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**THE HOUSTON DESIGN CENTER TO HOST INAUGURAL
SPRING EVENT 'DESIGN IN BLOOM'**

Dynamic lineup to include Charlotte Moss, Gil Schafer, India Hicks, and Remco Van Vliet

HOUSTON – The Houston Design Center is pleased to welcome an illustrious line up of talent for its inaugural spring design event, Design in Bloom presented by Flower Magazine on Tuesday, April 10. The Design in Bloom VIP Panel Presentation includes a discussion with renowned interior designer and author Charlotte Moss, award-winning architect Gil Schafer, lifestyle entrepreneur India Hicks, and master floral designer Remco Van Vliet. The presentation will be moderated by Margot Shaw, Founder of Flower Magazine.

Following the discussion, guests are invited to attend individual design lectures and book signings with Charlotte Moss, Gil Schafer and India Hicks, floral demonstrations with designer extraordinaire Remco Van Vliet, and peruse pop-up shops. The festivities will conclude at the Design in Bloom mixer.

Tickets are required to attend each event. The Design in Bloom VIP Panel Presentation is reserved for VIP ticket holders and sponsors. VIP ticket holders will enjoy exclusive access to the Bloom Room complete with hospitality, lunch, and book signings. Seating is limited. For tickets, please visit designinbloom2018.com.

Proceeds from Design in Bloom will in part benefit Brookwood Community, an organization providing spiritual, educational, and vocational opportunities for adults with disabilities.

Design in Bloom presenting sponsors are Audi Central Houston, Heritage Texas Properties, The Revere and Pelican Builders, Hotel Granduca Houston, Newberry Architecture, Bunch and Shoemaker, Charlotte Nail Antiques, Design House, Inc., Dream Theaters, Kitchen & Bath Concepts, Leisure Collections, Off White; in kind sponsors are Perrier, Brugal Rum, Rombauer Vineyards, The Macallan, Avenu, and Johnathan Andrew Sage, Inc., Curate and Mayesh.

About the Panelists



Charlotte Moss

Interior Design | New York, NY

Recently honored with the New York School of Interior Design's Centennial Medal, this year Charlotte Moss celebrates 32 years in the design business. In addition to her residential interior projects, Moss's work includes licensed collections of furniture, fabrics/trims, carpet, china, and framed art. Moss is a prolific author, having published nine books to date with her 10th book, *Charlotte Moss Entertains*, scheduled for release in the spring of 2018. In addition to writing books, she is also a contributor for several publications. Moss lectures widely and considers philanthropy some of her most important work.



Gil Schafer

Architect | New York, NY

Award-winning architect Gil Schafer III is one of the world's leading experts on contemporary classical architecture. Schafer is a member of the Yale School of Architecture Dean's Council, is a trustee of the Thomas Jefferson Foundation, and served as president and then chairman of the Institute of Classical Architecture & Art for over a decade. He holds a master's in architecture from the Yale School of Architecture and is the author of the best-selling book *The Great American House* and the newly released *A Place to Call Home*.



India Hicks

Lifestyle Entrepreneur | London – Harbour Island

Best-selling author, former model, current lifestyle entrepreneur, and mother of five, India Hicks was born in London, England, and comes from both British and design royalty. Her father was famed interior decorator David Hicks, and her mother is Lady Pamela Hicks, whose father was the last Viceroy of India, hence her name. In 2015, after a decade of designing collections in partnership with well-known global companies, Hicks launched her eponymous lifestyle brand. Her exclusive collections of handbags, accessories, beauty, and fine fragrances are sold through entrepreneurial women at home and online. She has also produced three lifestyle books. Her latest book, *India Hicks: A Slice of England*, will be released in the spring of 2018.



Remco Van Vliet
Floral Design | New York, NY

Remco van Vliet and Cas Trap worked for their father's event design company in the Netherlands before moving to America, designing many events throughout Europe for clients including the Dutch Royal Family. Van Vliet moved to New York City in 1994 and spent six years working with Chris Giftos, event pioneer at The Metropolitan Museum of Art, before being given the prestigious opportunity to become his successor. Along with being the decorator for in-house events, Van Vliet & Trap creates the stunning colossal urn arrangements and bouquets in the museum's Great Hall. Today, Van Vliet & Trap is the preferred event design company for some of the most prestigious Institutions of the Arts in New York City.

About The Houston Design Center

Located at 7026 Old Katy Road, The Houston Design Center is the city's preferred destination for the best in luxury residential and commercial furnishings and products. With more than 45 showrooms and design firms, the center provides design professionals and the design-inspired unique services and solutions that are second to none. The Houston Design Center is open Monday – Friday from 9 AM – 5 PM and Saturday from 10 AM – 4 PM. For individual showroom times and additional information, visit thehoustondesigncenter.com.

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