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BY KATY DANOS

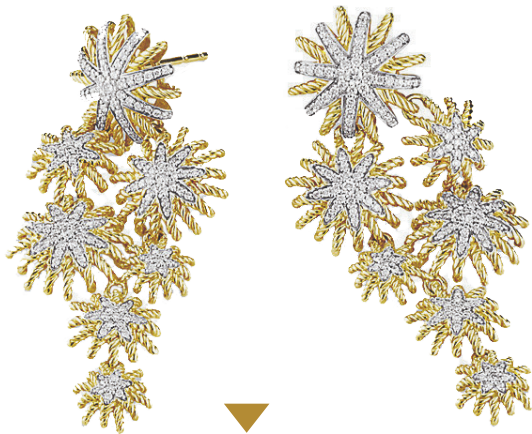
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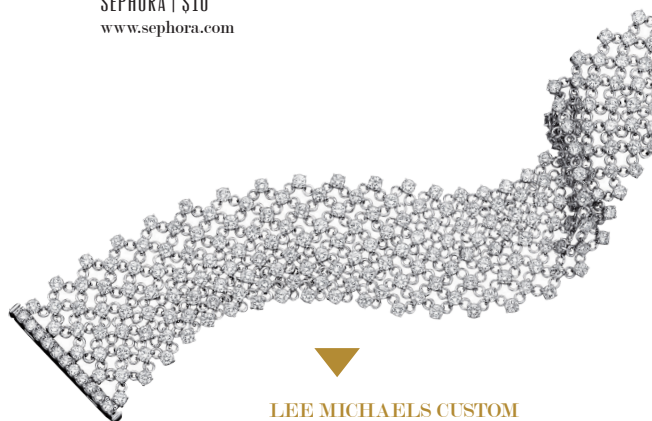
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# ON THE ROCKS STARS



# HOLIDAYS ON THE ROCKS

BY ROBERT STEWART | PHOTOS BY MICHAEL DUNLAP

South Louisianians don't really need an excuse to drink, but the holidays offer the perfect reason to run out and grab a cocktail at your favorite bar. After you're done shopping for presents for everybody else, a stiff drink is the perfect gift to give yourself to enjoy the holiday season. The drink options in Baton Rouge are as long as Santa's list, but have no fear: These three Capital City bartenders have the perfect cocktail recipes to help you indulge in some holiday spirits.

## GEORGE KRAUSE IV DOE'S EAT PLACE

George Krause always goes the extra mile to find unique twists on classic mixes. A prime example of his tireless creativity is Doe's version of the Bee Keeper, which features the typical gin and lemon juice but also uses a special smoked honey syrup made in-house. "It's a very long process, and one you have to work with, but in the end, you end up with this really great smoky note in an already sweet ingredient," Krause says.

### *Bee Keeper*

1.5 oz Gin  
1.5 oz Smoked honey syrup,  
made in-house  
.5 oz Lemon juice

Pour syrup into a shaker, and dilute by half. Add gin and lemon juice. Shake until you get a little froth. Strain over ice into a rocks glass. Serve with a lemon garnish.





# GINA COLLIER

## MANSURS ON THE BOULEVARD

Gina Collier's favorite drink at Mansurs can be served in warm and cold weather, so it's a perfect holiday cocktail if it's hot at Christmas again this year. The Honey Lavender Lemonade is a blend of bourbon whiskey, honey lavender syrup and lemon juice that Collier calls simple but delicious.

### *Honey Lavender Lemonade*

- 1.5 oz Cooper's Craft bourbon whiskey
- 1.5 oz Housemade honey lavender syrup
- 1 oz Fresh lemon juice

Pour ingredients into a Collins glass and add ice. Top with club soda and a lemon twist garnish. Patrons can stir the drink if they wish.

# JOEY GOAR

## SULLIVAN'S STEAK HOUSE

Sullivan's recently spent thousands of dollars upgrading its drink menu, which is music to the ears of craft cocktail connoisseur Joey Goar. One of Goar's new favorites at Sullivan's is the Barrel-Aged Vieux Carre, a blend of top shelf rye whiskey, cognac, vermouth, brandy and bitters that's aged for 10 days before serving.

### *Off the Clock*

- |                                    |                                    |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1.5 liters Bulleit Rye Whiskey     | Original Vermouth                  |
| 1.5 liters Remy Martin VSOP Cognac | 34 oz B&B (Brandy and Benedictine) |
| 1.5 liters Carpano Antica          | 6.25 oz Angostura bitters          |
|                                    | 6.25 oz Peychaud's bitters         |

Blend drink in advance and barrel-age it for 10 days in American white oak. When served, bring out in flask and pour into rocks glass with distilled ice sphere. Serve with an orange peel for additional flavor.

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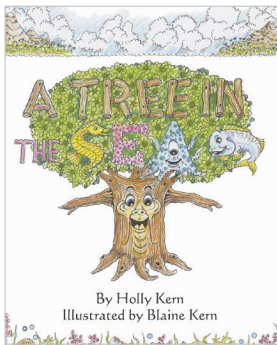


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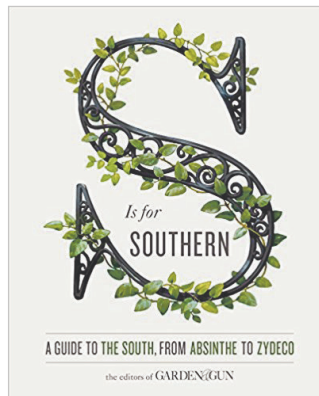
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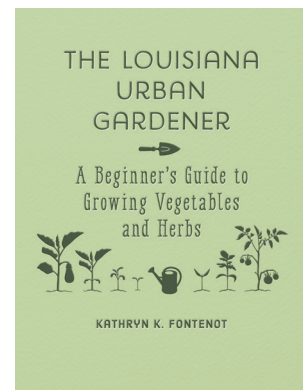
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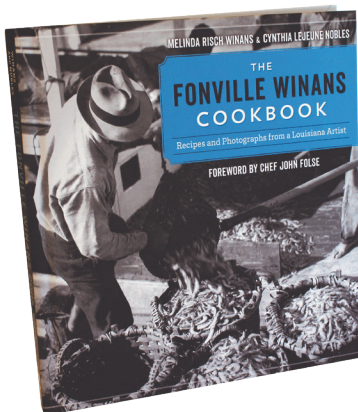
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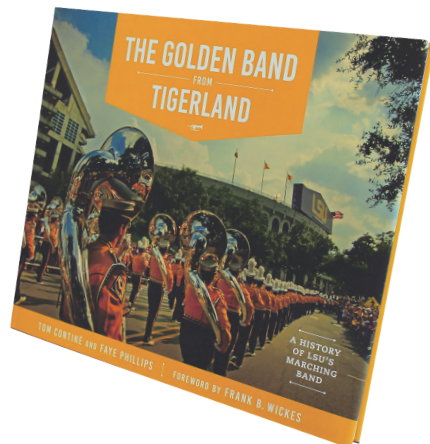
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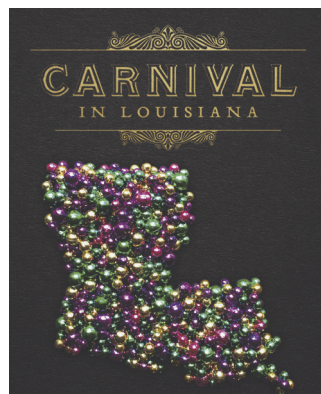
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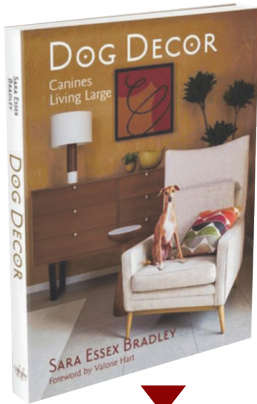


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FAMILY TRADITIONS RUN DEEP

BY KATY DANOS | PHOTOS BY JOHN BALLANCE

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Tim is quite modest—he's won several awards at culinary conferences. Trained as a landscape architect, he brought his talent for drawing to the family business. In the

early decades, cakes mostly were decorated with roses and writing—how quaint. Now with Pinterest and digital decorating, custom ideas are limitless. Certain delicacies are the darlings of the moment, like pastel macarons and strawberry cheesecake filled canoli, but their famous two-layer brownie cake with chocolate mousse filling and shaped holiday petit fours are still the best sellers.

As Debbie and Tim eye retirement, their son, Jason, is positioned to take over the family institution. In a world that seems to change faster and faster every day, it is so heart warming to know that the next generation will share in the same fond memories of sweets and goodies as did their grandparents. Whether you favor the cupcakes or truffles or an occasional chocolate bomb cake, Baum's baking is sure to be a tasty part of your gatherings this holiday season.

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**A**bigail Landry (top), a fourth generation baker, icing cakes in the family business.

Tim Landry (bottom), is surrounded by scrumptious desserts and the aroma of delicious chocolates.



# TAKE IT TO THE TOP

SETTING THE SCENE WITH JENNIFER PRICE

BY KATY DANOS | PHOTOS BY MICHAEL DUNLAP



**F**amily traditions, religious holidays, and the sharing of meals and treats is what makes December the most magical month of the year. We bring out the family china, polish up the silver, decorate with symbolic colors and décor, reliving the charm of childhood and sharing the joy of the season. Candlelight, cherished recipes, and blessings and songs handed down through the generations make gathering with friends and family all the more splendid and memorable. Presents are great fun to give and receive, but the time spent with those we love playing games, telling stories, and laughing around the table are the lasting gifts of the holidays. So in the hustle bustle of the weeks to come, enjoy good tidings as you make memories with your nearest and dearest.





**D**esigner Jennifer Price sets imaginative tables infused with a sparkling mix of vintage glasses, fine china, handmade pottery and accents of silver and gold. Whether your celebrations are casual or formal, Jennifer believes that the magic and luster comes from enjoying your favorite things often and as part of your everyday style. A lacquered bamboo and antique mirrored bar cart is a perfect way for family heirloom goblets to keep house with fun new gold festive flutes. Custom monogrammed cocktail napkins are a luxurious personal touch. It's great to have your martini shaker and favorite barware at your fingertips; 'tis the season of festive drinks and noshes.



## THE DETAILS

Jennifer shows us how to layer linens and porcelain chargers for an elegant dinner party and how to add texture and an organic vibe with rattan place mats and collected pottery for a less dressed up look. "Don't have all of your treasures boxed up," is her mantra. "Use your silver, drink from your crystal and set your table even if just having a few friends over for dinner."

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Hanukkah, the Jewish holiday, commemorates the rededication of the Holy Temple in Jerusalem with eight days and nights of kindling candles, exchanging small gifts, and feasting on traditional sweets. At the center of the holiday is the nine-branched Menorah which is lighted each night at sundown as blessings are said. Children play Dreidel, a simple spinning-top game. Dreidels are marked with Hebrew letters that represent "a great miracle is happening here" and often become cherished family heirlooms.





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# Holidays with the BRSO

By Lori Tucker, Advocate Special Sections editor

Join the BRSO this holiday season to savor all-time favorite Christmas music.

On Dec. 1, the BRSO presents *Home for the Holidays* at the Baton Rouge River Center Theatre. Under the baton of Timothy Muffitt, BRSO conductor, it's a community homecoming of local performers, including talented soprano Ana Maria Andricain, the Celebration Quartet, the Baton Rouge Symphony Chorus, the Greater Baton Rouge Interfaith Ensemble, and Emily DeFoe and the Sherwood Middle Academic Magnet School Advanced Treble Choir.

Two Holiday Brass performances feature BRSO's percussion and brass sections, conducted by David Torns. On Dec. 8, *Holiday Brass* will be at St. Joseph Cathedral, with Robbie Giroir at the organ. On Dec. 10, *Holiday Brass* will be at Houmas House.

Don't miss *The Nutcracker* – a Tale from the Bayou, featuring the Baton Rouge Ballet, BRSO world-class guest artists, and a large, local cast on Dec. 16 and 17 at the River Center Theatre.

What better way to introduce friends and family to the variety and breadth of the BRSO repertoire than a gift of symphony tickets. Here are highlights of what's coming up in Spring 2018.

- **Fortuna Rota:** Fortune's Wheel from Carl Orff's *Carmina Burana*, a 20th century composer's setting for medieval poems featuring the vagaries of fortune, love, lust, and drink. Performed by BRSO, the Baton Rouge Symphony Chorus and three soloists. ... Feb. 22, 7:30 p.m., Baton Rouge River Center Theatre.
- **La Tragédie et la Comédie** explores the mask of comedy as a disguise for darker aspects of life through three works by Beethoven, Mozart and Stravinsky. ... March 8, 7:30 p.m., Baton Rouge River Center Theatre.
- Legendary former LSU Baseball Coach Skip Bertman will narrate Bart Giamatti's prose set to one of the few (possibly only) orchestral works about baseball, Fred Sturm's *Forever Spring*, in BRSO's *Promises of Springtime*. ... April 19, 7:30 p.m., Baton Rouge River Center Theatre.
- Former American Idol star LaKisha Jones, solo artist Chloe Lowery and Broadway phenom Rob Evan are the soloists for BRSO's *Rock On! Music of the '70s and '80s*, an outdoor concert. ... May 12, 7:30 p.m., Rural Life Museum.

To purchase tickets or to learn more about other BRSO performances, call 225-383-0500 or go online to [brso.org](http://brso.org).



Timothy Muffitt,  
BRSO conductor

# Blushing Metallics

BY KATY DANOS | STYLED BY LAUREN GROSSMAN

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# Feathers AND Fur

BY KATY DANOS | STYLED BY LAUREN GROSSMAN

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BY KATY DANOS | STYLED BY LAUREN GROSSMAN

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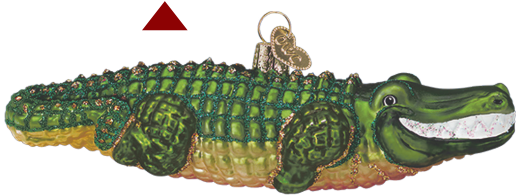
# DECKED OUT

# THE BATON ROUGE WAY

BY KATY DANOS

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**What challenges has the business faced over the years, and how did you handle/overcome them?**

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**Do you have any advice for other business owners on how to build and maintain a successful business?**

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**How has your business or industry changed over the years?**

Technology has changed the way we all conduct business. Although technology can be a timesaver, I really miss not having as much personal interaction with my clients and other agents.



**Back Row:** Miriam del Rio, Susanne Fos, Phil Foster, René Bachaleda  
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# NUTCRACKER SUITE

BY KATY DANOS

Figurative nutcrackers have been popular Christmas decor dating back to the 19th century when German toy makers carved wooden soldiers, kings, and knights that could actually crack the nuts from children's Christmas stockings. These large-mouthed, lavishly painted figures, now mostly for decoration, conjure visions of Sugar Plum Fairies, Dancing Mice and Clara with her Nutcracker Prince from Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker Ballet—a beloved seasonal classic.





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BY KATY DANOS | PHOTOS BY MICHAEL DUNLAP

Wreaths have a long history of symbolizing new growth, unity and everlasting life. Without a single word, this beautiful decoration speaks volumes. Whether traditionally fashioned from winter foliage, ribbons, iced cones and berries or totally personalized with a favorite theme or design, this holiday decoration welcomes friends, old and new, to your home all throughout the season.

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**N**ancy Zito adds lunaria pods, white-washed artichokes and iced pine cones to a slash pine wreath. She tops it with a luxe silk ribbon fashioned into an extravagant bow. This seasonal decoration sends a warm welcome to all who enter the home during the holidays.



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# DECKING *the* HALLS

BY KATY DANOS | PHOTOS BY SARA ESSEX BRADLEY



I can't think of a better time to introduce myself to the Baton Rouge readers than Christmastime. I'm honored to be a part of this premier issue of Adore, the Advocate's new style, decor and fashion magazine. With the holidays here, it's a perfect time to spotlight the many things we all hold dear - sharing time with family and friends around a table, next to the tree and at parties galore. Talent and creativity abounds in this city and I hope you find many inspirational ideas in these pages.

For me, the highlight of the season is decorating Christmas trees. I'll be honest; I love them in all shapes and sizes and in many configurations of style. I've bundled myself up in Manhattan lugging a tree home from the street corner and visited tree farms in Vermont to cut down my pick. I've purchased trees at many a Catholic school fundraiser and I've even ordered them online, delivered straight to my door. Sometimes an artificial tree makes the most sense when travel schedules are intense and other years the most fun is choosing a perfect tree with kids.

And when it comes to ornaments, I am equally as open-minded. From the homemade ones to the most sentimental and everything in between, ornament collections reveal personal stories built around unique memories and celebrations. I've admired trees decorated in great detail based on an interior design scheme and one year, under a time crunch, I simply placed white lights in varying sizes on my live tree and called it a beautiful day.

On this tree where more is more, I helped friends install over twenty nine hundred lights (wrapping each branch from the inside out) and hang ornaments- from simple colorful balls to humorous locally themed works of art to precious Christopher Radko treasures dating back to the eighties. We first layered large solid balls deep within the branches to build a base that allows all of the specialty ornaments to shine. With an eye to varying the scales and colors as we coated the tree, we created a magical and collected look. For heavy ornaments, we use clear fishing wire to pull specific limbs up and for a tree this large and loaded, we also wire it to the wall or ceiling for good measure. I love the charming handmade Tyrolean balls for the vintage feel they





provide and I can't resist whimsical ornaments with down home themes. For the tips of each branch, we placed tiny glass balls and icicles so that the tree would glisten much like it would in a winter forest. I could sit by the fire with a glass of Merlot and gaze at this tree for hours or get a game of I-spy going with kids of all ages-we would never run out of entertainment. Here's to you and yours this holiday season; I hope you'll enjoy your tree as much as I will be enjoying mine.

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AT HOME WITH  
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BY PAMELA BORDELON | PHOTOS BY JOHN BALLANCE

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**K**eeping it simple is the focus for interior designer Kenneth Brown and his partner, Matt Bruno, a realtor. "There's a feeling of authenticity in natural beauty and laid-back holiday decorating," he explains. With their son, Harper, and daughter, Sawyer in tow, the couple visited a farm in Pearl River, Mississippi to chop down their Christmas tree. At home, they dried Cutie mandarins and decorated them with cloves and hand-strung garland made from glass beads from Cajun Bead Crafts. It was great family time, easy to do and the intoxicating scents of the season fill their home.

After years in Los Angeles, Kenneth is happy to be home where his sophisticated aesthetic mixes warm modern styles with elegant Southern touches. With candlelight and burnished metallic ornaments on the tree, they are set for the season and looking forward to sharing time with family and friends.

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# Mardi Gras

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queen is Anna Reilly, daughter of friends Jennifer and Sean Reilly, and granddaughter of the late Kevin Reilly Sr., who reigned as king of the 1963 Washington Mardi Gras. Congressman Garret Graves is chairing the 70th Carnival spectacular; Congressman Steve Scalise has been tapped as the krewe's captain. Things get underway January 25th with Louisiana ALIVE. The following night is the Friday Festival hosted by the king. Saturday is the Mardi Gras Ball, which includes the presentation of the king, queen, princesses and festival queens from across the state of Louisiana. Everything wraps up with a midnight breakfast.

Todd Graves and Anna Reilly were officially announced as this coming Mardi Gras season's royalty at a proclamation party hosted by Todd and wife, Gwen, back in May.

From the twinkling of holidays lights to the purple, gold, and green colors of the Mardi Gras season, Baton Rouge is shining bright at the 2018 Washington Mardi Gras.

"One Love for Louisiana" -- that's the theme for the 2018 Mystick Krewe of Louisianans Mardi Gras celebration in our nation's capital. If that has kind of a familiar ring to it, it's not by happenstance. Todd Graves, founder of the Raising Canes "One Love" chicken fast-food company, is reigning as the 56th king of the three-day party. His



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A full-page advertisement featuring a woman with blonde hair, wearing a vibrant red, off-the-shoulder jumpsuit with wide-leg trousers and a long, flowing drape over her left shoulder. She is standing on a concrete ledge, looking off to the side. The background is a clear blue sky with some light clouds. The text 'ANTONIO MELANI' is positioned in the upper left, and 'Dillard's The Style of Your Life.' is below it. At the bottom left, the product name and price are listed.

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