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WHO: Juggling life as a photographer, a new mom and as cofounder of luxury scarf line Lincoln + Lenox, Miami-based Amanda Julca's everyday is brimming with pretty moments.

WHAT: Vivid, tropical photos emerge from a curated reel that balances composition, color and lighting. Julca shares compelling architecture, flora and fauna, wanderlust-filled travel shots and personal snippets from life behind the lens.

WHY: You can almost hear the rustling of the palm leaves, the lapping of the ocean and the whirring of cars passing by as you revel in Julca's images.

IN HER WORDS: *"Inspiration comes from all around me: from the way the sunlight shifts across the walls of my loft and the faces of strangers at a coffee shop, to a color I've spotted and everything in between. As my favorite painter Robert Rauschenberg said, 'There is no reason not to consider the world as one gigantic painting.'"*

CHECK IN THE BETSY SOUTH BEACH

Tucked into the heart of the Art Deco District, The Betsy South Beach, an iconic Miami hotel, recently unveiled a dazzling expansion and renovation. The property now boasts 130 guest rooms featuring 25 suites, world-class dining, special event space and an expansive rooftop terrace complete with a swimming pool and sprawling views. The boutique property connects to what was once the Carlton Hotel through an architectural passageway called the "Orb." Miami-based architecture firm Shulman + Associates, in partnership with the original interior designers of The Betsy South Beach, Diamante Pedersoli Design and Carmelina Santoro Designs, refreshed the landmark hotel while staying true to its original Art Deco and Florida-Georgian architecture. thebetsyhotel.com



THE INSIDERS PILI RESTREPO & LAURA PANEBIANCO

For jewelry designer Pili Restrepo and interior designer Laura Panebianco, inspiration always strikes when they're sitting around the dinner table: "Our friendship is largely based on our indulgent get-togethers centered around great wine and food," Restrepo says. So, when they decided to make a tabletop collection out of their designs, naming the brand *Comunione* (Italian for communion) just made sense. "Breaking bread and sharing time with people across a table is a ritual we take very seriously," reflects Panebianco. With offerings from hand-enameled drink stirrers and geometric graphic cake servers to cheese knives, appetizer forks and more, *Comunione's* line is jewelry for the table with an intentional nod to the 1980s. Here, Restrepo and Panebianco share what's intriguing them in Miami currently. comunionedesign.com

For a dose of inspiration: The de la Cruz Collection is a favorite of ours. This privately owned and funded gallery aims to provide education in and awareness of the visual arts and offers free learning experiences for local students and residents. It also has a stunning permanent collection and happens to be housed in one of the most beautiful buildings within the Design District.

Favorite scouting spot: Kakar House of Design is a great source for unique vintage furniture and accessories from all over the world. Its impressive array of treasures from Western Europe, Southeast Asia and South America provide something for every client.

Share a page from your little black book. The husband-and-wife team behind Manufacturing by Skema, Inc., are a fantastic resource for interior designers. Norberto and Patricia Grundland are trained architects with decades in the field and specialize in custom millwork and furniture using the most exquisite finishes and hardware.



BLUEPRINT

MISSONI BAIÁ

It seems that Miami and the design label Missoni were made for one another. It's kismet that the fashion house, whose iconic style was founded on richly patterned tapestries of colors, chose a city bursting with equally vibrant design for its first foray into branded residences. Italian couture converges with striking architecture and interiors at Missoni Baia, developed by OKO Group and brought to life by Asymptote Architecture and Paris Forino Interior Design. With simply three residences per floor, exclusivity is at the forefront of the 229-unit East Edgewater high-rise, which will be located at 777 NE 26th Terrace. Crisp, minimalist interiors mix with a rich chromatic palette and impeccable art, fabrics and furniture from the Missoni Home collection to form the residence's public spaces. Amenities include five swimming pools, a state-of-the-art spa for residents and their pets, a fitness center and tennis courts to name a few, while the 57-story luxury tower sits just a stone's-throw away from the city's top museums, shopping destinations and recreational highlights. Residences showcase custom European-designed kitchen cabinetry, marble bathrooms and shaded terraces that overlook views of Biscayne Bay, the ocean or the city. missonibaia.com

SAVE THE DATE

JULIUS KLINGER: POSTERS FOR A MODERN AGE

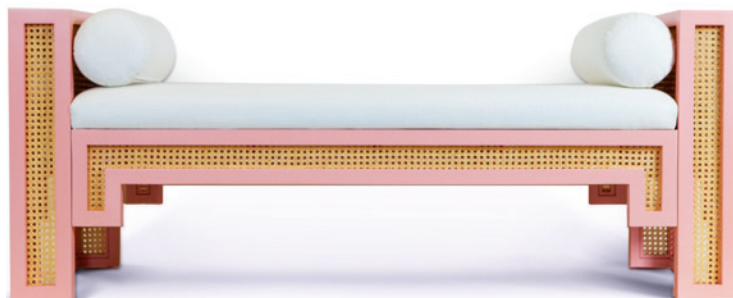
The word "poster" hardly conjures visions of fine art, yet for graphic artist Julius Klinger, it was just that: a surface on which to creatively express himself and his clients' messages. "Julius Klinger: Posters for a Modern Age," the first-ever U.S. solo exhibit dedicated to the prolific artist will open October 6 at The Wolfsonian-FIU, showcasing more than 100 of his posters, prints and illustrations. The Austrian artist worked in Europe and the U.S. molding the corporate identity for many major brands, until his tragic death at a concentration camp. "We cherish a presumptuous hope: that perhaps in roughly 50 or a 100 years, our works may stand as forceful cultural documents of how the merchant advertised his wares at the start of the 20th century," Klinger said. wolfsonian.org



LAUNCH

MAGGIE CRUZ HOME

A cheerleader in her projects for head-turning pieces and pretty hues, interior designer Maggie Cruz frequently found a void for ready-made goods that embodied just the right amount of ladylike character. It was this lack of feminine furnishings that compelled Cruz to design her own 11-piece collection. "I felt that furniture had become very severe and masculine over the years," Cruz says. Her pieces are a playful nod to her Cuban heritage and Miami upbringing and come in a plethora of colorways, such as the Alexandra bench with natural cane accents shown here in Coral Dust, a soft pink finish. maggiecruzdesign.com





DATE BOOK

FEDERICA MOLINI

You might say Venezuelan native Federica Molini is living the dream. What started out as a simple digital outlet for her creativity, *Arte Bohème* has transformed into a successful design and lifestyle website. There, Molini documents the diverse street style of Miami, vintage scores and design projects from her 1940s home. Her inherent ability to mix textural and earthy accents with striking finishes and moody hues creates a unique aesthetic giving her online portal a bohemian and worldly flair. "I believe my style is not based on a brand or a type of furniture quality found in a specific store. The love I have for interior design arises from searching for alternative pieces to furnish my own house," muses Molini, who can likely be found on the outskirts of town wading through vintage stores browsing for her next find. With *Luxe* in tow, Molini, who has a knack for discovering the hidden, takes us on a home tour of her city. arteboheme.com

9 a.m. Start the day at one of Miami's best breakfast spots, Angelina's Coffee & Juice in Midtown. I highly recommend the waffles topped with a sweet and savory combination of Nutella and bananas. It's to die for!

10 a.m. Afterward, make your way to Wynwood and enjoy the colorful murals. Stroll through the neighborhood while reveling in the rotating art from the likes of Osgemeos, Herakut and Eduardo Kobra. Once you've taken in your share of street graffiti, walk to one of my favorite hangouts in all of Miami—The Wynwood Yard. There, you can sit and relax while listening to live music surrounded by a gorgeous garden.

12 p.m. Drive north on Biscayne Boulevard, and you'll find yourself in my stomping grounds, the new-and-upcoming MiMo District. Check out the furniture boutiques, where oriental and midcentury modern pieces abound.

2 p.m. Next, check out the newly constructed Phillip and Patricia Frost Museum of Science to enjoy the laser show featuring light, color and geometry in ways you've never experienced.

3:30 p.m. For a mid-afternoon bite, go to Soya & Pomodoro. Order one of the signature dishes, such as my personal favorite, Pappardelle Alla Giulio, and take in the beautiful Italian atmosphere.

5 p.m. If you're an art enthusiast, visit my husband's art supply store, I.D. Art, on Biscayne Boulevard and 15th Street. A rainbow wall of spray paint can be just as pretty as what you create with it.

7 p.m. Finish the day at the coziest of wine bars, Bunbury. If its charming vintage decor doesn't grab you, the Argentinian menu surely will. Start with the famous Bunbury empanada and your choice of wine.



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