

CELEB

SOARING AHEAD

102 *Downton Abbey's* Michelle Dockery discusses her English upbringing, her love of the theater and her transition from Lady Mary to her role in the new thriller *Non-Stop*.

FASHION

ART & MUSING

108 Fashion or art? Model or muse? We set the season's eccentric ready-to-wear among artist Hunt Slonem's colorful works.

FROM THE TOP

118 Ultrachic pieces from Saint Laurent, Dior, Missoni and more round out our curated selection of spring's top looks.

FASHION & HOME DESIGN

STYLISH SUCCESSORS

128 Italian fashion scions James Ferragamo and Margherita Missoni talk family, spring/summer trends, Florence and Milan essentials, and other faves.

STYLE & THE CITY

132 Chicago trendsetters reveal their fashion and decor must-haves for spring.

THE HOT LIST

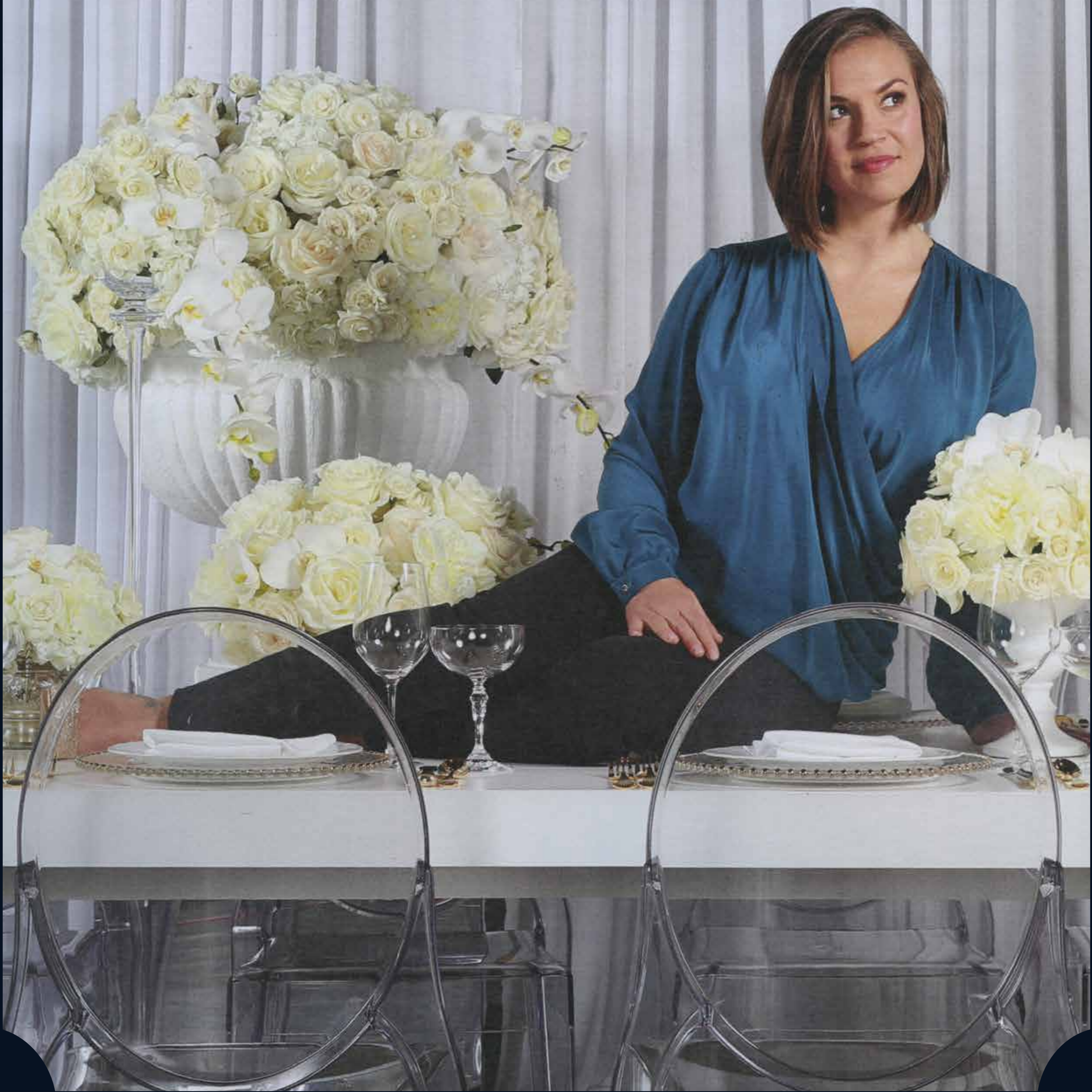
138 Hit the defrost button with Coburn, Thornton and other heavies who are heating up the design industry.



PARTY
Event designer Jess
Griffin at HMR Desi

IN BLOOM

Jessica Griffin's green thumb and eye for design are put to the test daily at HMR Designs' showroom and events.



Jessica Griffin

FLOWER GIRL

Jessica Griffin truly stops and smells the roses. The event designer for HMR Designs began her career in the floral business—her passion for which was first cultivated in high school while working at a flower shop in Dearborn, Mich. “I love to make parties look pretty, even the simplest of gatherings,” says the 33-year-old. “There’s just something about a well-set table that makes me happy.” After studying interior design, she realized the event industry was a perfect marriage of her love of blooms and beautiful spaces, and, this year, she’s spearheading a green initiative for HMR (hmrdesigns.com) that will decrease its environmental footprint through recycling and composting. “My personal style is simple and classic,” says Griffin. “I like texture and patterns, and am not afraid of color.” She believes in quality over quantity when it comes to accessories, such as wearing a simple pair of diamond studs every day. Likewise, she’s a proponent of editing when it comes to designing events, and she sets out to complement a venue’s inherent style, not compete with it. “Chicago is a city rich in history, and I love that I’m able to design for so many spaces that have such architectural integrity,” she says. “My goal is to feel like the elements we bring in could permanently exist in the space.”



Griffin's Picks

1. Bathroom candle in Marine, \$60, by Lafo at Elements Chicago, 312.642.6574
2. Wool-blend trench coat, \$178, by Vince Camuto at Nordstrom, 312.464.1515
3. Diamond stud earrings in platinum, from \$1,125, at Tiffany & Co., 312.944.7500
4. "Hedgerow," oil on panel (24 by 12 inches), price upon request, at maryflack.com
5. Limited-Edition Home Collection Orange Flower Scent Surround diffuser, \$85, by Michael Angrove for Jo Malone London at Saks Fifth Avenue and Neiman Marcus stores (available in April)
6. Yardley flat in Camellia Pink, \$265, at Tory Burch, 312.280.0010

