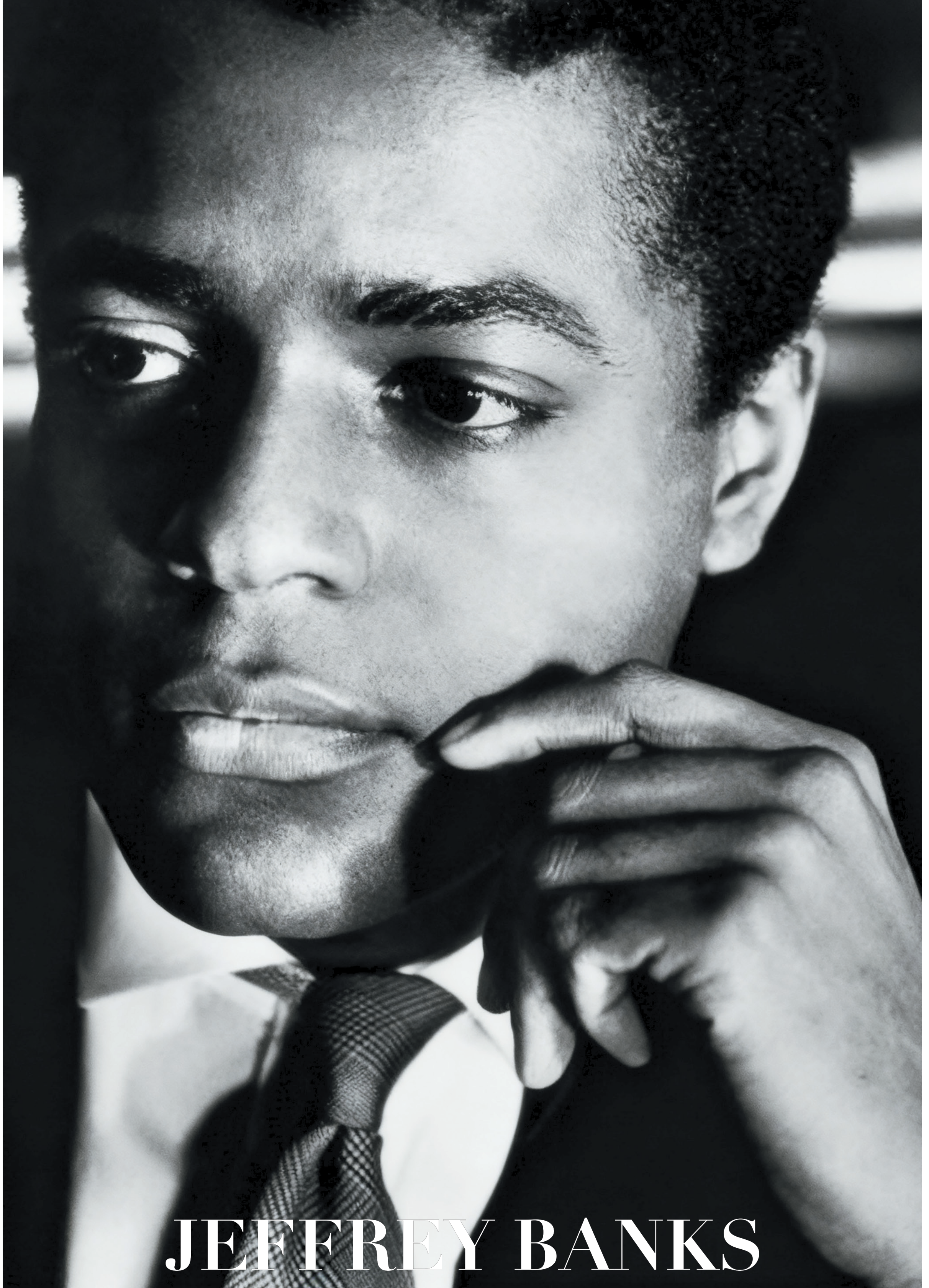


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Haute Summer Nights: Hamptons Fashion Week Honors CFDA Designer Jeffrey Banks

The celebrated American designer, author, and fashion storyteller will receive the 2026 Fashion Icon Award in Southampton

This summer, Hamptons Fashion Week® presents Haute Summer Nights, an immersive celebration of fashion, culture, literature, and enduring American style. At the center of the August 22 program will be legendary CFDA designer Jeffrey Banks, who will receive the prestigious Hamptons Fashion Week® Fashion Icon Award.

Taking place at the Southampton Inn Ballroom, the evening will recognize Banks’ extraordinary career and lasting influence on American fashion. More than an awards presentation, the program will offer guests an intimate opportunity to hear directly from a designer whose life has unfolded alongside some of the industry’s most transformative moments.

Banks will headline Storyteller: Tales from a Fashion Insider, a live conversation exploring his remarkable journey through more than five decades of fashion. The program will include an industry Q&A, audience questions, a book signing, a VIP meet-and-greet, and the presentation of the 2026 Fashion Icon Award.

The conversation will be moderated by veteran fashion authority Constance C. R. White, senior executive director of the Social Justice Center at the Fashion Institute of Technology. An accomplished journalist, editor, author, and cultural commentator, White brings a distinctive understanding of fashion’s relationship with identity, history, representation, and social change.

A Life In American Fashion

Jeffrey Banks represents a rare kind of fashion authority — one shaped by artistry, business intelligence, cultural awareness, and an extraordinary memory for the people

and moments that defined an era.

His professional style combines genuine talent for design and merchandising with an acute understanding of what contemporary men really want to wear.

“For clothes to appeal to modern men, they really have to work,” says Banks. “Men like the look of modern clothes, but they have to feel contemporary.” For Banks, the future of fashion is in the technological strides that allow designers to combine modern techno-fibers and fabrications with luxurious natural fibers. Banks strongly believes that menswear can always use an infusion of exuberant color, adding, “men enjoy its liberating spirit.”

A graduate of Parsons School of Design, Banks began his career as a young intern for Ralph Lauren before becoming an award-winning menswear designer and champion of classic American style. He launched his namesake label at just 21 years old, building a design language recognized for polished tailoring, expressive color, luxurious texture, and a sophisticated interpretation of American sportswear.

Throughout his career, Banks has designed menswear, womenswear, outerwear, accessories, home furnishings, and licensed collections. He has received two Coty American Fashion Critics’ Awards and a CFDA Award, while helping to expand the visibility of Black designers within the American fashion establishment. Banks has also received the Cutty Sark Award for Outstanding U.S. Designer of Menswear as well as the Pratt Institute Award for Excellence.

As the designer of Merona Sport, Banks built an \$150 million sportswear line in less than five years. He launched the concept of “spectator sportswear” for men, women, and children. In addition to designing his signature

menswear line, he has had a long-standing menswear license in Japan. Banks has also designed private label sportswear and clothing for Bloomingdale’s. He conceived and developed the Johnnie Walker Collection of men’s sportswear as the first brand extension for this prestigious distiller. He has also recently designed Jeffrey Banks Womenswear and Jeffrey Banks Home Décor for HSN.

His work has been photographed by such legendary image-makers as Richard Avedon and Bruce Weber, worn by prominent figures, and carried by leading retailers. Yet his influence extends beyond individual collections. Banks has consistently supported young designers, advocated for greater inclusion, and helped preserve the history of American fashion through his books, lectures, and personal recollections.

His continued relevance was reaffirmed when one of his designs was selected for The Metropolitan Museum of Art’s landmark exhibition, “Superfine: Tailoring Black Style.” His celebrated career and renewed creative chapter demonstrate that true style is never confined to a single season.

The Stories Behind The Style

Banks’ new memoir, “Storyteller: Tales from a Fashion Insider,” brings his personal history to the page. The richly illustrated volume follows his evolution from an ambitious fashion student to one of America’s most respected designers.

The book includes memories of Ralph Lauren and Calvin Klein, both of whom became important mentors, along with stories involving Perry Ellis, Audrey Hepburn, Barbra Streisand, Bobby Short, and other cultural figures. Across 320 pages and more than 250 images, Banks considers fashion’s evolution from the 1970s through the present while reflecting on mentorship, friendship, creativity, diversity, and perseverance.

Banks has also co-authored books such as “Preppy: Cultivating Ivy Style,” “Perry Ellis: An American Original,” and “Patricia Underwood: The Way You Wear Your Hat,” among other titles.

What makes “Storyteller” especially compelling is the voice behind it. Banks approaches fashion history not as a distant observer, but as someone who helped create it. His recollections reveal the human relationships behind celebrated labels, influential collections, and iconic images.

During Hamptons Fashion Week, guests will experience those stories in Banks’ own words. The live conversation will offer a rare window into the discipline, generosity, humor, and resilience required to sustain a career of such extraordinary length.

Following the discussion, Banks will participate in a book signing, giving guests an opportunity to meet the designer and receive a signed copy of his memoir.

Celebrating A Fashion Icon

The Hamptons Fashion Week® Fashion Icon Award recognizes individuals whose work has influenced not only what people wear, but also how fashion is understood and experienced. Previous recipients have included Cesar Galindo, Constance White, Fern Mallis, Freddie Leiba, Regina Kravitz, Nolé Marin, Phillip Bloch, along with several distinguished CFDA designers.

Jeffrey Banks is a natural addition to that legacy. His career represents excellence in design, but it also tells a larger American story — one of talent meeting opportunity, obstacles being transformed into motivation, and personal vision becoming cultural influence.

Against the elegant summer setting of Southampton, Haute Summer Nights will celebrate a man who has spent more than 50 years demonstrating that fashion is never simply about clothing. It is about memory, ambition, identity, and the stories we carry forward.

Hamptons Fashion Week® takes place Saturday, August 22, at the Southampton Inn Ballroom, at 91 Hill Street in Southampton.



Dee Rivera: The Visionary Producer, Trailblazer, & Entrepreneur Redefining Fashion



The DCG Media Group CEO has spent more than over two decades creating platforms that don't simply follow trends — they create them.

Every major fashion movement begins with someone willing to take the first step. For Dee Rivera, Founder and CEO of DCG Media Group, being first has never been about recognition — it has always been about creating opportunities where none previously existed.

For more than 25 years, Rivera has built brands, produced world-class fashion events, championed diversity, elevated emerging designers, and developed media platforms that have changed the landscape for independent fashion entrepreneurs. Her personal motto has become the philosophy behind every project she creates:

“To Be the First.” It is a mindset that has guided one of the most innovative careers in fashion, media, and public relations.

Long before diversity became a mainstream conversation within the fashion industry, Dee Rivera recognized there was an underserved audience of talented Latino designers, entrepreneurs, and creatives who deserved greater visibility.

She transformed that vision into reality by creating LATINISTA®, a pioneering lifestyle and fashion brand that she trademarked and expanded into a magazine, fashion platform, and signature fashion show celebrating Latino excellence.

What began as a single idea quickly evolved into a movement and partnered at the time



with IMAN COSMETICS and launched their first beauty line for Latinas.

LATINISTA® became a destination where fashion, culture, business, and media intersected, providing opportunities for designers and entrepreneurs who often lacked national exposure.

Throughout the years, Rivera worked alongside many of today's celebrated designers, including her longtime friend and internationally recognized CFDA designer Cesar Galindo, affectionately known by Rivera as “my brother from another mother.”

She also helped spotlight and collaborate with celebrated designers including Project Runway Latin America winner Shantall Lacayo, Cenia Paredes, and numerous emerging designers who have since established successful international careers.

“My greatest joy has always been opening doors for others,” Rivera says. “When designers succeed, we all succeed.”

Rivera's influence extends far beyond fashion production.

She is the author of “Knocking Down Walls in Heels”, available on Amazon, a motivational book that chronicles her entrepreneurial journey while encouraging women to pursue ambitious goals with confidence and resilience.

Today, she is preparing to release her second business book while simultaneously developing her first children's book, continuing her mission of inspiring future generations through storytelling.

Her expertise has led to speaking engagements with some of the country's most recognizable organizations, including: Google, SiriusXM Fishbowl, NBC, Fox, Bloomingdale's, including conferences, women's leadership events, and entrepreneurial forums.

Whether addressing executives, aspiring entrepreneurs, or fashion professionals, Rivera consistently shares one message: “Never wait for permission or an invite to the seat at the table to build your dream.”

In 2019, Rivera introduced what many believed was an ambitious idea:

Creating a luxury fashion week specifically designed for the Hamptons.

Rather than replicating New York Fashion Week, Rivera envisioned something entirely different — a destination event combining fashion, luxury retail, media, entertainment, celebrity conversations, wellness, and lifestyle into one immersive experience.

That vision became Hamptons Fashion Week®. “With no investors or sugar daddies, just myself, the vision, and media partners, we did our first event at the Bridgehampton Historic Museum.”

“My goal was to introduce emerging brands to the Hamptons, celebrate diversity on the runway, and create an innovative new event centered entirely on fashion,” Rivera explains. “The Hamptons are synonymous with luxury, making this the perfect destination to bring exceptional designers and fashion enthusiasts together.”

Produced by DCG Media Group, Hamptons Fashion Week® has become one of the East End's premier fashion and lifestyle experiences.

The 2026 edition returns to Southampton on Saturday, August 22, featuring an extraordinary day of designer runway presentations, luxury shopping, celebrity conversations, beauty activations, gourmet experiences, live

entertainment, red carpet interviews, and the annual Fashion Icon Awards.

“We want guests to experience an entire day of fashion, culture, shopping, entertainment, and discovery,” Rivera says. “The runway is only one chapter of the experience. This year we are thrilled to welcome incredible new sponsors, luxury brands, and partners, and we have some exciting surprises in store for our ticket holders.”

Creating More Than A Fashion Show

Rivera understands today's consumers want experiences — not simply events.

“This has not always been easy. Unfortunately, in the past we have partnered with not so great partners who did not keep their promises and we had to clean up the mess on Aisle 6 and had ripple effects... but I believe in Karma and I'm sure they are reaping what they have sown... This said, we are being extremely picky moving on!”

Her carefully curated programming includes luxury marketplaces, designer pop-up boutiques, beauty and wellness activations, artisan exhibits, fashion installations, cocktails, gourmet tastings, media interviews, networking lounges, celebrity meet-and-greets, sponsor activations, and immersive brand experiences.

“My goal has always been to create opportunities,” Rivera explains. “I want designers to present beautiful collections, but I also want them meeting editors, buyers, stylists, influencers, retailers, investors, and future customers.”

That philosophy has become the defining characteristic of Hamptons Fashion Week®.

Rivera's entrepreneurial spirit was perhaps most evident during one of the world's most uncertain periods.

In 2020, while nearly every major fashion event had been canceled because of the pandemic, Rivera boldly launched Times Square Fashion Week®, becoming one of the only producers to present a live fashion experience during Covid-19.

Supported by the Manhattan Borough President's Office, the event demonstrated her belief that innovation thrives during adversity.

Many questioned the decision.

Rivera simply moved forward.

By 2023, Times Square Fashion Week® welcomed more than 10,000 attendees, transforming one of the world's most iconic destinations into an international celebration of fashion, culture, entertainment, and diversity.

“It reminded me that impossible is often just another word for something that hasn't been done yet,” Rivera says.

Expanding the Fashion Calendar

Never content with standing still, Rivera continues to introduce new concepts that redefine destination fashion experiences.

Among her latest ventures is Hamptons Swim Week®, an exciting extension of the Hamptons Fashion Week® umbrella that showcases luxury swimwear, resort collections, wellness brands, and the lifestyle synonymous with the East End.

The launch reflects Rivera's ability to recognize emerging trends while continuously expanding opportunities for designers and sponsors.

Honoring Fashion's Legacy While Building Its Future



One hallmark of Rivera's programming is her commitment to celebrating both legendary designers and emerging talent on the same stage.

The 2026 Hamptons Fashion Week® lineup reflects that philosophy, featuring internationally recognized designers alongside rising independent labels.

Celebrity designer Cesar Galindo, Flora Marteen, Sunskaara, Wendy Quintero, Baccio Couture, and other innovative brands each contribute unique perspectives rooted in craftsmanship, culture, luxury, and creativity.

This year's prestigious Fashion Icon Award will honor legendary American designer Jeffrey Banks, whose extraordinary career spans more than five decades.

Guests will enjoy an intimate fireside conversation with audience with a Q&A moderated by Fashion Veteran & Editor, Constance White, an exclusive book signing, VIP meet-and-greet, and the presentation of the 2026 Hamptons Fashion Week® Fashion Icon Award.

“Emerging designers deserve to learn from the legends who paved the way,” Rivera says. “When those generations meet, something truly magical happens.”

Dee's background in public relations has shaped every aspect of Hamptons Fashion Week®.

Rather than producing a one-day event, she creates year-long visibility for participating designers through editorial features, television interviews, celebrity coverage, digital campaigns, photography, influencer partnerships, and strategic media placements.

As Hamptons Fashion Week® has grown, Rivera has watched others attempt to imitate the platform she has spent years building. She remains unfazed.

“I have to laugh when I see groups attempting to imitate what we have spent years creating,” she says with a smile. “Originality matters — and so does respecting the hard work, creativity, and professionalism that go into building a brand. Hamptons Fashion Week® is my baby, and I will always protect what we've created.”

Looking Toward 2027

For Rivera, every successful event becomes the foundation for something even bigger.

Her team is already preparing exciting announcements for 2027, including expanded programming, new international partnerships, and innovative experiences that will continue elevating Hamptons Fashion Week® as one of the country's premier luxury fashion destinations.

“I am incredibly proud of everything we've built,” Rivera says. “But we're just getting started. The best is still ahead.”

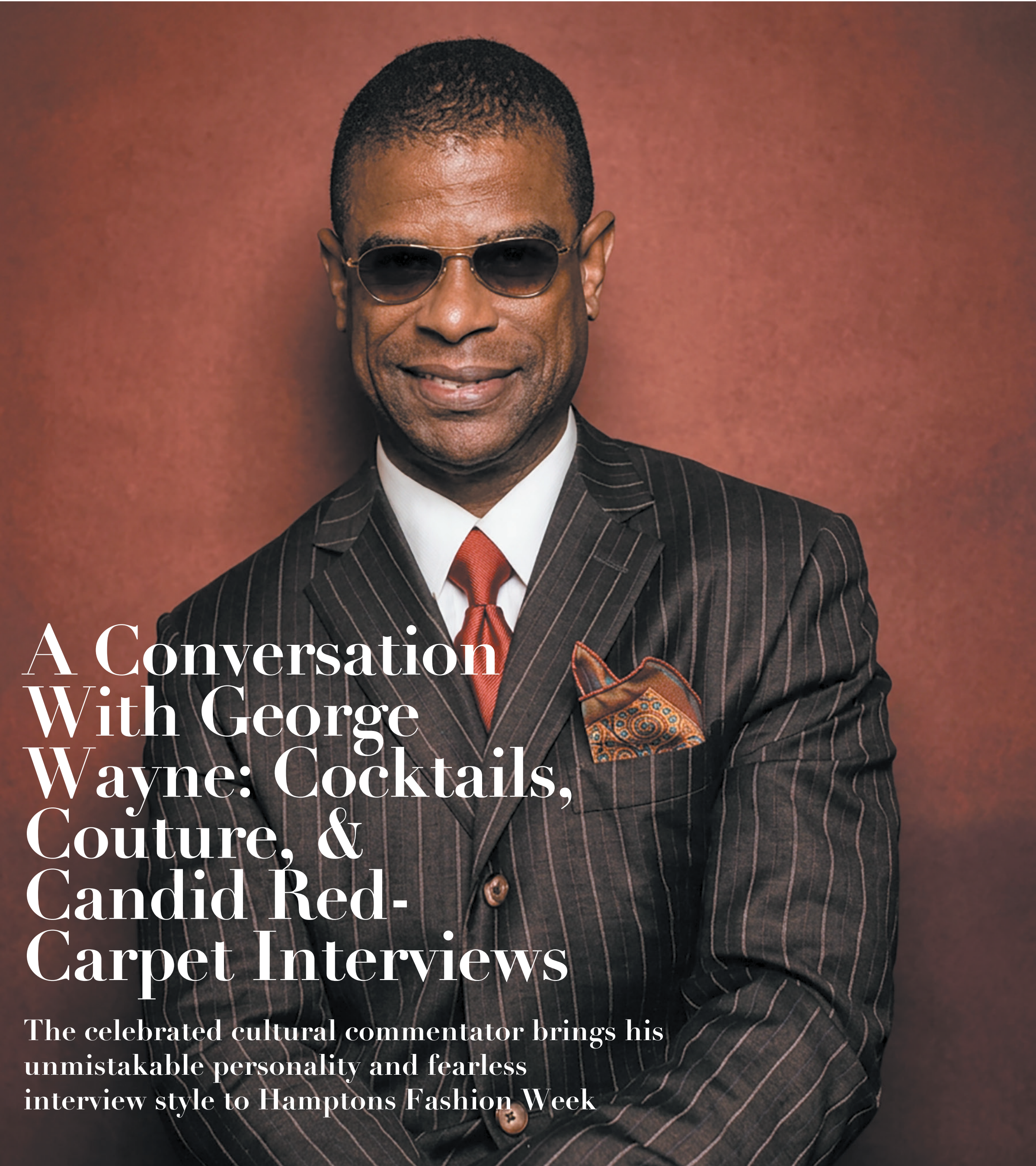
As an entrepreneur, producer, author, speaker, publicist, and visionary, Dee Rivera has spent more than two decades proving that the most powerful way to shape the future is to create it yourself.

For her, success has never been measured solely by sold-out events or media headlines.

It is measured by the designers discovered, the businesses launched, the opportunities created, and the barriers broken.

After all, if there's one lesson Dee Rivera has demonstrated throughout her remarkable career, it is this:

Don't wait for history to happen. Create it.



A Conversation With George Wayne: Cocktails, Couture, & Candid Red-Carpet Interviews

The celebrated cultural commentator brings his unmistakable personality and fearless interview style to Hamptons Fashion Week

George Wayne has never been interested in predictable conversation.

For decades, the celebrated journalist and cultural commentator has distinguished himself by asking the questions others would never dare to ask. His interviews are candid, informed, irreverent, and frequently unexpected — an approach that has made him one of New York’s most recognizable chroniclers of celebrity and popular culture.

This summer, Wayne brings that unmistakable energy to Southampton as a special guest and red-carpet presenter at Hamptons Fashion Week*.

When Wayne met Dee, it was an automatic synergy and friendship. The dynamic duo brainstormed and planned some great opportunities.

As part of the August 22 program, Wayne will host Cocktails, Couture & Conversation, a red-carpet encounter with participating designers, celebrities, fashion insiders, honorees, and notable guests. The interviews will capture the personalities behind the clothes while offering audiences a more spontaneous and entertaining view of Hamptons Fashion Week*.

The Art Of The Unexpected Question

Wayne became widely known through his celebrated celebrity Q&A interviews for Vanity Fair. Over the years, he has interviewed a remarkable range of actors, artists, musicians, designers, models, social figures, and other headline-makers.

His 2017 book, “Anyone Who’s Anyone: The Astonishing Celebrity Interviews, 1987–2017,” brought together three decades of encounters and reinforced his position as a singular voice in celebrity journalism.

Wayne’s style is difficult to imitate because it depends on more than provocation. Behind the bold questions is a deep knowledge of personalities, fashion, nightlife, art, society, and the cultural history of New York. He understands the public image his subject has carefully constructed — and knows precisely how to move beyond it.

That combination of preparation and spontaneity makes him an ideal presence for Hamptons Fashion Week*. A designer arriving on the red carpet may expect to discuss a collection, but with George Wayne holding the microphone, the conversation could move toward inspiration, ambition, celebrity clients, creative rivalries, summer rituals, or the future of fashion.

Where Cocktails Meet Couture

Cocktails, Couture & Conversation will bring an editorial dimension to the traditional red-carpet experience via Live stream and TikTok.

Instead of treating the red carpet as simply a place to pose for photographs, Hamptons Fashion Week* will transform it into a platform for personality and storytelling. Guests will have an opportunity to hear from designers immediately before their collections appear on the runway, capturing the excitement and anticipation of the moment.

Wayne’s interviews will also introduce audiences to the people shaping the 2026 event. Each arrives with a different perspective. Some collections are informed by travel and resort living, while others draw upon cultural storytelling, couture craftsmanship, red-carpet glamour, or contemporary urban style.

Wayne’s role will be to uncover the story beneath the surface.

George Wayne & The Culture of New York

Although Hamptons Fashion Week* takes place in Southampton, its creative energy remains closely connected to New York

City. Designers, editors, stylists, artists, publicists, celebrities, and cultural figures move between Manhattan and the East End throughout the summer.

Few journalists understand that world as instinctively as Wayne.

His work has documented an era in which fashion, media, art, nightlife, celebrity, and society constantly intersected. He has interviewed many of the figures who defined that culture, approaching each encounter with curiosity, humor, and a willingness to disrupt rehearsed responses.

Wayne has described himself as a “carnivore of popular culture,” an apt characterization for someone who consumes the details of contemporary life and returns them to audiences with his own sharp perspective. His distinctive Q&A format helped make the interviewer part of the entertainment rather than an invisible presence.

At Hamptons Fashion Week*, that voice will connect fashion’s established guard with a new generation of designers and personalities.

Recognizing Rising Talent

Wayne will also play an important role in the Rising Star Awards, joining the program as

a presenter and helping Hamptons Fashion Week* recognize emerging creative talent.

His participation brings credibility and cultural context to an award designed to spotlight the industry’s future. Having spent decades interviewing accomplished and ambitious personalities, Wayne understands that a rising star is defined by more than visibility. Originality, determination, discipline, and the ability to command attention are equally important.

The Designer of the Year presentation will complement the 2026 Fashion Icon Award, which honors Jeffrey Banks. Together, the awards reflect a central principle of Hamptons Fashion Week*: fashion must celebrate its legends while actively creating space for its next generation.

Whether he is interviewing an established designer, challenging a celebrity guest, or introducing a promising new creative, Wayne is certain to make each encounter memorable.

In an age of rehearsed talking points and carefully managed images, George Wayne remains committed to the unpredictable pleasure of a real conversation. Add cocktails, couture, a Southampton red carpet, and a gathering of fashion personalities, and the result promises to be one of the summer’s most entertaining exchanges.



Meet The Designers Of Hamptons Fashion Week 2026

Distinctive fashion voices bring resort glamour, cultural storytelling, couture craftsmanship, and contemporary style to Southampton

Hamptons Fashion Week® returns to Southampton on August 22 with a designer lineup that reflects the increasingly expansive language of modern fashion.

The 2026 presentations will unite internationally recognized names with independent luxury labels and emerging talent. From artisanal resort wear and culturally informed couture to sculptural eveningwear and effortless New York sophistication, each designer brings a distinctive point of view to the runway.

Together, the designers represent fashion's ability to cross borders, connect generations, preserve heritage, and inspire new possibilities.

Sunskaaara

Sunskaaara brings a globally minded approach to the Hamptons Fashion Week® runway. The brand's presentation will speak to the modern consumer who views fashion as part of a broader lifestyle — one informed by travel, individuality, craftsmanship, and personal expression.

Founded by visionary designer Garima Malhotra, Sunskaaara is a celebration of timeless elegance, conscious craftsmanship, and global design. Drawing inspiration from rich cultural traditions while embracing contemporary sophistication, Garima has created a brand that empowers women through

beautifully crafted collections that seamlessly blend luxury, comfort, and versatility. Her commitment to ethical fashion, artisanal techniques, and thoughtful design has positioned Sunskaaara as an emerging international lifestyle brand, offering refined ready-to-wear, resort, holiday, and gifting collections that resonate with today's discerning consumer.

Its presence will complement the relaxed elegance of the Hamptons, where clothing moves effortlessly between daytime experiences, seaside gatherings, intimate cocktails, luxury yacht outings, and sophisticated summer evenings.

Sunskaaara's participation will also extend beyond the runway through opportunities for guests to discover the brand, engage with its story, and experience its creative identity within the luxury marketplace. As part of Hamptons Fashion Week®, guests will have the opportunity to meet the designer, explore the latest collections, and experience firsthand the artistry, heritage, and global vision that define the Sunskaaara brand.

Maki Palmata

Maki Palmata brings a compelling combination of sustainable luxury, ancestral craftsmanship, and modern resort style to Hamptons Fashion Week®.

Founded in 2021 by Glenda Betan-

court and Tamara Rogouski, the Miami-based brand creates distinctive hats, apparel, handbags, and accessories for the modern woman. Its signature pieces are designed in Miami and ethically handwoven in Ecuador by master artisans using premium materials and traditional techniques.

At the heart of Maki Palmata is a commitment to honoring Ecuadorian artistry and preserving the cultural legacy of handmade craftsmanship. The brand's luxury hats are created from toquilla straw, a natural fiber valued for its beauty, flexibility, and connection to generations of Ecuadorian artisans.

The name itself expresses the brand's mission. "Maki" means "hand" in Quichua, recognizing the artists whose skill and dedication bring every piece to life. "Palmata" refers to the natural Carludovica palmata plant from which toquilla straw is produced, reinforcing the company's respect for nature and responsible design.

Each piece reflects the time, patience, and human touch required to create an authentic handcrafted object. The result is a collection that feels both timeless and contemporary — rooted in tradition but designed for today's international woman.

Maki Palmata's hats and accessories are a natural fit for the Hamptons lifestyle. Wide brims, sculptural shapes, intricate woven details, and versatile neutral tones bring elegance and personality to everything from beachside afternoons to garden parties and evening cocktails.

Its Hamptons Fashion Week® presentation will demonstrate how accessories can become the defining element of an entire look. More than a finishing touch, each Maki Palmata creation carries a story of artistry, heritage, sustainability, and meaningful luxury.

Wendy Quintero Of Wendylandia

Hamptons Fashion Week® proudly announces Wendy Quintero, founder and designer of Wendylandia, as the official Jewelry Sponsor and a featured Latina designer for this year's event.

A Long Island native and talented Latina entrepreneur, Wendy brings a bold, expressive vision to the worlds of jewelry and fashion. Through Wendylandia, she creates statement pieces that celebrate individuality, confidence, culture, and modern femininity. Her designs are made for women who embrace their personal style and are not afraid to stand out.

As the official Jewelry Sponsor, Wendylandia will accessorize select runway presentations, adding its signature sparkle and distinctive design aesthetic to key designer looks. Guests will also have an opportunity to discover the brand and experience Wendy's creative world during Hamptons Fashion Week®.

Wendy will additionally be recognized as a featured Latina designer, highlighting her journey as a local Long Island creative building a growing brand with authenticity and purpose. Her participation reflects Hamptons Fashion Week's continued commitment to celebrating diverse voices, supporting women-owned businesses, and creating meaningful opportunities for emerging and established designers.

"Wendy represents the entrepreneurial spirit and creative energy we are proud to champion," said Dee Rivera, founder and producer of Hamptons Fashion Week®. "As a Long Island native and Latina designer, she brings a meaningful local connection, a strong cultural perspective, and beautiful statement pieces that will elevate our runway."

Wendy Quintero's selection marks an exciting milestone for Wendylandia and introduces her work to an influential audience of media, buyers, retailers, stylists, celebrities, influencers, and luxury consumers.

Fausto Altamirano

Fausto Altamirano is the designer and creative mind behind BACCIO COUTURE. Passionate about textile innovation, Altamirano has redefined lace, transforming it from a classic art form into a modern, bold expression of fashion.

At the age of 17, Fausto Altamirano

emigrated to the United States, where he began showcasing his early work as a visual artist in small galleries in Miami Beach. His artistic curiosity and passion for design soon led him to collaborate with Harley-Davidson, creating custom designs for motorcycles and helmets.

Fausto Altamirano is the creative force behind Baccio Couture, a luxury fashion house based in Miami recognized for its handcrafted garments and distinctive artistic vision. Founded in 2002, the brand reflects Fausto's dedication to craftsmanship, elegance, and artistic expression through fashion.

With roots connected to Italian heritage and a passion for couture techniques, his work blends refined design with meticulous attention to detail. Each garment begins as a concept developed by Fausto himself and is brought to life through a careful creative process inside the atelier.

From selecting fabrics to refining silhouettes, every piece is approached as a unique creation rather than a mass-produced design.

Baccio Couture designs are known for their handcrafted techniques, including hand-painted textiles, intricate detailing, and the use of luxury materials such as Swarovski crystals.

These elements, combined with Fausto's artistic approach to fashion, transform each garment into a piece that celebrates individuality and elegance.

From evening gowns and couture dresses to swimwear and special occasion designs, every creation reflects the brand's commitment to quality, artistry, and timeless style.

For Fausto Altamirano, fashion is not simply about clothing — it is about creating pieces that embody confidence, beauty, and the art of craftsmanship.

Cesar Galindo

Celebrity designer Cesar Galindo returns to Hamptons Fashion Week® with more than 35 years of experience spanning fashion, costume, styling,

and creative direction.

A first-generation Mexican American designer, Galindo learned to sew from his mother before beginning his professional journey in Texas. His career eventually took him to New York and around the world, where he became known for his command of color, fabric, draping, and the female form.

Galindo's work has been worn by prominent entertainers and cultural figures, including Madonna, Cyndi Lauper, Courteney Cox, and Missy Elliott. His experience also includes work with internationally recognized fashion houses and celebrity-led brands.

Yet his designs remain deeply personal. Vibrant color, fluid construction, sensual movement, and Latin-influenced energy continue to distinguish his work.

As a former Hamptons Fashion Week® Fashion Icon Award recipient, Galindo returns not only as a featured designer but also as an important member of the event's creative legacy.

One Runway, Many Stories

The strength of the Hamptons Fashion Week® 2026 lineup lies in its range. These designers do not share a single aesthetic — and that is precisely the point.

Each collection reflects a different relationship with fashion. For some, it is a vehicle for cultural preservation. For others, it is an expression of destination living, femininity, glamour, craftsmanship, or creative experimentation.

By bringing these voices together, Executive Producer Dee Rivera and DCG Media Group are creating more than a sequence of runway shows. They are building an international fashion conversation in the heart of Southampton.

On August 22, guests will not simply meet the designers. They will encounter the histories, destinations, cultures, and ambitions that make each collection worth remembering.

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