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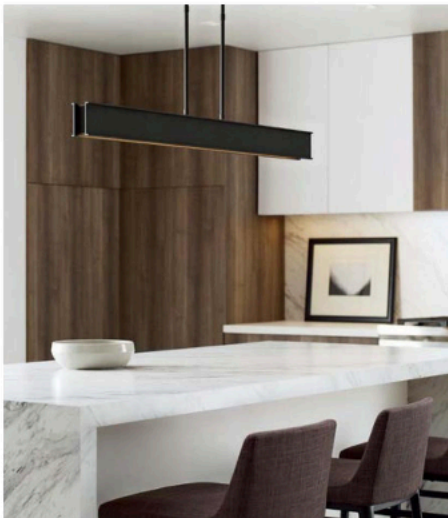




## LAUNCH

MICK DE GIULIO X  
VISUAL COMFORT & CO.

Kitchen designer Mick De Giulio is known for designing high-end kitchens for discerning clients around the globe, but his latest collaboration is a series of modern light fixtures for Visual Comfort & Co. that aren't necessarily kitchen specific. "The pieces I've designed for the Visual Comfort Modern Collection were created using the most simple and minimal forms," De Giulio says. "The emphasis is on proportion and the ability to blend with modern interior design." The two newest lights in the collection are the Serre, with illuminated raw glass encased by thin metal, which will be available this summer; and the Sottile, a sleek metal cylinder that comes with three metal ring details that can either match the chosen finish or contrast with it. These two fixtures—with more to come—join the previously introduced I-Beam, Stagger and Duelle lines. [visualcomfort.com](http://visualcomfort.com)



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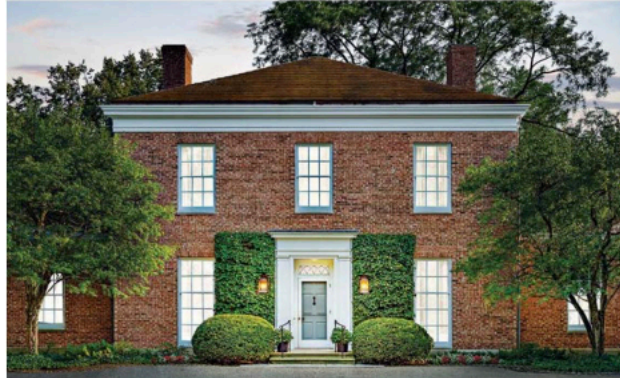
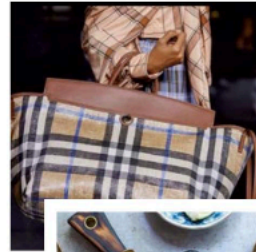
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**WHO:** Gil Melott started Studio 6F, now Gil Melott Studio, after a 20-year career in advertising. His interior design practice has since expanded to include bespoke furniture and lighting as well as a gallery.

**WHAT:** Scroll to peek behind the scenes of his Wicker Park gallery—a spot to meet with potential clients, to sell art and antiques, and to showcase his own lines. It gives customers a chance to experience a vignette and picture themselves living in a space he has designed.

**WHY:** Melott started his furniture and lighting line, Gil Melott Bespoke, because he was looking for specific items and couldn't find them. His pieces not only worked for his clients, but they also became the answer for many other designers and homeowners.

**IN HIS WORDS:** "Instagram is a vehicle to share your point of view. And it's where I've been lucky enough to meet a lot of the artists whose work we sell in the gallery."



## SAVE THE DATE

LAKE FOREST SHOWHOUSE & GARDENS

The 2023 Lake Forest Showhouse & Gardens, opening May 6, sits on a 9-acre estate that holds a Walter Frazier-designed 16-room house as well as a caretaker's cottage and separate outbuilding. The rooms in all three structures will be decorated by an illustrious group of 39 Chicago designers, while four landscape design crews turn their attention to the gardens. The show house has chosen two dear friends, who both happen to be nationally known designers and authors, as the honorary chairs: Ashley Whittaker and Timothy Whealon. They will be on hand May 8 for a lunch and Q&A moderated by Emma Bazilian, co-author of the upcoming book, *Charm School*. All proceeds of the special events and the show house benefit the Infant Welfare Society of Chicago. [lakeforestshowhouse.com](http://lakeforestshowhouse.com)

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