



# THE INSIDERS

SUSAN AND WOLFGANG HOFHERR

How does your garden grow? With the help of Authentic Provence on West Palm’s Antique Row. When owners Susan and Wolfgang Hofherr moved from Italy to the Palm Beaches in the mid-1990s, they noticed that the area’s stunning Mediterranean-style homes were lacking magnificent gardens to match. With Wolfgang specializing in international antiques and Susan in fashion design, the couple began sourcing authentic monumental garden antiques that stay true to the artisans of thousands of years ago. They’ve since evolved beyond the Provençal lifestyle, importing garden antiques from Italy, England and Belgium. Along with their showroom and sprawling warehouse, customers can wander the Secret Garden for sculptures, fountains, benches and urns made of masterfully hand-sculpted limestone, along with rare finds such as Versailles planter boxes. Lovers of midcentury modern design should peruse a separate showroom filled with period furniture featuring exquisite 1950s European and signed designer pieces as well as Murano glass lighting. The entire collection can also be viewed online. [authenticprovence.com](http://authenticprovence.com)

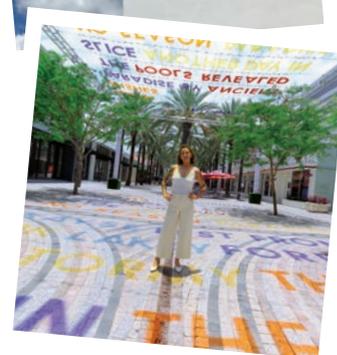
# POST MASTER

@jessynite

**WHO:** Miami-based, multidisciplinary artist Jessy Nite, whose gallery and installation works are exhibited internationally and has commissioned commercial projects by mega-brands such as Nike (top), Instagram and Facebook.

**WHAT:** Working in a variety of mediums, Nite is best-known for her playful use of color, text-based works and large-scale public “Sun Installations” series, text pieces that harness sunlight in real time to reveal messages about their location, like *Sun Stories* at Giralda Plaza in Coral Gables (bottom).

**IN HER WORDS:** *“I’ve always seen the sun as the unifying element. No matter where you are in the world, we are all living under the same sun—sweating it out and dealing with it. The ‘Sun Installations’ highlight that with playful, yet deeply rooted phrases that change and move with the sun.”*



# VIRTUAL LIVING

VIRTUO BY SCAVOLINI

The future is here for those afraid to commit to a design. Scavolini in Coral Gables is now using virtual reality software, Virtuo, so homeowners can experience the look and feel of a new kitchen, bathroom or closet before construction begins. Using virtual reality goggles and controllers to “move” around the space, customers can change finishes and color schemes on cabinets, walls and floors, and even open doors and drawers in real time to ensure maximum functionality. “The virtual reality software enhances this personal connection by offering assurance that a client’s new space will be perfect,” says Scavolini Miami showroom manager Bryson Cook. Once the design is to a customer’s liking, the materials are imported from Italy and installed, making their virtual dream home a reality. [scavoliniusa.com](http://scavoliniusa.com)

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# DESIGNER DIGS

AS MIAMI CONTINUES TO REACH FOR THE SKY, THESE THREE NEW RESIDENTIAL BUILDS IMPRESS.



## ▲ EIGHTY SEVEN PARK

In North Miami Beach, Eighty Seven Park seems to hover weightlessly above the ocean and parks below, thanks to its cantilevered architecture designed by Pritzker Prize-winning architect Renzo Piano, his first residential project in the U.S. RDAI in Paris, known for its work with Hermès, splashed the interiors of the 68-unit building with designs inspired by the area's natural surroundings. Light oak flooring mirrors the color palette of sea grape leaves, Venetian terrazzo floors mimics white sandy beaches, and an airy lobby library is dotted with lush greenery, glass pendant lighting from Iguzzini and bright poufs by Paola Lenti. Extra perk: a 2-acre private park created by renowned Dutch landscape architecture firm West 8. [eightysevenpark.com](http://eightysevenpark.com)



## ▲ RESIDENCES BY ARMANI/CASA

Fashion and real estate collide beautifully at the new Residences by Armani/Casa in Sunny Isles Beach, where fashion icon Giorgio Armani personally handpicked or designed everything in the 308-unit luxury condominium, from textured door panels to walls with a palm print inlay to a million-dollar sofa imported from Italy in the silk-encased main lobby. Armani strayed from his normally dark palette with pops of green and, since the designer loves curves, there are virtually no corners in the building. Amenities are rich, with an old Hollywood-inspired movie theater, an expansive spa and a wine tasting lounge. [rbacmiami.com](http://rbacmiami.com)



## ▲ BRICKELL FLATIRON

Imitation is the highest form of flattery at the new 64-story Brickell Flatiron residences—the tallest condominium in Miami—where celebrated Italian architect Massimo Iosa Ghini drew upon the tower's curved façade of glass and steel. Movement is everywhere, especially in the lobby where Iosa Ghini coordinated various vignettes using artsy, curved steel bars integrated with LED lighting, while walls and floors are swathed in Italian marble to continue that fluidity. Escape to the rooftop Sky Spa for a tranquil oasis with dangling chairs, perfect for dipping toes into a stone pool. [brickellflatiron.com](http://brickellflatiron.com)

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# LIGHT SHOW

ALLEN SAUNDERS

Miami-based designer Allen Saunders has a reputation for developing highly detailed design environments for residences around the globe, currently with a focus on lighting. "Home architecture has moved toward more open-space designs, which often diminish walls, and, in turn, eliminate space for artwork," says Saunders. "Lighting now has a new starring role as a focal point rather than just a necessity." For Saunders, that means traveling the world for inspiration and collaborating with makers on groundbreaking custom light fixtures. Here, he sheds light on the current trends. [allensaunders.com](http://allensaunders.com)



## ◀ SUSPENDED SCULPTURES

"We're creating commissioned art in the form of suspended light sculptures that can be viewed from 360 degrees. Our collaboration with Irish light sculptor Niamh Barry resulted in intertwined shapes of polished bronze and LED-illuminated opal glass and made an artistic impact in this Miami Beach residence entry foyer."



## ▲ ARTISTIC SIMPLICITY

"When it comes to bedrooms, we desire to create a serene sleeping environment, which often means incorporating understated lighting. This can be accomplished with subtle or simplistic shapes, such as these Michael Anastassiades milk glass globes portraying artistic minimalism."

## MASTER GLASS ▶

"Lighting should also be a conversation piece. I worked with Vancouver-based manufacturer Bocci to develop a custom composition of fabric-textured orbs formed of cooled liquid glass. Whenever anyone walks into the dining room of this Miami Beach home, they marvel at this cloud-like, illuminated sculpture."



## ◀ BRAVE NEW BATHROOMS

"People are spending more time in their bathrooms, utilizing them as a relaxing oasis, which means lighting has become more important. In this Delray Beach master bath, we introduced a fixture formed of swarming adjustable glass tubes by New York industrial designer Lindsey Adelman."

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