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YOUR RADIANTLY CHIC 2018

PARISIAN ALLURE
City of Loving

ROCK GLAM
Star Style Secrets

DALLAS, DARLING
Jan Strimple's World

INSTANT FAME
Polished Soirées

34. CONTRIBUTE

It takes a village to create this magazine and our digital media platform at TheSocietyDiaries.com. Here's a look at some of the many talented dynamos who make it happen as we start the new annum.

38. EDIT

Editor-in-Chief and Creative Director Lance Avery Morgan is mighty grateful, as always, for the 2018 upon us.

40. CURATE

Looking for more culture as winter gets cooler? Take a look here at some of our state's finest museums in the country, according to our active arts arbiter Jonathan Spindel.

44. SEEK

This great big fabulous world, according to on-the-go guy Jonathan Spindel, has all the international happenings that we recommend you enjoy starting now.

46. DISCOVER

Our editorial style setters Jake Gaines and Jason Grosgrain (Austin), Cynthia Smoot (Dallas) and Eleanor Leeper Morrison (Houston and San Antonio) are always on the scene with their favorite new finds across the state.

50. BEHAVE

We love that our Ms. Modern Manners Sharon Schweitzer, JD has all the answers to 2018's new conundrums...as we all seek continued social success.

52. BEAUTIFY

You've never looked more beautiful in winter. Our beauty insider Ana Bribiesca chooses the cool and glam looks we love the most now.

54. REVEAL

Dallas style legend Jan Strimple is always living the fashionable life. Here our Lance Avery Morgan learns about a few of her favorite things...including her secrets of a couture modeling career.

56. INDULGE

Intergalactic style isn't just for the movies. Why not bring some of the other worldly trends to your own style, asks our style maven and TheToriBook.com founder Tori Johnson.



Jan Strimple. A study by Michael Katz



The Ring of Polykrates Photography courtesy of Dallas Opera



Hotel Crescent Court in Dallas

58. DIRECT

Academy Award-nominated director Richard Linklater always has a story to tell. As award season heats up, he gets real with Rob Giardinelli on his new hit film, *Last Flag Flying*.

60. PERFORM

ZACH Theatre, over 85 years young, is leading the way as a performing arts powerhouse in Texas, shares Lance Avery Morgan who was a child performer there.

62. SAVOR

We say yes, please, to anything that our chic cuisine contributor Josie Rees recommends. It's time to warm up with her new wintery favorites.

64. RECALL

Country clubs have evolved over the years. Here we look back with Lori Duran who shares insight on the early years of Austin Country Club where many golf legends got their start.



By Franco Mondini-Ruiz



Richard Linklater. Courtesy of Austin Film Society



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68. QUEST

We've collaborated with ModXMan.com to learn about some of the hot new men's trends this season.

70. CELEBRATE

For San Antonio's Tricentennial, take a look at the upcoming events as well as Franco Mondini-Ruiz, whose illustration captures the essence of the celebration.

71. PROMOTE

A fresh look at the events, people places, and things that are happening across the state this month

ENTRANCE · ARRIVAL



84. DALLAS, Cindy and Howard Rachofsky



87. SAN ANTONIO, Julie Johnson and Sheila Mayfield



94. HOUSTON, Laura Kim, Lynn Wyatt, and Fernando Garcia



86. DALLAS, Maxine Trowbridge, Kenny Goss, and Joyce Goss

THE VERY BEST EVENTS ACROSS TEXAS & BEYOND

80. INVITE

The landmark birthday of Ken Batchelor

82. HOST

The Fête for Becca Cason Thrash in Houston

84. REGALE

The Two X Two gala in Dallas

87. SPECTATE

The Charity Ball Assn. gala in San Antonio

ENTRANCE

92. AUSTIN

The Dancing With The Stars gala

94. HOUSTON

The Museum of Fine Arts luncheon

96. SAN ANTONIO

The San Antonio Public Library Fndn. gala

98. DALLAS

The Fashion Group Int'l gala

100. AUSTIN

The Andy Roddick Fndn. gala

102. HOUSTON

The Fashion X Houston event

98. DALLAS

The Dallas Grand Opera events

ARRIVAL

120. AUSTIN

The Rise School event

122. HOUSTON

The Houston Grand Opera gala

124. DALLAS

The Recognizing Heroes gala

126. SAN ANTONIO

The Southwest School of Art gala

128. AUSTIN

The Elizabeth Ann Seton Board gala

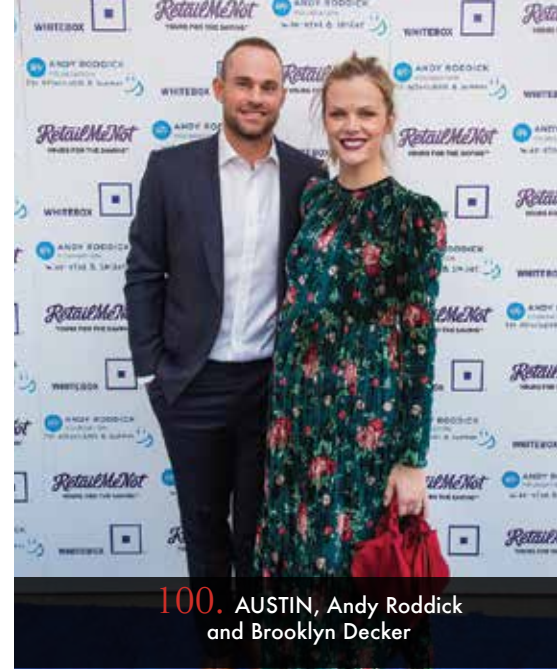
130. SAN ANTONIO

The Witte Game Dinner event

ARRANGE

136.

Laura Villagran-Johnson and Kevin Smothers of AustinSocialPlanner.com recommend the very best across the state for you to support.



100. AUSTIN, Andy Roddick and Brooklyn Decker



96. SAN ANTONIO, Libby Morris, Jill Giles and Roxanna Blanchette



102. HOUSTON, Joanna Marks and Hannah McNair



120. AUSTIN, Al Koehler and Amber Scanio

PROMOTE



Earrings by Nicole Mera



Soonalyn Jacob, Nikki Swift, Coury Jacob and Jinnyn Jacob



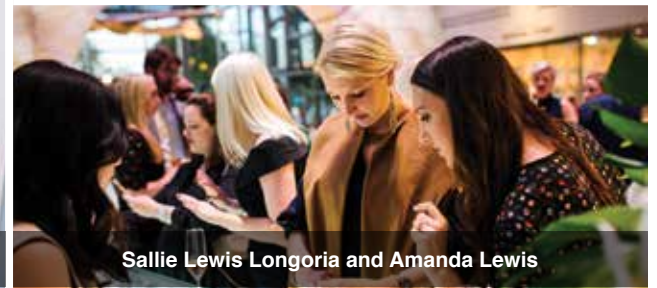
Nikki Swift



Rosemary's Catering



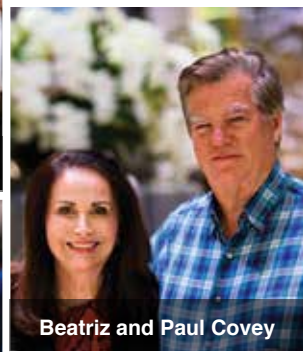
Cassie Kraft, Camilla Labatt, Morgan Mayberry, Nikki Swift, Alicia McNab and Amanda Lewis



Sallie Lewis Longoria and Amanda Lewis



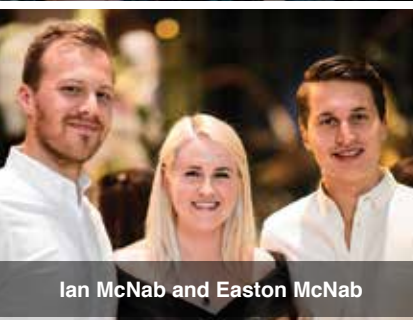
Bobby and Caroleene Dobson & Katie Reynolds



Beatriz and Paul Covey



Paula Miller



Ian McNab and Easton McNab



DIAMONDS AND DINOSAURS

Private Jeweler Nicole Mera Hosts Luxury Launch At San Antonio's Witte Museum

By Eleanora Morrison | Photography by Chris Bailey

THE WITTE MUSEUM IN SAN ANTONIO WAS RECENTLY TRANSFORMED to host the dazzling luxury launch event for Nicole Mera, a private jeweler that specializes in custom fine jewelry and exceptional gems. The graduate gemologist behind the brand, Nikki Swift, is a San Antonio native and has returned from California with her exquisite Los Angeles–crafted pieces in tow. Mera's creative team was in attendance from California to educate guests about her brand, the customization process and the fine jewelry on display.

The Naylor Family Dinosaur Gallery was glimmering with light reflecting from rows of diamond displays as guests arrived at dusk to “look, learn and linger.” Lisa Newburn Events coordinated the interactive soirée down to the finest detail, working with a collection of vendors throughout Texas to evoke an atmosphere where classic sophistication met modern luxe.

David Kurio of Austin designed the cascading orchid arrangements that complimented the coloration theme of soft pinks and metallic hues: nothing about this launch lacked luster.

During a reception at the Witte's Valero Great Hall, guests enjoyed an array of specialty by Rosemary's Catering. The butler-passed hors d'oeuvres including duck rillettes cones, poke, squash blossoms, & lobster cheesecake before six food areas opened that included a local & imported artisan cheese & charcuterie area, a chef-attended Beef Wellington ravioli station, an area of hanging pizza, a biscotti fondue station and a dessert area featuring cinnamon café au lait.

For more information visit NicoleMera.com

Inspired by you, created by Nicole Mera.



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