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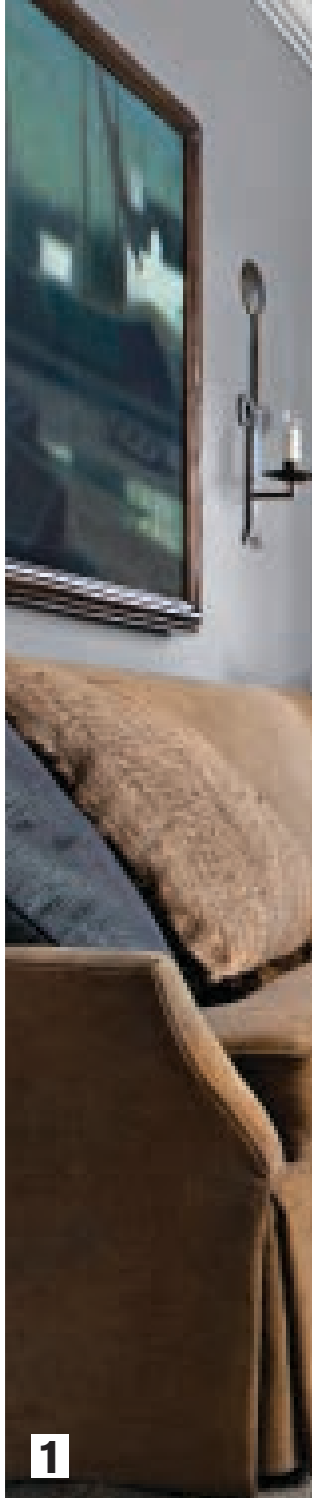
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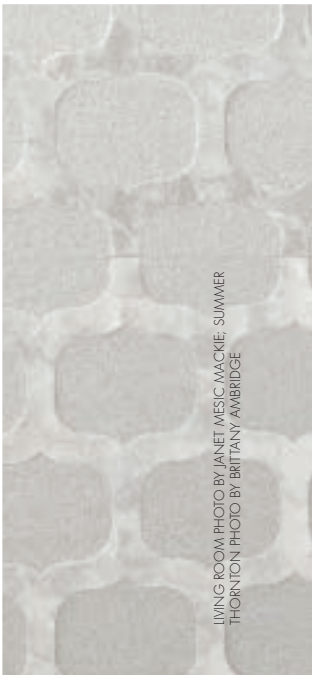
# BEST OF DESIGN

Chicago is known around the world for its architecture and design, so choosing the “best” of our city was a daunting task. How did we do it? With your help! Thank you for your submissions, nominations and, most of all, your excitement. Here they are: the top design talents in Chicago this year, as chosen by you.

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LIVING ROOM PHOTO BY JANET MESC. WACKIE - SUMMER  
THORNTON PHOTO BY BRITTANY AMBRIDGE



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**1. AT HOME**

A living room by Michael Del Piero, reader's choice for best interior designer

**2. OUT & ABOUT**

The grand marble staircase of the Chicago Athletic Association Hotel, winner of best hotel design

**3. PRODUCTS & PIECES**

Starlit Lattice in natural pearl, a new design from best wallcovering winner, Maya Romanoff

**4. BEST IN BIZ**

Summer Thornton, this year's best transitional designer





SOAK IT IN Pattern, color, and old and new elements unite in this daring bathroom design.

**/ BEST TRANSITIONAL DESIGNER: SUMMER THORNTON /**

Her client wanted something editorial and daring—a space where she could escape with a long soak and feel like she was in a different world. Summer Thornton delivered with a mix of new interpretations on something historic, such as the metallic-backed floral wallpaper, traditional moldings and clawfoot tub, and graphic-patterned painted floor. Says Thornton, “The all-white bathroom, while nice, has been done thousands of times. For me, this was a great example of taking traditional design and giving it a twist.” The end result is dramatic, bold and “suits her client’s sexy and vibrant personality perfectly,” says Thornton. 826 W. Armitage Ave., Ste. 3, 773.360.8442, [summerthorntondesign.com](http://summerthorntondesign.com)



FINE DINING Eva Quateman’s style masterfully combines traditional elements with a modern sensibility.

**/ BEST TRADITIONAL DESIGNER: EVA QUATEMAN /**

While we would argue her style is more timeless than anything, we couldn’t agree more with your nomination of Eva Quateman for her design sensibility, knowledge and professionalism. Her eponymous firm handles everything from choosing furnishings to construction, as it did for the renovation of this apartment in Streeterville. The client was moving from a large home in Evanston and wanted as much light and usable space as possible. Quateman is known for squeezing every inch out of vintage apartments, and she did just that by reworking the existing layout. The result is a sleek, sophisticated space—the “grown-up apartment” for which her client was looking. 220 W. Huron St., 312.255.8800, [evaquateman.com](http://evaquateman.com)

READERS’ CHOICE