in the region, but we’re also raising money. I love cars, but I also love giving back,” Rand says.



Previous years have benefitted organizations such as the Samuel Waxman Cancer Research Foundation and the Breast Cancer Research Foundation.

### A FAMILY AND MUSIC MAN

As if his plate weren’t already full with his multiple business ventures, Rand is also a father to two sets of twins, which he accredits to French white wine. When asked how he’s able to balance it all, he says, “I sleep very little. Only four or five hours a night.” So whether it’s taking his son for a joyride and a round of golf, or chartering a helicopter to get his girls to a Taylor Swift concert, he proves business is important but family is everything.

Despite the parental and entrepreneurial demands, Rand still finds time to fulfill his original dream of being a rock star. He is lead vocalist in the tribute band Feast of Friends, playing with such acclaimed musicians as Ty Dennis and Forrest Penner of the Doors and Leo Kremer of Third Eye Blind. Their next show will take place on October 22 at The Cutting Room in New York City and will be paying homage to the Doors.

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# DR. HOWARD SOBEL

## TOP COSMETIC DERMATOLOGIC SURGEON

BY NADJA SAYEJ



### BEAUTY BY THE BAY:

#### NEW HAMPTONS CLINIC AND SOBEL SKIN RX

Summer is here, and along with the sunny days in the Hamptons comes a critical conversation about skin care — particularly the significance of sun protection.

At the forefront of this conversation is Dr. Howard Sobel, M.D., a pioneer in dermatology and cosmetic surgery in New York City and the Hamptons. He is both the director and founder of Sobel Skin and an attending dermatologist and dermatologic surgeon at Lenox Hill Hospital.

Dr. Sobel is offering his services in his Hamptons office in Mecox Bay and will be there by appointment every other Monday until Labor Day. “It’s Botox by the bay,” he laughs.

“I’m available out in the Hamptons for all your Botox and filler needs throughout the summer. It’s a more casual atmosphere and a fun time to get to know my patients.”

### MASTER OF BOTOX AND FILLERS

His Sobel Skin practice provides the latest advancements in dermatology, dermatologic cosmetic surgery, and progressive face and body treatments all provided in the luxurious Park Avenue setting of his state-of-the-art skin center.

He is renowned for always being ahead of the curve and has been called the Master of Botox for rejuvenating the faces of his VIP and celebrity clientele and for his Trifecta Face Lift, which combines Botox, fillers, and laser to brighten and refine the skin, lift, tone, and erase fine lines and wrinkles, dark spots, and dull skin.

Among the popular procedures that Dr. Sobel helped advance or develop are PIQO, Fraxel, Matrix, EmSculpt, Vanquish, and Trusculpt laser treatments, as well as injectables including Botox, Restylane, Radiesse, Juvederm, Sculpture, Silicone, and Belotero. He also performs clinical dermatology for those patients not interested in cosmetic procedures.

### COSMETIC DERMATOLOGY

In the ever-changing world of cosmetic dermatology, Dr. Sobel’s approach combines modern technology with over 30 years of experience in skin care. He made history as one of the first dermatologists to perform liposuction under local anesthesia. He is the physician who popularized micro-liposuction for patients looking to eliminate fat in small, hard-to-reach areas. He was even known as the king of liposuction in the 1980s. Liposuction, he explains, is for those who want to change the contour of the body: “Even with a great deal of weight loss, the shape stays the same, so we want to change the silhouette.”

### SUN PROTECTION FACTOR

With the bold summer sun, Dr. Sobel points out that the need for sun protection can’t be overstated. The sun’s UV rays pose a significant threat to our skin’s integrity, increasing risks of sunburns, premature aging signs like wrinkles, and more alarmingly, skin cancer. Understanding these dangers is crucial in adopting preventive measures to shield our skin from potential harm.

“In summer, it’s so important to wear sunscreen,” he says. One should apply sunscreen every two to three hours when exposed to direct sunlight, he advises, stressing the importance of generous application — a tablespoon for full coverage over the face — to effectively block out damaging rays.

Something people often don’t understand is what sun protection factor (SPF) they need. “There’s a whole misconception around SPF,” Dr. Sobel says, explaining that anything beyond SPF 30 offers diminishing returns in terms of added protection. The key is not to chase higher SPF numbers but to thoroughly apply sunscreen — and often.

Gone are the days when sunscreen application was a tedious affair associated with uncomfortable skin irritation or unsightly white residue. As Dr. Sobel points out, advancements such as micronized zinc oxide and titanium dioxide formulations are easy to use and take immediate effect post-application.

“Apply it every few hours. Put on sunscreen every two to three hours if you’re going to be in the sun,” he says. “Apply the sunscreen 10 to 15 minutes before you go out and make it the last product you put on.”

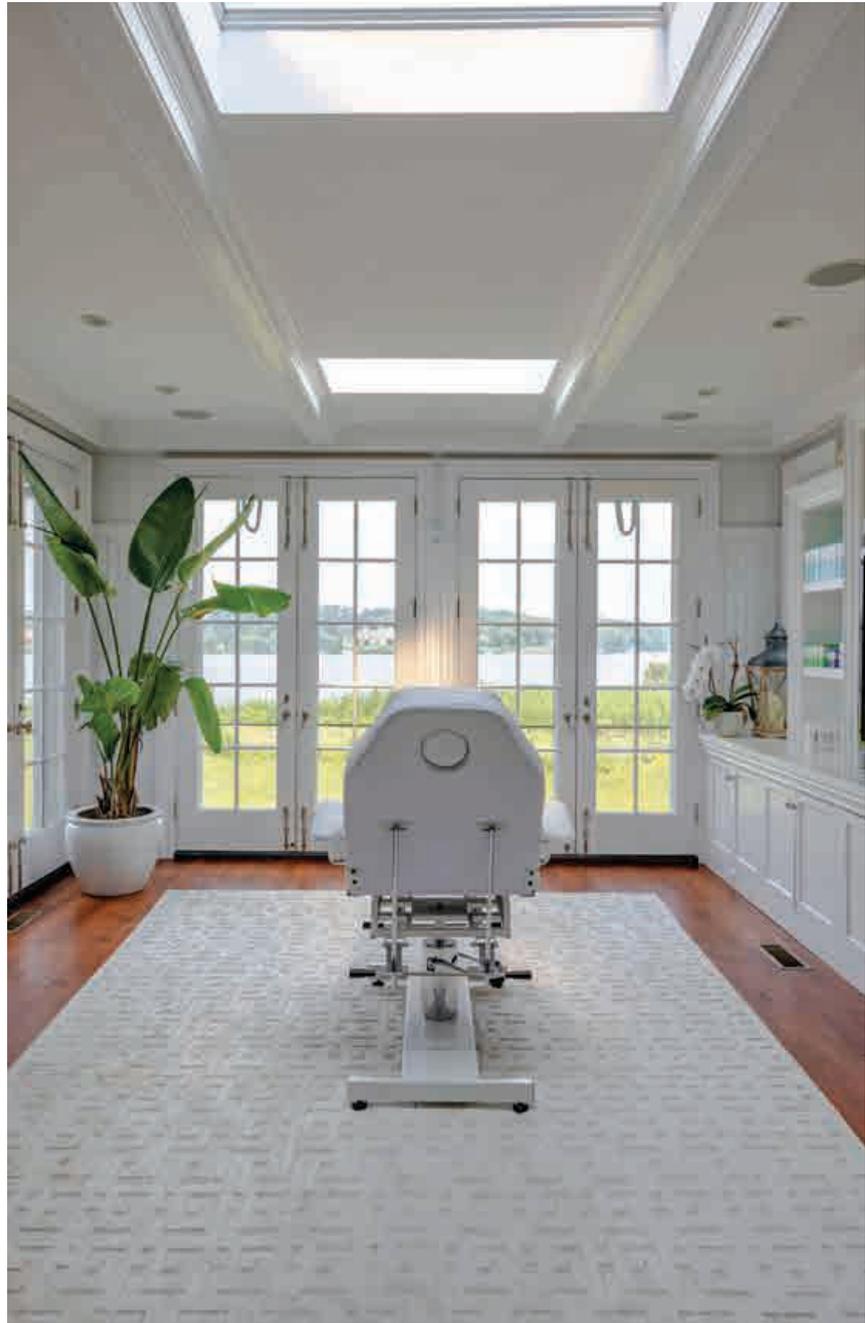
If you weren’t diligent in applying sunscreen in the past, it is not too late to turn back the clock. The very popular Fraxel laser not only treats sunspots and pigmentation but also pre-cancerous lesions that can become malignant lesions in time. More mature skin can benefit from the Helix CO2 laser, which can treat fine lines, wrinkles and crepiness in addition to smoothing the skin and removing the pigmentation.

#### BETH ISRAEL MEDICAL CENTER

Dr. Sobel opened his practice in the Upper East Side in 1980. In 1985, he introduced local lipo. In 1991, he founded his skin-care line and HDS Cosmetics Lab, which produced Doctors Dermatologic Formula (DDF), one of the first doctor-created skin-care lines. DDF was acquired in 2007 by Procter & Gamble and in 2014 by Luxe Brands.

Now the market is flooded with celebrity brands because the clientele is driven by social-media buzz. “Some movie stars start a brand based on their popularity and it builds up very quickly,” Dr. Sobel says.

In 2020, Dr. Sobel launched Sobel Skin Rx, a skin-care line



that provides groundbreaking, science-backed, high-performance skin-care products. These are available at [sephora.com](https://www.sephora.com) or at [drsobelsskinrx.com](https://www.drsobelskinrx.com). Dr. Sobel has been a clinical attending physician in dermatology and dermatologic cosmetic surgery for 34 years at Lenox Hill Hospital and for 28 years was also a clinical attending dermatologist and dermatologic surgeon at Beth Israel Medical Center. He introduced the idea of the medical-spa concept in 2000, and that has taken off to the point that patients must now be vigilant of who or where they are treated.

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## ANN LIGUORI

26 YEARS OF ANN LIGUORI FOUNDATION AND THE PUBLICATION OF HER NEW BOOK

BY LILLIAN LANGTRY



Ann Liguori, renowned sports talk show host and author, picked up a Gracie Award from the Alliance for Women in Media for her show *Talking Golf With Ann Liguori*, heard Sunday mornings from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. ET on WFAN-NY. Liguori's show features golf news and in-depth interviews with the sport's movers and shakers. Liguori also recently celebrated her new book, *Life on the Green: Lessons and Wisdom From Legends of Golf* (Hatherleigh Press) at Canoe Place in Hampton Bays. It is the sequel to her 2007 book, *A Passion for Golf* and contains all-new interviews with golf legends. Liguori also hosts a charity golf tournament every year on the East End for cancer research. The 26th annual Ann Liguori Foundation Charity Golf Classic took place at Friar's Head in Baiting Hollow, benefiting St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. "It was special to be at Friar's Head for our silver anniversary," says Liguori. "My thanks to all who take part." Sponsors and donors for this year's tournament included ABM, Tommy and Shounda Foster, Taylor-Made, Casa de Campo, Dooney & Bourke, EyeKing Eyewear, Ibkul, Imperial Hats, Indigo East End, Nailed Golf: Shelley West, North & West Coast Links Golf Ireland, Peakvision, Tifosi Sunglasses, and TourEdge. For more on the Ann Liguori Foundation, visit [annliguori.com/philanthropy](http://annliguori.com/philanthropy)

David Warren

## MARIEBELLE NEW YORK

OPENS AT THE ICONIC PIERRE HOTEL

BY LILLIAN LANGTRY



This season, the iconic Pierre Hotel is the place to indulge in the exquisite world of MarieBelle Chocolates. Founder and CEO Maribel Lieberman was born and raised near the cacao fields of Honduras. She emigrated to the U.S. and studied at the Parsons School of Design, where she developed her innate sensibility for luxury goods, fine food, and elegant fashion. She launched her career in the 1990s with Maribel Gourmet Cuisine, a catering enterprise serving high-profile clients, U.S. diplomats, and a U.S. President. In October 2000, she opened her first retail shop, Lunettes et Chocolat, an eclectic boutique offering designer eyewear and handmade chocolates.

Shortly after in 2001, Lieberman opened MarieBelle New York in Soho. It quickly gained a loyal following of local and international customers with discerning palates. Word made it to Oprah, who declared MarieBelle's Aztec Hot Chocolate as one of her "favorite things."

Expanding from its popular shop in Soho, MarieBelle now serves customers on Monday to Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Pierre on Fifth Avenue. The hotel is a perfect match with MarieBelle's highly desirable sweets. Since 1930, the Pierre has been revered as a quintessential monument to New York City grandeur. At the boutique, shoppers can find prestigious selections of gift boxes in a sophisticated setting. For more information and locations please visit [mariebelle.com](http://mariebelle.com)

# A UNION OF SOCIAL DINING DESTINATIONS CONTINUES TO DELIVER IN SOUTHAMPTON

BY LILLIAN LANGTRY



Ian Duke and Scott Kampf,  
Photo by Patrick McMullan

Ian Duke and his partner, David Hilty, are the owners of the ever-popular Union Burger Bar and Southampton Social Club. Together they represent a hospitality powerhouse in the Southampton dining scene.

Regarded as one of the most popular dining spots in Southampton, Southampton Social Club comprises a restaurant and bar, serving up a full menu of fresh sushi, seafood, and steaks. The club has an extensive drinks menu that includes house specials like the Social Cooler (jalapeño-infused Don Julio tequila, watermelon purée, and fresh lime), Backyard Lemonade (Grey Goose melon vodka, freshly squeezed lemonade, and fresh berries), and the Weekender (Stoli cucumber vodka, Chambord, and fresh lime).

Situated in the historic Bowden Square property that once housed the famous Herb McCarthy's is Union Burger Bar, which fuses the energy of a supper club from the days of old with a modern casual ambiance. The cuisine is brought to you by the award-winning chef Scott Kampf, who has created the delectable menu that features dry-aged steaks courtesy of Niman Ranch in Colorado, and inventive sushi and sashimi options.

As with Southampton Social Club, Union Burger Bar's casual daytime ambience transitions into an evening supper-club feel with an extra touch of sophistication. "We created Union Burger Bar because it's what the people of Southampton were asking for," Duke says. "Southampton had no year-round sushi and burger restaurants. Before now, it was a real trek to find a year-round, daylong dining experience."

The award-winning burger restaurant continues to serve up American comfort food. The menu's legendary burgers, fries, and milkshakes make it an ultimate year-round dining destination on the East End.

"In all our places, we have created an oasis that allows people to escape and enjoy themselves for an evening," Duke says. In addition to developing the go-to spots for dining out east, Duke also serves it up in Manhattan, with venues like the iconic Prohibition, Lucky's Famous Burgers, and the Baylander, which turned a small former aircraft carrier into a bar restaurant on the Hudson River.



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# ZIBBY OWENS

## CHAMPION OF AUTHORS AND THE BOOK-LOVING COMMUNITY

BY DEVORAH ROSE



The Zibby-verse is a haven for writers and authors, built on four core pillars: Zibby Books publishing house, Zibby's Bookshop, the *Moms Don't Have Time to Read Books* podcast, and Zibby's Book Club and Retreats. In addition to these main components, it includes other offerings, like Zibby's Substack newsletter and special events. This universe provides unlimited inspiration and chances for book lovers and writers to connect as well as engage with the literary community. Reflecting on the beginning of her journey, Zibby shares, "It started with my podcast, *Moms Don't Have Time to Read Books*, which I launched in 2018 and have now done over 1,900 episodes with different authors. It inspired me to start all the other things that have come as a result. But it all began, really, with the podcast." This venture, born from her desire to write and connect

with authors, coupled with her deep love of books, paved the way for her multifaceted literary empire.

The podcast's success led Zibby to create an in-person salon in her apartment. These intimate gatherings evolved into the salons and special events that can now be enjoyed at Zibby's Bookshop in Santa Monica. "I learned how to coordinate events and curate merchandise and all these elements through the salons," she explains. Zibby makes sure that readings at the bookstore still feel cozy and personal — "like you're in someone's living room," she says. This personalized touch is also reflected on the bookstore's shelves, which feature curated collections such as *Books That Make You Laugh* and *Motherhood Malaise*, inspired by real conversations with customers. "I was sitting at the bookstore one day and had three different people come in and ask me what book a friend going through a divorce might like," Zibby says. "And I was like, Okay, let's make a new shelf."

Zibby's commitment to fostering close-knit connections extends to Zibby Books, her publishing company. Deeply moved by the struggles she heard about from authors who felt unsupported by traditional publishers, Zibby set out to create a more nurturing environment. "The overarching issue was their deep disappointment," she says. "They spent so long trying to get published and get to the finish line, and then they were thrown out there in the world and felt unsupported." Zibby Books aims to recognize the immense emotional and creative investment that goes into the writing and publishing process. She addresses these concerns head-on, ensuring that authors feel important and supported throughout the process. Recently, a beloved author suffered a personal tragedy when her home burned down. Zibby and her team created a GoFundMe page and have been doing their best to support her.

Zibby's immersive retreats also embody this same intimate culture. Rejecting the idea of large-scale conventions or impersonal gatherings, the retreats are capped at a maximum of 60 attendees at any given time, as Zibby strives to create an atmosphere that allows for meaningful and lasting bonds between individuals with a common passion and purpose. "Everything that I try to do with all the different interrelated brands is to have this boutique feel," she explains. "It's not supposed to be like in a massive auditorium. We're into the intimate connections."

## PROFILES



Dubbed the Zibby-verse by the *Los Angeles Times*, Zibby's various ventures embody her entire vision. During our interview, I notice that I'm the one mostly using this term. When I ask Zibby about it, she nods and explains, "We refer to it as the Zibby-verse because that's what the *L.A. Times* called it." There is a hint of sheepishness in her smile, a reflection of the fact that she is still adjusting to the remarkable world she has built. Yet despite her accomplishments, Zibby maintains a humble and grounded demeanor. In her presence, you feel as though you're enveloped in a cherished novel; she exudes warmth, sweetness, and an irresistible charm. It is effortless to adore her and impossible not to yearn for more moments in her company. Zibby has created a safe space for friends, readers, and authors alike. This interconnected community goes beyond just book-related businesses; it's a place where readers connect with each other and writers connect with readers and find camaraderie among their peers. As Zibby describes it, "It's an intimate welcoming home for book lovers." She adds, "It's where you can find your next favorite book and someone to talk to about it. But most important, you'll feel seen here. We're not trying to compete with big, major retailers. We're all about bringing together books and the people who read and write them in authentic conversations."



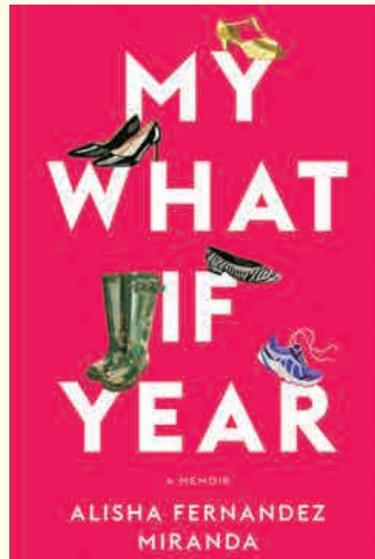
As our conversation comes to a close, Zibby captures the essence of this special universe when she says, "It's as if a Serena & Lily store became a library of sorts. It's like the feeling of that mixed with a type of intelligence but not at all snotty. There's no snottiness here — completely accessible, sort of upmarket accessible. Current books and people who like talking about them in a beautiful setting with lots of laughter and shared emotion." This description encapsulates the Zibby-verse's unique blend of literary craving, community, and genuine connection. She is truly a remarkable force, tirelessly championing the unique voices of authors and fostering meaningful literary communities, all fueled by her unwavering love of books and genuine care for those who bring them to life. Thank you, Zibby Owens. The literary world is made richer by your contributions.

## BOOK REVIEWS

BY ZIBBY OWENS

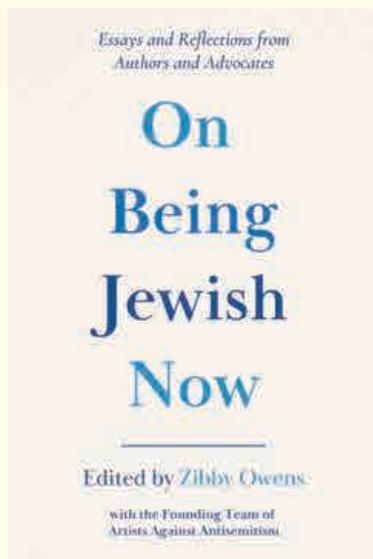
***My What If Year***  
by Alisha Fernandez  
Miranda

Featured on *Good Morning America* and other outlets, *My What If Year* is the story of overachiever and twin mom Alisha Fernandez Miranda taking a year off to pursue four internships of her dreams.

***Hell If We Don't Change Our Ways***

by Brittany Means

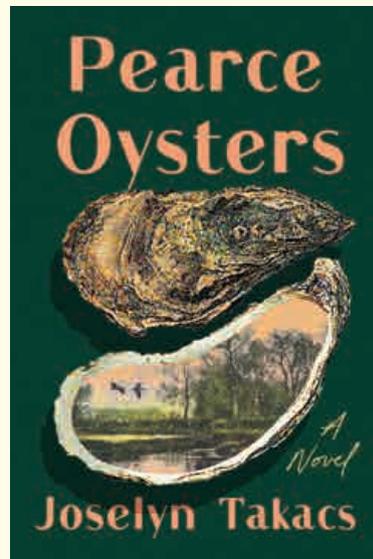
Homeless queer Chicana Brittany Means had an unbelievably rough childhood, including a stint living with her Pentecostal grandparents in Indiana, yet she spun her story into a poetic masterpiece.

***On Being Jewish Now***  
by Zibby Owens

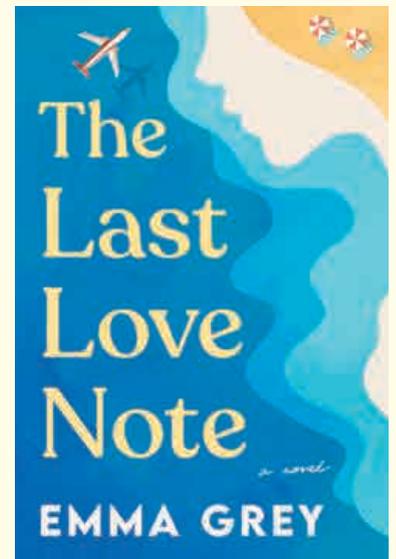
*On Being Jewish Now* is an anthology curated by Zibby Owens, focusing on diverse and personal experiences of Jewish identity. This collection brings together essays, stories, and reflections from various contributors who explore what it means to be Jewish in contemporary society.

***Here After***  
by Amy Lin

An Apple book and Book of the Month Club pick and a *USA Today* best seller, *Here After* is a poetic, searing memoir about the rawness of grief by Amy Lin, a teacher whose husband died suddenly while out on a run.

***Pearce Oysters***  
by Joselyn Takacs

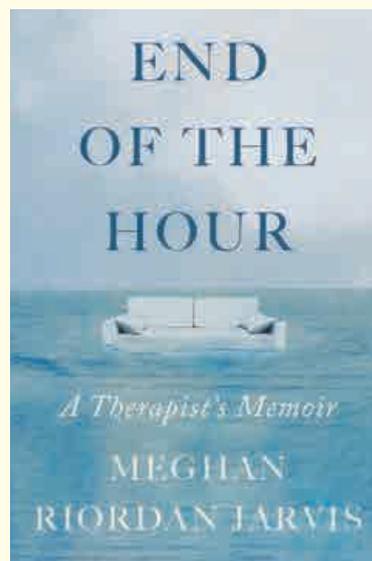
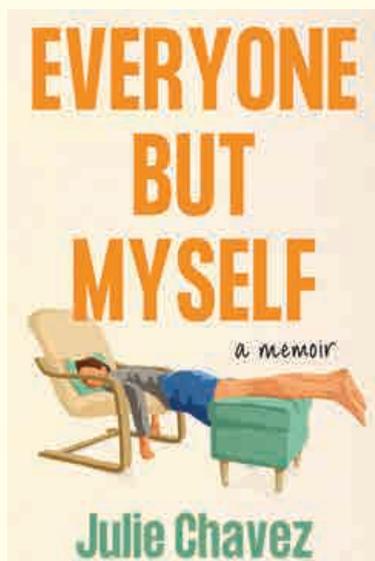
An environmental drama, *Pearce Oysters* follows a fictional family of oyster farmers in the Louisiana bayou in the aftermath of the 2010 BP oil spill.

***The Last Love Note***  
by Emma Grey

A Target Book Club and Book of the Month Club pick, *The Last Love Note* follows a young widow and her son after her husband passes away from early onset Alzheimer's. Everything goes wrong until she finds love somewhere unexpected.

***Everyone But Myself***  
by Julie Chavez

*USA Today* best seller  
*Everyone But Myself* tells the story of school librarian Julie Chavez at a time in her life of anxiety and depression, in which she was taking care of everyone else's needs but her own.

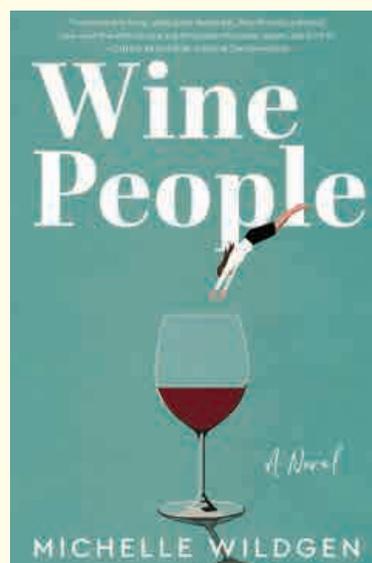
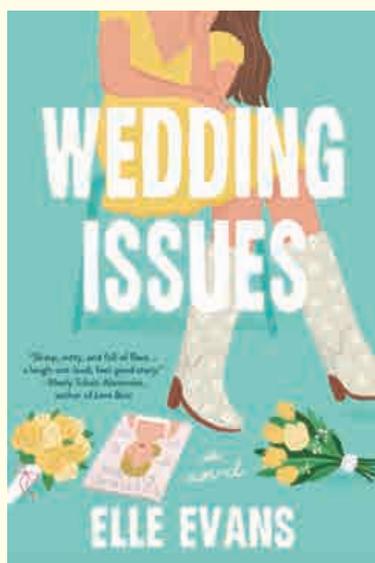


***End of the Hour***  
by Meghan Riordan Jarvis

When trauma expert Meghan Riordan Jarvis lost her mother, she experienced such severe PTSD that she checked herself into the same treatment facility to which she typically sent her patients.

***Wedding Issues***  
by Elle Evans

A maid of honor in two competing weddings tries to help each of them win a cover contest for a Southern magazine in this hilarious read by an anesthesiologist.

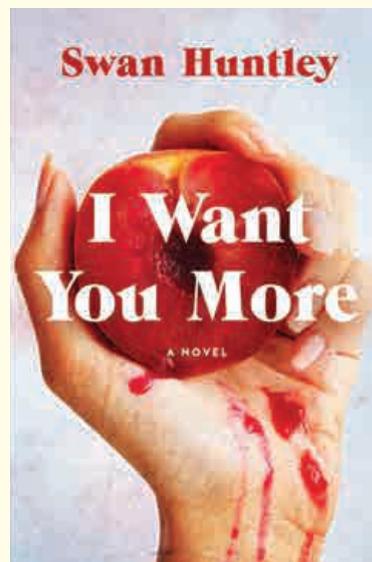
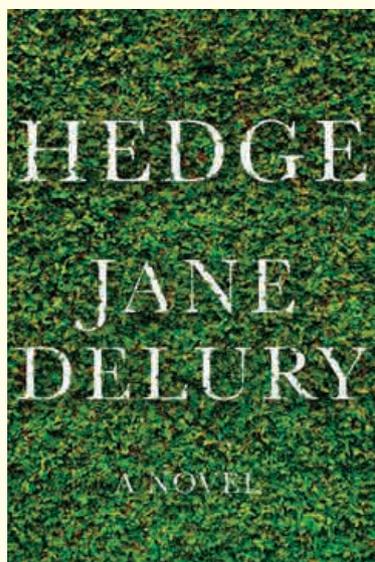


***Wine People***  
by Michelle Wildgen

Two work rivals come together in the competitive, male-dominated wine industry to forge a new path.

***Hedge*** by Jane Delury

Evocative, lush, and beautiful, Jane Delury's *Hedge* takes us into the world of landscape architecture, second starts, and the struggle of knowing how to believe — especially if one of people you must believe is your daughter.



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

A ghostwriter from California spends the summer as a guest at a celebrity chef's Hamptons home only to find out that things might not be exactly as they seem.

# LABOR DAY TREATS

## BATANGAS, MOONSHINE, AND SPICE

BY SHARON ROTH



### Let's make some Batangas:

#### Ingredients

(For one serving):

- ½ fresh lime
- 2 ounces blanco tequila  
(or mezcal for a smoky variation)
- Coca-Cola for topper  
(diet or regular)
- Ice
- Salt

First, use a lime wedge to coat the rim of your highball or tall glass of choice and dip the rim in salt to coat. Squeeze the juice of the half

lime into glass (about 1/2 ounce). Fill glass with large ice cubes and add tequila. Finish with Coca-Cola, adding to the top of the glass. For added flourish — and to honor Don Javier — stir with the same knife you used to cut the lime; Don Javier claims this is the secret to its flavor. Then yell “*Arriba, abajo, al centro y para dentro!*” and drink! It’s a traditional Mexican toast meaning, “Up, down, to center, and into.”

Finally, for something a little different as we head into fall, let’s go back a century and up to the North Fork to the Prohibition-era Twin Stills Moonshine Distillery in Jamesport. Founded in 1926 and the epitome of local charm (not to mention the live music on Saturdays from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.), Twin Stills offers craft cocktails and tastings of many compelling flavors of its O’Oldtymer Moonshine, along with its delightful family of artisan whiskeys and vodkas. Hard to sample all in one visit, but most definitely try the Apple Pie and Blueberry Moonshines, the Carmel and Honey Pepper Whiskeys, and Carmel Vodkas to start.

**Important safety tip:** Make sure you have a place to stay nearby — this is most definitely not a stopover on a drive back to Manhattan!

As summer approaches its final weeks, explore, enjoy, and of course toast with your libation of choice, toes in the sand, to a wonderful fall and year ahead!

Happy September, East End wine and spirits aficionados!

Down to business. So far, this appears to have been the summer of the spicy cocktail. While spicy flavors are hardly new in the libation world (the spicy margarita has been holding court for some time), creative bartenders seem to be taking this to new heights. In the spirit of this trend (get the pun?), last week at the Mermaid Oyster Bar on MacDougal Street I was talked into something called the “hot and dirty martini” — a traditional dirty martini flavored with Tabasco and graced with a single, lovely red peppadew (a somewhat sweet, mildly spicy pepper) floating in the center. Not bad at all.

Also revived and happily trending this summer is something called the Batanga. The name alone conjures a mariachi band and conga line! A homage to the fading art of simplicity, this tequila-based cocktail is fashioned with just a few classic ingredients — tequila, Coca-Cola, fresh-squeezed lime juice, a pinch of salt, and a salt-rimmed glass of course. The Batanga was originally crafted in the 1950s by Don Javier Delgado Corona, owner of the iconic La Capilla bar in Tequila, Mexico. (Yes, folks, there is actually a Mexican city called Tequila).

Tequila and its delightfully smoky cousin, mezcal, are continuing to have their moment, and I predict they will enjoy the premier spot in our libation landscape for many years to come. This is due to their earthy flavor palates, light yet robust, and also to the potentially healthier impact of their agave base.

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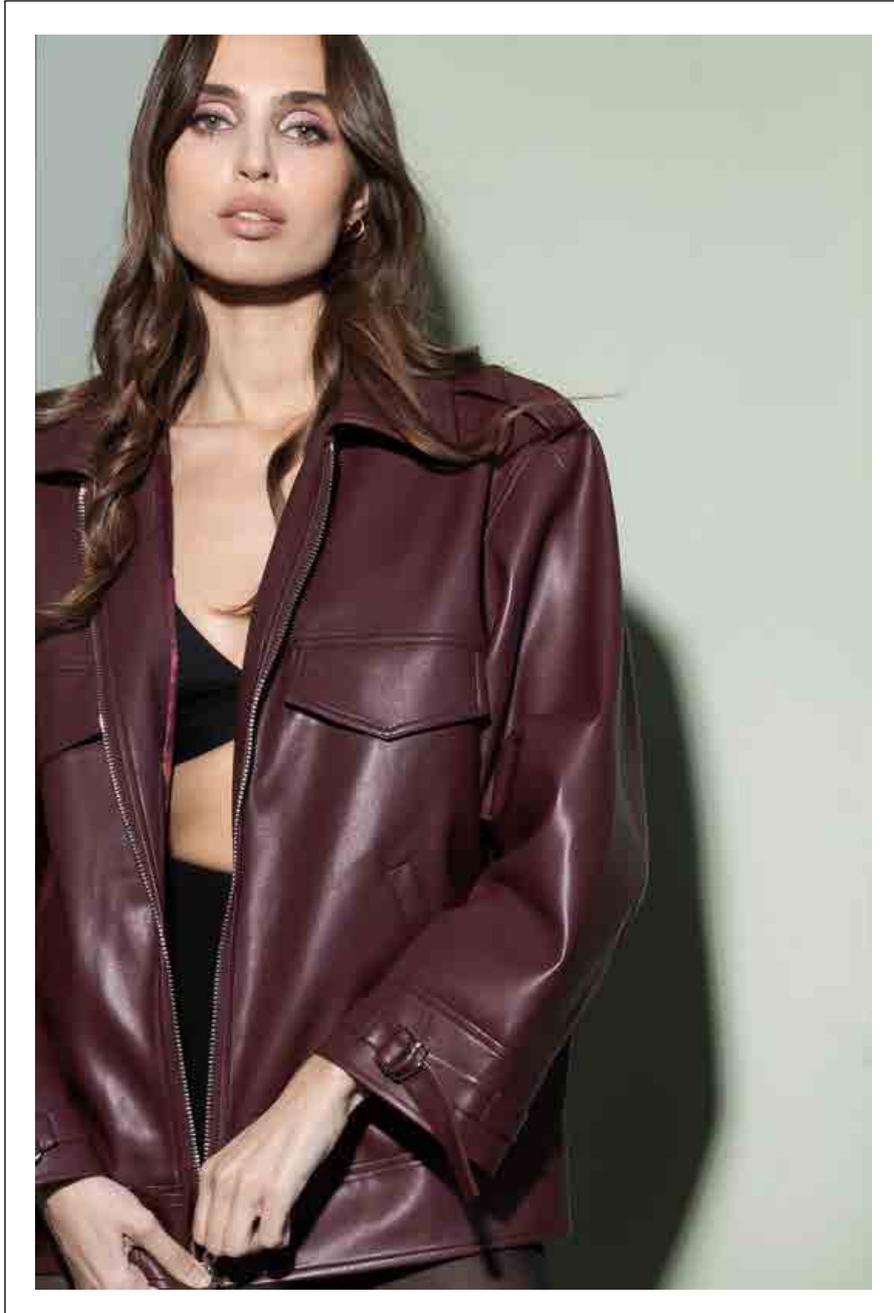
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