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## TEXAS



# FASHION'S *NEW* ZEST

The Wild Opulence Of Fall Arrives

**POWER PLAYERS**  
HOW THEY ALL CONQUER STYLE

**DALLAS DAZZLER**  
SHELBY GOFF'S DREAMY WORLD

**LONDON'S NEW HIP FACTOR**  
AT THE RITZ, THE PALACE & BEYOND

**HOUSTON'S ARCH RIVALS**  
THEY SEEMED LIKE SUCH NICE GUYS

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### 100. ON THE WILD SIDE

The smartest looks this season are the most exotic ones. In fact, our favorite ingenues, in Texas ballrooms and from coast to coast, are mixing up their effervescent style by taking a walk on the wild side.

Photography by Mark Oberlin  
Styling by Dion "Bleu" Drake

### 110. THE ROYAL TREATMENT

It's off to London we go, with a pip pip cheerio and all that. The Ritz London hotel is the home base for all the adventures that await, including Buckingham Palace, of course.

By Lance Avery Morgan  
Photography courtesy of author's own

### 116. BOOMTOWN U.S.A.

Moguls were a rarer breed in mid-century America. Here, we take a look back at two of Houston's most prolific business personalities, Glenn McCarthy and Jesse H. Jones, who would help shape the city for generations to come.

By Lori Duran  
Photography courtesy of author's own

**VERY, VERY VERDANT**  
Gown by Marchesa Notte, \$1,295, at Julian Gold. Shoes by Stuart Weitzman, \$595, at StuartWeitzman.com. Necklace by Kate Spade NY, \$325. Bracelet by NMD Designs.



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# departments

## 28. contribute

It takes a village to create this magazine and our digital media platform, SocietyTexas.com. Here's a look at some of the many talented dynamos who make it happen as we dive into the fall season.

## 30. editor's letter

Editor-in-Chief and Creative Director Lance Avery Morgan shares his always optimistically sunny disposition for the sensationally stylish fall ahead.

## 32. exhibit

Looking for more culture as fall begins? Heat things up by taking a look at some offerings from our state's finest museums and cultural institutions, according to our arts arbiter Claire-Lise Greve.

## 40. divulge

Native Austinite-turned-Dallas/Fort Worth resident Shelby Goff has style for miles as she shares a few of her favorite things, along with fall must-haves.

## 42. glow

Our beauty insider Ana Bribiesca Hoff recommends the best new make-up trends with a decidedly retro vibe that will have you shimmering in moments.

## 44. browse

We love a good read and this season is chock-full of the most stylish books seen in years, according to Lance Avery Morgan.

## 46. present

Ms. Modern Manners Sharon Schweitzer, J.D. offers insight into life's most puzzling social situations.

## 48. admire

Tori Johnson, of TheStoriBook.com, shares how satin is the smoothest of all choices this season.

## 50. pursue

Want to know about the coolest new things to try in the state and beyond? So do we...and Jake Gaines has been on the trail to hunt them down for us.



## 52. cultivate

Salvatore Ferragamo is sitting on top of the world with his Tuscan wine estate, Il Borro. Here he shares the secrets to his success with *Success With Style* podcast series hosts Rob Giardinelli and Lance Avery Morgan.

## 54. design

*Project Runway* star contestant, Dallasite Lela Orr, is riding high designing sustainable eco chic fashion, as *Success With Style* podcast series hosts Rob Giardinelli and Lance Avery Morgan learn.

## 56. list

Don't you love knowing all the best choices available? Rank & Style's CEO Jamie Chandlee shares the hottest fall style buys to refresh your wardrobe.

## 58. amuse

Funny lady actress Ruta Lee was the toast of Hollywood's golden age of film and television, as Eleanora Morrison learns in a personal visit to Lee's Hollywood Hills hideaway.

## 60. entertain

Kate Hersch, known for her entertaining finesse, gets up close and personal about her product lines with *Success With Style* podcast series hosts Rob Giardinelli and Lance Avery Morgan.

## 62. recall

Gordon Kendall shares his experience with the legendary *New York Times* style photographer Bill Cunningham...and how life can change just by walking down the street.

## 64. savor

Our editors Lesa Rossick (Austin), Cynthia Smoot (Dallas), Jennifer Roosth (Houston) and Eleanora Leeper Morrison (San Antonio) are on the scene with their favorite new finds across the state.

## 68. marketplace

A look at the new events, people, places, and things that we have on our radar.

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124 SAN ANTONIO Lee Evans Lee, Kristin Tips, Ana Leah Montemayor and Gloria Dilley



76 SAN ANTONIO Corinna Richter, Emily Jones, Cynthia Kerby, Whitney Solcher Miller, Whitney Schones, Brooke Meabon, Audra Kerr, Haley Conger and Kelly Fry



86 HOUSTON Beau S. King, Joanne King Herring and George Lane



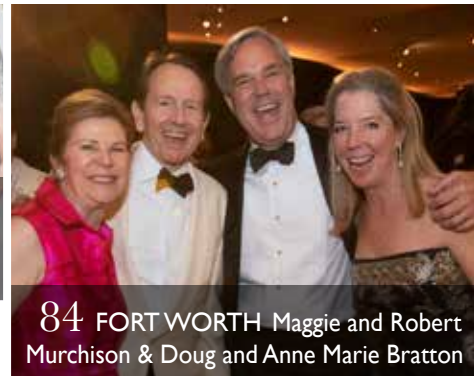
90 SAN ANTONIO Triana Grossman, Ashley Weaver and Adriana Grossman



80 AUSTIN Justin and Jessica Taylor & Cassie and Scott Bale



88 DALLAS Michael McCray, Gonzalo Bueno & Alana and Adrian Sada



84 FORT WORTH Maggie and Robert Murchison & Doug and Anne Marie Bratton



100 AUSTIN Tia Cripps, Anne Campbell and Callie Jenschke



94 DALLAS Emmitt and Pat Smith & Tina and David Craig



78 HOUSTON Marcia and Alfredo Vilasa

**R.S.V.P.**  
The very best events across Texas & beyond

**74. DALLAS**  
The DIFFA gala

**76. SAN ANTONIO**  
The Texas Biomedical Research Institute gala

**78. HOUSTON**  
The Houston Grand Opera gala

**80. AUSTIN**  
The St. David's Foundation events

**84. AUSTIN**  
The Global Wildlife Foundation event

**86. FORT WORTH**  
The Cliburn gala

**88. DALLAS**  
The Dallas Museum of Art gala

**90. SAN ANTONIO**  
The Autism Community Network luncheon

**92. HOUSTON**  
The UNICEF gala

**94. DALLAS**  
The Pat & Emmitt Smith gala

**96. HOUSTON**  
The Houston Symphony gala

**98. AUSTIN**  
The Contemporary Museum dinner

**122. AUSTIN**  
The Zachary Scott Theatre gala

**124. SAN ANTONIO**  
The San Antonio Botanical Garden event

**128. AUSTIN**  
The Elizabeth Ann Seton Board event

**130. TEXAS**  
The Texas Cultural Trust event

**132. SAN ANTONIO**  
The Pi Phi Alumnae luncheon

**136. ATTEND**  
Senior Social Editor Rob Giardinelli recommends the very best events across the state for you to support.

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# a sparkling affair

Texas Biomedical Forum Gala Spring Gala  
Celebrates Belle Epoque

By Jake Gaines | Photography by Greg Harrison and Super Q Photography



Corinna Richter, Emily Jones, Cynthia Kerby, Whitney Solcher Miller, Whitney Schones, Brooke Meabon, Audra Kerr, Haley Conger and Kelly Fry



Elise and Craig Boyan



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Mal Moorman, Anne Himoff and Jane Jordan



Chris Petty, Amelita Mauze and Emilie Petty



Laura Whalen and Molly Molina



Jack and Tracy Williams & Jessica and Clint Worth



Heather de Rojas, Amy Garcia and Pilar Gonzalez

**THE SETTING:** On a beautiful evening recently, The Argyle set the scene for the Texas Biomedical Forum gala, themed *The Night They Invented Champagne*, that celebrated all things Belle Epoque Paris. Guests were greeted at the entry with a Nebuchadnezzar large format bottle of Perrier Jouët champagne. It was curated by The Argyle's own Clay Wheeler and was served from a specially built pouring apparatus into classic vintage coupe champagne glasses. Passing by the antique Rolls Royce, guests shopped the many French-styled carts filled with silent auction items.

The pastoral lawn of The Argyle was plush with green topiaries, hanging baskets and red geraniums, setting the scene for a Parisian walk in the park, where guests delighted in cocktails and beautiful appetizers including escargot vol-au-vant, caviar, strawberries and brie, and mousse pâté on toast points. Guests' then continued to feast on Executive Chef Jesse Villanueva's French-inspired menu.

**THE STYLE:** After dinner, Doc Watkins and his orchestra, generously sponsored by Donna and Ted Welsh, livened up the crowd out onto the dance floor, where feather fans, boas and hand-rolled cigars appeared. Couples danced into the evening and even had the opportunity to have their portraits painted by Franco-Modini Ruiz. Patrons were re-fueled by Chef Jesse's scrumptious Croque Monsieur and Pomme Frites while imbibing more bubbles.

**THE PURPOSE:** The event was chaired by Whitney Solcher Miller and co-chaired by Cynthia Kerby, with the design expertise of their gala assistant, Whitney Schones. Baubles were generously provided by Lee Michael's Fine Jewelry, with the help of Jessica Berg and Heather de Rojas, who served as the favor co-chairs. Tables were sold out thanks to Audra Kerr, the event's table sales chair, and numerous grants were received outside of the gala thanks to Corinna Richter, the gala grants chair. Emily Jones was the silent auction chair, along with Emilie Petty as her co-chair. Amy Swaney and Kim Johnson served as underwriting co-chairs, while Haley Conger led as an after party co-chair, and Kristin Tips led the event's public relations efforts. The organization was founded in 1970 by a group of inspiring and hardworking women with the same goal to support the life-changing and life-saving work being done at the Texas Biomedical Research Institute through community awareness and fundraising. 🍷



Maitlyn Youngblood and Katie Reynolds



Dr. Stephen Ramirez and Callie Ramirez



Whitney and Bryan Schones, Whitney Solcher Miller and Joe Miller & Cynthia and Paul Kerby



Corbett Christie & Ted and Donna Welsh



Courtney Archer, Elizabeth Cox and Emily Jones



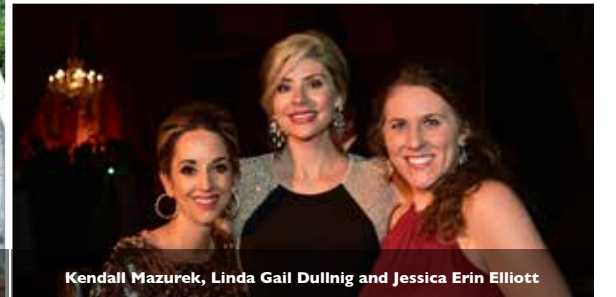
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