

We talk with one of the most renowned violinists of her generation,

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REBEL'S DANCE

Emily Disher previews Rasta Thomas' *Bad Boys of Dance* at The Auditorium Theatre this fall.

PLUS....

Our Top Lifestyle Picks for the Culturally Savvy

Goodman Theatre is Seeing **Red** This Fall!

Director Robert Falls on Goodman's hotly anticipated premiere of *Red* by playwright John Logan.

AMERICAN DREAMS

New Smithsonian exhibit explores the pioneering spirit that made early America the world's most ferocious leader in industry.

L I F E S T Y L E

H o t p i c k s f o r C h i c a g o ' s c u l t u r a l l y s a v v y

Artful tailoring

If art is wearable, Burdi Luxury Menswear is its gallery. For more than 40 years, Burdi has graced Chicago's Gold Coast with designer Italian menswear that epitomizes luxury, elegance, and style.

Founder Alfonso Burdi has brought a wealth of artistic balance, employing traditions of master Italian tailors to his custom garments.

Second-generation owner, Rino Burdi has added cutting edge technology and modern flare, building upon that tradition. The family brings the best of old and new traditions to elevate custom men's tailoring to an art form. With the most precise fitting techniques and master craftsmanship, they create bespoke, made-to-measure, and ready-to wear garments fit for the red carpet and masterpieces for the male form.



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Cultural gems



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From the CumuLLus® Collection by Lester Lampert.

With four generations dedicated to the fine art of jewelry, Lester Lampert on Oak Street (steps from the Magnificent Mile) has solidified its place amongst Chicago's elite fine jewelry designers. So much so, that when the Field Museum of Natural History sought a local designer to contribute a one-of-a-kind collection to its gleaming new exhibit, *Grainger Hall of Gems*, it looked to Lester Lampert to pen the designs. And that's no surprise, because since the beginning, Lester Lampert has been known for meticulous craftsmanship and clarity of form in their work, something it touts as "The Lampert Look."

Brilliance dominates their many collections with designs that articulate creativity in its finest form. From bracelets to brooches to timepieces, no artistic expense is spared when achieving the Lampert Look.

For the culturally savvy eye, Lester Lampert jewelry makes an artistic statement that speaks volumes for the beauty of design and singularity of excellence for which it has become well known.

Sculptural furnishings

With a brand touting the most elegant lines, textural diversity, and artistic clarity, furniture designer Lee Weitzman creates custom pieces that are, themselves, striking works of art. A fixture in Chicago's River North for many years, Weitzman's showroom brims with distinctive works made from superlative, eye-catching designs while exuding the utmost in quality and functionality. An instructor at the Art Institute of Chicago, Weitzman simply cannot avoid employing an artist's eye in his work. With Lee Weitzman, you not only get beautifully designed furnishings, you get incredibly rich, one-of-a-kind artistry that

breathes personality, elegance and exquisite taste.



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Clockwise from top: Rice End Table, Ava Bar Stool, Alexandria Bench, and Argentine Buffet.