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THE WINNERS!
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HOUSTON DESIGN CENTER

GET GRAPHIC. PHOTOGRAPHY MAXINE HELFMAN. EXECUTIVE EDITOR KATE STUKENBERG. ART DIRECTOR MICHELLE AVIÑA. MODEL TODIANA VASQUEZ FOR KIM DAWSON AGENCY, DALLAS. MODEL CAROLINE HINTON FOR WALLFLOWER MANAGEMENT, DALLAS. HAIR AL TIDWELL FOR KIM DAWSON AGENCY, DALLAS. MAKEUP LESLIE BELCHER FOR THE CAMPBELL AGENCY, DALLAS. ASSISTANT EDITOR MOLLY JODEIT. FROM LEFT: PRADA SILK DRESS \$4,680, AND CASHMERE KNIT SWEATER \$1,190, BOTH AT THE PRADA BOUTIQUE. MARK DAVIS BAKELITE BANGLES \$1,875 TO \$4,500 EACH, AT STANLEYKORSHAK.COM. PRADA SILK DRESS \$3,170, AND CASHMERE KNIT SWEATER \$1,340, BOTH AT THE PRADA BOUTIQUE. WENDY YUE CARVED CORAL RING \$21,750, AT JUDITH ANN JEWELS.

When *the* Stars Align



Robert Couturier



Nancy Braithwaite



SIMPLICITY
NANCY BRAITHWAITE



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Two beacons of design will be speaking and signing books at **The Houston Design Center Fall Design Market Tuesday, October 28**, 11 am, at the Alkusari Stone showroom. These are both musts for your tutelage and design library. **Robert Couturier** inscribes ***Robert Couturier: Designing Paradises*** (Rizzoli, \$60), which showcases his swoon-worthy bucolic estate in Connecticut. Couturier is the legendary decorator of the single greatest private commission of modern times: Sir James Goldsmith's 20,000-acre estate and 60,000-square-foot palace called La Loma, as well as homes, retreats and pleasure palaces.

Decorator **Nancy Braithwaite** signs ***Nancy Braithwaite: Simplicity*** (Rizzoli, \$50), a stunning assemblage of rooms created with extraordinary form, color and shape. Powerful, exacting and opulent, Braithwaite's unforgettable country house in Atlanta makes us all want to be luxurious Luddites.

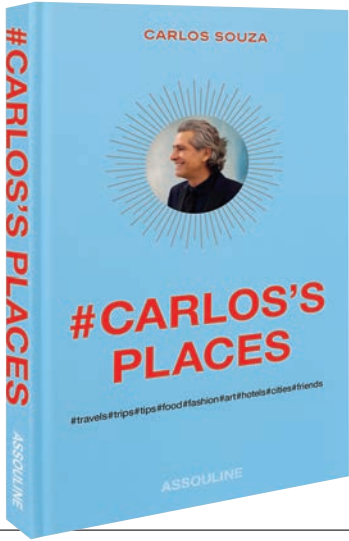
Books will be for sale at the event; event is gratis but please RSVP to thehoustondesigncenter.com/fallmarket, 713.864.2660 ext. 2. *At Houston Design Center, 7026 Old Katy Road; Alkusari Stone, Showroom 229.*

Za Za Za Zara's Back!

Zara, 5085 Westheimer Road in the Galleria, 713.439.0995, zara.com

Imagine our disdain when we went to the **Galleria** last spring to spruce up our summer wardrobe, only to find that our favorite fast-fashion go-to, **Zara**, was closed till fall for renovation. Closed! How could we survive the summer without the original, the incomparable, the easily paired-with-all-things-high-end-fashionable Zara? But now this juggernaut is back — and bigger than ever: The previously 9,735-square-foot store has expanded to an exhilarating 18,996 square feet. The downstairs entrance is exactly where it used to be, on Level 1 next to **Sephora**, but now there's also a second-floor entrance, next to **Victoria's Secret**. Downstairs is now dedicated to ladies with more apparel, more accessories, more fragrance, more jewelry and — thankfully — more dressing rooms. Upstairs encompasses the space of three prior stores and is divided into a larger men's section and an all-new department for children and babies (three months and up). With three times the number of cash registers — two stations up and one large one down — even checking out is quicker and easier. Basically, everything you already know and love about Zara is bigger, better and just, well, *more*.

Caroline Starry LeBlanc



Carlos Souza at MoMA with artwork by Ellsworth Kelly

Going Places *With* Carlos Souza

Valentino's worldwide brand ambassador **Carlos Souza** debuts his book ***Carlos's Places*** (Assouline, \$45) this month. This globetrotting expert wears many hats aside from his Valentino chapeau: creative director and CEO of his own jewelry design company, Most Wanted Design; editor at large for *Architectural Digest*; and contributing editor for *Interview*. In this book, he details his favorite places to dine, shop, dance and admire art in such glamorous spots as Rome, Paris, New York, Shanghai and São Paulo, with travel-diary notes that let us roam the world

through his refined eye. As Michael Roberts pens in the foreword: "... for all who thrill to a nonstop agenda of sun-kissed lotus-eating, louche nightclubbing, couture fittings and impressively deep perma-tanning, Carlos (a firm believer in living well being the best revenge) provides a celebratory peephole into all these otherworldly lifestyles through his one-of-a-kind lens." The bon viveur author will sign his book and impart info on best bars in Rio and chicest beaches in St. Barts at the **Valentino** boutique in the Galleria Thursday, October 23, by invitation only. Linden Wilson

Unfolding at the **Galleria**: The new **Polo Ralph Lauren** store opens mid-November, next door to Louis Vuitton in Galleria I, Level 1, stocking the new Polo women's collection that launched this fall — cool American sporty classics, with a bit of bohemian tossed in. Men's Polo Ralph Lauren collections will also be stocked. The Ralph Lauren store remains in its space in Galleria 1. Also in Galleria 1, California designer **Trina Turk** brings her sunshine lifestyle collection to a 1,400-square-foot store on Level 1, between Rolex and Sephora. Opening October 19, the boutique stocks Trina Turk womenswear, Mr Turk menswear, handbags, jewelry and shoes. (See more on the world of Trina Turk on page 20.). Coming in 2015 to Galleria 11, London-based **Topshop** and **Topman** open their first stores in Texas, occupying a single multilevel space ... **Vineyard Vines** takes root in **Highland Village Shopping Center** opening November 12, stocking togs suitable for Nantucket and Martha's Vineyard ... At **Neiman Marcus**, jewelry designer PAs

abound: **Dara Lamb**, October 7 – 8; **Jamie Wolfe**, October 8; **Lulu Frost**, October 9; **Linda Bergman**, October 10 – 11; **Steven Lagos**, October 16; and **Konstantino**,

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October 18 ... Handbag designer **Nancy Gonzalez** hosts a trunk show at **Saks Fifth Avenue** November 4 ... This month, Webster-based **Lewis Jewelers** opens its second location, this one in **Uptown Park**, stocking fashion, fine jewelry and watches, including Texas exclusive A. Lange & Söhne. Meanwhile, at the jeweler's Webster location, meet designer **Victor Velyan** October 30 ... **Brooke Feather** opens her eponymous West Coast-style women's boutique in **River Oaks Shopping Center** mid-October ... **Cathy Borlenghi**, wife of mega-developer Giorgio Borlenghi, opens **Mrs. B. Collection**, a bijou in **Hotel Granduca** that showcases her jewelry fashioned around baroque pearls ... Three-month-old **Big Blue Whale** brings its cache of toys and curiosities to the Heights at 237 W. 19th Street ... **Define Body & Mind** has spun out a fifth location, this one at 3209 Montrose Boulevard, where the fit crew will salute Breast Cancer Awareness Month with a Pedal in Pink fund-raiser Saturday, October 11, 6 – 7 pm ... **Elizabeth Anthony** has a busy month: an opening fête with **Escada**, October 1, followed by a string of trunk shows with designer PAs: **Vaubel** jewelry, October 2 – 3; **Paige Gamble** handbags and **Elizabeth Showers** jewelry, October 9 – 10; **Andrea Fohrman** fine jewelry and **Jill Haber** handbags, October 23 – 24... **Basiques** launches an atelier near the Galleria at 5100 Westheimer Road this month ... Calling all lovebirds: **Zadok Jewelers** presents a **Tacori** trunk show October 16 – 18, showcasing 500 ring styles ranging from wedding bands to engagement rings. Then October 31 – November 1, Zadok's hosts an American Cancer Society Holiday Shopping Card Event with guest appearances from **Heather B. Moore** and **Melissa Braniff Designs** and featuring **Montblanc** and **Longines** ... **David Peck** has moved his showroom to 2515 Morse Street in the Montrose ... **Mia Bridal Couture** welcomes **Judd Waddell** for a trunk show October 31 – November 1 ... **J. Landa** boutique hosts Texan silversmith **Richard Schmidt** October 30, 5 – 7 pm cocktail reception. *Molly Jodeit*

Wednesday October 8, **Society for the Performing Arts** holds its **18th Annual Luncheon** on Jones Hall Stage with guest speaker **Lauren Bush Lauren**. Chair **Christie Sullivan**; honorary chair **Melissa Mithoff**; Ann Sakowitz Arts Advocate Award recipients **Melanie Gray** and **Mark Wawro**; media sponsor *PaperCity* (713.632.8117; acoffey@spahouston.org) ... Saturday, October 11, have a lunar experience with **Rothko Chapel** at **Moonlight on the Plaza** — a Cuban-inspired evening of hand-rolled cigars, cocktails, dinner and stargazing with the Houston Astronomical Society; media sponsor *PaperCity* (713.660.1405; thuy@rothkochapel.org) ... Wednesday, October 15, help fight cancer fashionably with **CancerForward** at the **Key to the Cure Kickoff** celebration at **Saks Fifth Avenue**. Chairs **Kristy** and **Chris Bradshaw**; special appearance by designers **Tommy Hilfiger** and his wife and handbag maven **Dee Ocleppo Hilfiger**; presentation of 2014 CancerForward Houston Forward Movers; unveiling of 2014 Key to the Cure Tee, designed by Rag & Bone. The **Key to the Cure Shopping Weekend** runs Wednesday – Sunday, October 15 – 19, with two percent of sales donated to **CancerForward**; media sponsor *PaperCity* (713.627.0500) ... Friday, October 17, the **Children's Museum of Houston** channels New Orleans at The Corinthian with **Rue Des Bourbon: A Night in the Quarter Gala**. Chairs **Kathryn** and **Jeff Smith**, cocktails, dinner by Jackson and Company, entertainment New Orleans ELS Band, dancing, live and silent auctions; black tie optional; media sponsor *PaperCity* (mgarlington@cmhouston.org) ... Also on October 17, **Art League Houston** holds its annual **Gala: Found & Profound** at Hotel ZaZa. Chairs **Gena Atwell**, **Jaci Day**, **Barbara** and **Marks Hinton**, **Victor Juarez** and **Wayne Blossat**, **Jo Reid**; Texas Artists of the Year **Dan Havel** and **Dean Ruck** of **Havel Ruck Projects**; Patron of the Year **Stephanie Smither**; dinner, dancing, silent auction of top Texas artists' works; media sponsor *PaperCity* (713.523.9530; jill@artleaguehouston.org) ... Thursday, October 23, **Judy Nyquist** chairs the **Aurora Picture Show Award Dinner** with honoree **Carolee Schneemann** (aurora@aurorapictureshow.org) ... Friday, October 24, **Project Row Houses**

celebrates its **20th Anniversary Gala** with an outdoor party co-chaired by **Cheryl Creuzot** and **Rebecca Trahan**; backyard-chic attire; media sponsor *PaperCity* (713.526.7662; cpham@projectrowhouses.org) ... Saturday, October 25, join chairs **Newie** and **Mark Brinker** and **Francesca** and **Jeff London** for **The Bash: A Halloween Happening** benefitting **Easter Seals Greater Houston** at Hotel ZaZa. Cocktails, dinner, live entertainment, annual costume contest; media sponsor *PaperCity* (jbarnes@eastersealshouston.org; houstonbash.com) ... Tuesday, October 28, **Houston Design Center Fall Market** presents a panel and book signing with designers **Robert Couturier** and **Nancy Braithwaite** at Alkusari Showroom, Suite 229; books on sale at event; media sponsor *PaperCity* (713.864.2660 x 2; thehoustondesigncenter.com/fallmarket) ... Tuesday, October 28, **Alley Theatre** holds its annual men's evening, **Wild Things**, at The Coronado Club. Chairs **Trey Peacock** and **Stephen Morse**; wild game dinner; black tie; media sponsor *PaperCity* (713.315.3370; lauraw@alleytheatre.org) ... Thursday, October 30, **Moores School of Music** holds its annual **Luncheon: Moores Aplenty** at River Oaks Country Club. Chair **Marie LeNôtre**; honorary chair **Marie Bosarge**; honorees **Alan Austin**, **Shirley** and **Jay Marks**, **Nancy** and **Hans Strohmmer**, **Patrick Summers**, **Blake Wilkins**; performances by Moores School students; media sponsor *PaperCity* (713.743.1304; parogers@central.uh.edu) ... Saturday, November 1, **The Orange Show Center for Visionary Art** has its **Gala: Celebrating the Hand** at The Heritage Center at Crowne Plaza.

Chairs **Jeff McKissack** and **John Milkovich**; silent auction of works by renowned contemporary artists; entertainment The Celebrity All-Stars; media sponsor *PaperCity* (wendy@orangeshow.org) ... Monday, November 3, **Holocaust Museum Houston** presents the annual **Guardian of the Human Spirit Luncheon** at the Westin Galleria Hotel. Chairs **Araceli** and **Rigo Flores**, **David Minberg**, and **Lainie Gordon**; honorary chairs Holocaust survivors **Michael Goldberg** and **Glen Rosenbaum**; honorees **Edith** and the late **Josef Minberg** to receive the Guardian of the Human Spirit Award; media sponsor *PaperCity* (713.942.8000, ext. 112; spiritlunch@hmg.org). *Erin Oppenheim*

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