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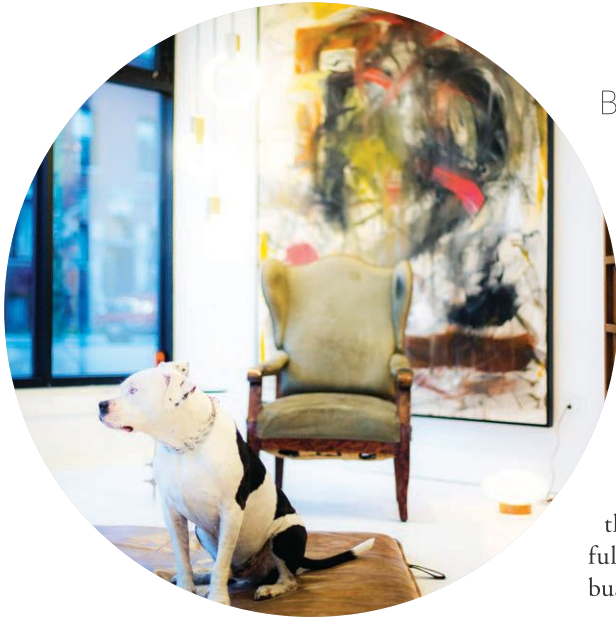
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BEST NEW DESIGN GALLERY: STUDIO 6F

An exciting new design studio in Logan Square showcases bespoke furnishings and artwork in a modern setting.

It's the hex color code for white, and for designer Gil Melott, 6F seemed like an ideal name for his new design studio in Logan Square—a bright, airy space where he spends his days surrounded by the creations of local designers, craftspeople and artists. Think custom furnishings by Michael Dreeben, vibrant abstract artwork by Anne Abueva and imaginative lighting creations by Ted Harris—just a few of more than a dozen talented creatives on Melott's roster. "We're looking for things that are highly crafted and a little on the edgier, high-end side," Melott says. "People who have a very clear point of view and a story to tell are very interesting to me." Melott also provides residential and commercial design services, and he's currently working on a capsule collection that will be available through the showroom and online. The gallery-like space is also available for events. "To find fulfillment is what we all aspire to do," Melott, a former chief operating officer in the restaurant business, explains. "I'm living the dream." 2857 W. Diversey Ave., studio6f.com

BEST BATHROOM VANITY: LACAVA

The versatile Navi and Linea vanities are available in a wide combination of styles.

No stranger to the Chicago design scene, Italy-based Lacava's (lacava.com) comprehensive line of sinks, faucets and other luxurious bathroom accoutrements continues to elevate the work of the city's most sought-after architects and designers. This year, the forward-looking company took things to an entirely new level with the debut of two gorgeous wall-mounted vanities: the Linea—a sleek affair, and the Navi—a metal vanity accented with a solid-surface countertop and the choice of vessel or under-mount sinks. Both pieces can be customized for size with a choice of metal finishes. In-drawer outlets, storage baskets and LED lighting that make the vanities appear to glow are just a few of the optional add-ons. "They have a refined look," Lead Designer Daniel He explains. "There are a lot of different options that allow them to be customized for any interior." *Orizzonti, 329 W. Grand Ave., orizzonti.com*



Best Showroom: HOLLY HUNT

The venerable designer's stunning showroom is never static.

The classics never go out of style, and that's never been truer than in Holly Hunt's Chicago showroom, which has been a design destination since it opened its doors in the Merchandise Mart more than three decades ago. In that time, it has expanded from 9,000 to 30,000 square feet, and Hunt has opened nearly a dozen other showrooms—employing over 300 people worldwide and many hands-on craftspeople. In addition to representing some of the hottest brands in the business, including lighting by Pouenat and design superstar Alison Berger, as well as mod furniture by Mark Albrecht Studio, HOLLY HUNT produces its own line of studio furniture and lighting that are designed right here in Chicago. "The secret sauce is the pride of the people who work here and bring in their can-do spirit and their love of design and product," Hunt explains, noting that she's always moving forward, with one creative epiphany leading to the next. "This has been a great big adventure." 222 W. Merchandise Mart Plaza, Ste. 1428,

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