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# STYLE EAUTY

# BEST SHOP FOR SURF-**INSPIRED SPORTSWEAR**

#### **SALVAGE PUBLIC**

The brainchild of Joseph Serrao, Nāpali Souza and Noah Serrao, Salvage Public takes a modernized spin on sportswear, celebrating "Hawaiian culture, history and style," the founders say. "In our details is an attentiveness to Honolulu's connection to the wider world, to a city where people are forever coming and going as they crisscross the Pacific." Its autumn/winter 2021 collection releases in September. 1170 Auahi St., Honolulu, salvagepublic.com

#### **BEST SKINCARE** SOURCED FROM NATURE **OLA TROPICAL APOTHECARY**

Local sourcing, small-batch, handmade products, high-quality ingredients, no harmful chemicals— Ola Tropical Apothecary hits all the natural skincare highlights. Taking cues from Hawaiian healing traditions, favorite products include the coconut deep sea mist and Mana moisturizer. 195 Waikahe Road, Hilo, hawaiianbodyproducts.com

# BEST BOUTIQUE **CELEBRATING MAKERS**

#### THE MONARCH COLLECTIVE

In this collective, find more than 25 Hawai'i artists, makers and designers in a thoughtful, curated environment. "The Monarch Collective, named after the butterfly and representing transformation, is a living, breathing and ever-evolving entity," say founders Perri Ricci and Nickoel Martyn. 3682 Baldwin Ave., Makawao, monarchcollectivemaui.com

# **BEST FINE JEWELRY** FOR METEORIC SPARKLE

**SHEINFELD RODRIGUEZ** Based on the Big Island of Hawai'i,

contemporary design studio Sheinfeld Rodriguez molds precious metals into wearable statements on style, using both innovative 3D printing technology and traditional artisanal techniques. "Authentically inspired

by ever-shifting terrain and dramatic waterscapes, [our] jewelry designs are realized by the amalgamation of material elements and avant-garde innovation," says designer Daniel Sheinfeld. sheinfeldrodriguez.com

# **BEST SWIMWEAR WITH ECO-CONSCIOUS STYLE**

**TOAST SWIM** 

Made from recycled materials and looking to Mother Earth for guidance, conscious brand Toast Swim serves serious beach style. From classic scoop cuts and bandeau tops to trendy one-shoulder designs

The Roca ring in silver, gold, rose and black from Sheinfeld Rodriguez's Ore collection.

brand's designs are beautiful in their simplicity. toastswim.com

## **BEST HERO PRODUCT** FOR A GODDESS GLOW **KŪLIA SKINCARE**

and ultrahigh-cut bottoms, the

"I create skincare products that make an impact on skin and the planet, powered by pure, timehonored plant ingredients and the transformative power of crystals,"

says Jasmine Keeney, founder of Kūlia Skincare. With two perfected formulas to enhance your natural glow, Kūlia's regenerative face serum and revitalizing eye serum are your new go-tos. kuliaskincare.com

# **BEST SHOP FOR** MODERN ALOHA **ROBERTA OAKS**

Inspired by retro, midcentury Hawai'i, Roberta Oaks' aloha shirts

From top: Acacia

Kids Rowe dress;

Kūlia Skincare's regenerative

face serum and revitalizing eye serum brighten the skin; Roberta

Oaks aloha shirt in

Monstera print.

take a modern approach to nostalgia. Up next, the brand debuts new print collections for its small-batch, collectible designs. 1152 Nuuanu Ave., Honolulu, robertaoaks.com

# **BEST BRAND FOR** DRESSING YOUR KEIKI

**ACACIA KIDS** 

From favorite Maui swimwear brand Acacia comes childrenswear for your mini. Among the Acacia Kids collection, spot easy-breezy clothing and swim for both boys and girls. Top picks include the Oliver organic jumpsuit, Daisy dress and unisex Lanakai swim tops. acacia.co

#### BEST SOURCE FOR **RUNWAY LOOKS LUXURY ROW**

Hawai'i's home to iconic fashion houses like Chanel, Gucci, Miu Miu and Saint Laurent, Luxury Row is a fashion-lover's mecca. Discover the latest from Paris and Milan at this collection of highend boutiques. 2100 Kalakaua Ave., Honolulu, luxuryrow.com



# **BEST DESIGNER** MAKING WAVES

#### **MATT BRUENING**

"Style to me is a personal identity choice that you want to convey," says designer Matt Bruening. Through his eponymous fashion label, he personifies that objective. mattbruening.com

What is the Matt Bruening aesthetic? It's very much a relaxed yet polished vibe. ... I want people to look and feel

good without compromising comfort. I truly believe fashion and comfort can coexist.

#### How do your pieces represent Hawaiʻi through a modern

lens? As a native Hawaiian, our ancestors were made up of a lot of makers and creatives. I think it's my innate and personal obligation to carry on that legacy and to keep creating. ... My past is definitely full for the future of all Hawaiians creating in all forms of media.



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#### **BEST MINIMALIST** DECOR FOR A SERENE SANCTUARY

#### **WALKER WARNER ARCHITECTS**

Walker Warner Architects has made a name for itself based on its serene, minimal aesthetic that looks to nature for inspiration. "To us, good design is livable, adaptable, appealing and well-crafted with well-chosen materials," says principal Greg Warner. "The buildings have to endure both physically and aesthetically." walkerwarner.com

# BEST SHOWROOM TO MAKE A HOUSE A HOME

# PLACE.

Curated by the Philpotts design team, Place. is a wealth of art, furnishings, lighting, decor and textiles. Source brands like Baker, Selamat and Fermob, as well as Hawaiʻi creatives, including Pawehi Creations and Kamran Samimi. 54 S. School St., Honolulu, placehawaii.com

#### BEST FURNITURE FOR LIFE ALFRESCO

#### **PACIFIC HOME**

Outfit your lanai with the latest in outdoor furnishings, decor and accessories from Pacific Home. Its handselected offerings range from contemporary to traditional and are always high on design. 221 Lalo St., Kahului, pacific-home.com

#### **BEST ARCHITECT** MARRYING NATURE AND DESIGN

#### **DE REUS ARCHITECTS**

Eschewing the mundane, Waimeabased de Reus Architects looks

to the wonders of nature to inform design, material and aesthetic choices. Says principal and owner Mark de Reus, "Each project is personal. Our spaces are harmonious, composed with respect for proportion, scale and beauty." 65-1291 Kawaihae Road, Ste 105, Waimea, dereusarchitects.com

#### **BEST REAL ESTATE** WITH A VIEW

#### **MAUNA'OLU ESTATES**

Consider Tiare Lando and her Legacy Living Team, brokered by eXp Realty, your inside source for Mauna'olu Estates, a recently unveiled private enclave of luxury homes with jawdropping views on the west side of Oʻahu. Get in on the ground floor before these real estate masterpieces are all snapped up. legacylivingnow.com

ESIGN

#### BEST ONE-OF-A-KIND HOME OFFERING

#### **62-3704 KIEKIENA** PLACE, KAMUELA

This \$15.8 million estate is the definition of island luxury. In its more than 8,000 interior square feet are four bedrooms, five bathrooms and two half-baths, as well as garden showers in each room, an eat-in chef's kitchen and a third-floor viewing area with mountain and ocean views. The exterior's 2,750 square feet features an infinity-edge pool, a sandy beach area and more. corcoranpacific.com

# **BEST SHOP BRINGING NATURE IN**

# **MARI'S URBAN GARDEN**

Daughter of a landscape contractor and nursery owner, Mariko Lau uncovered her passion for plants while living in San Francisco. Since her return to Hawai'i, she's expanded her family business with Mari's Urban Garden. With new plants and planters arriving regularly, including rare species, this oasis of green will soon carry produce grown on Lau's family farm and offer farm-to-table-style carryout. 725 Kapiolani Blvd., Ste. C-119, Honolulu, maris-urbangarden.com

**BEST HOME AWAY** FROM HOME

#### **HAPUNA BEACH** RESIDENCES

Live in the lap of second home luxury at Mauna Kea Residences' newly completed Hapuna Beach Residences. Your staycation escape awaits at one of the contemporarydesigned residences, with up to four bedrooms, draped in island-influenced decor and dripping in luxe amenities. 62-100 Kauna'oa Drive, Waimea. maunakearesidences.com

From left: Custom sewn and

dyed bedding from Citron & Date's

spring/summer 2021 collection; Paiko's shop at Our Kaka'ako; the recently finished Hapuna Beach Residences at Mauna Kea Residences.

#### BEST BOTANICALS FOR A RAY OF SUNSHINE PAIKO

At the center of Our Kaka'ako is a verdant wonderland. Paiko's artistic floral designs are all made with locally sourced flora and fauna.

Plus, it offers potting services, make-your-own bouquets, private workshops, floral subscriptions and Paiko Home, through which its floral experts decorate your home with everyday botanicals. 675 Auahi St., Ste. 127, Honolulu, paikohawaii.com

#### BEST BEDROOM DRESSINGS FOR A DREAMY ESCAPE

# CITRON & DATE

Combining hygge aesthetics with a tropical mentality, Citron & Date set out to revolutionize bedding, towels and loungewear through its 100% Hawaiian-made linen creations. Within its handmade and handsewn offerings are sheet and duvet sets, shams, robes and more; plus, soon-to-come nursery and children's bedding, custom wood furnishings and stoneware dishes. citron-date.myshopify.com

BEST COLLECTED INTERIORS FOR MAXIMUM APPEAL

# STUDIO PALOMINO

Coast studio to Hawai'i, interior designer Barbie Palomino brings her signature panache to the islands. First on her list: a complete renovation of her Big Island home—bought sight unseen. studio-palomino.com

Having recently moved her West

How has Hawai'i influenced your work? I'm incorporating more 'tropical' touches—rattan,

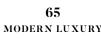
jute, native woods, etc.

Can you put a name to your aesthetic? Collected eclectic

You've completed renovations on your home in Captain Cook. Tell us about it! We are so grateful to have found our dream home overlooking Kealakekua Bay, waking up to roosters, with our young daughter growing up in paradise. The main house hadn't been updated since the '90s, so I was, of course, very eager to put my stamp on it.









#### **BEST MICHELIN-LEVEL FINE DINING**

#### **PARIS.HAWAII**

Chef Yuya Yamanaka's Paris.Hawaii has been a megahit since opening day. Its impeccable dishes are sourced from the islands and prepared using classic French techniques, with standouts including lava rock oysters with paprika puree and Molokai venison with risotto. 413 Seaside Ave., Ste. 2F, Honolulu, paris-hawaii.us

BEST HAVEN FOR **VEGAN FOODIES** 

#### **RAISED BY THE WAVES**

Inspired by the cafes they traversed worldwide during their modeling and photography careers, Malia Murphey and Brooke Berry opened vegan spot Raised by the Waves. Now the 100% plastic-free, plant-based cafe is known for its raw seed cheese plate and spicy beet poke bowl. 56-565 Kamehameha Highway, Ste. B9, Kahuku, raisedbythewaves.com

#### BEST SPOT FOR SUNSET COCKTAILS **SWELL RESTAURANT**

AND POOL BAR Sip on cocktail concoctions as the sun sets at this alfresco hot spot. The Cabana Boy with tequila, Aperol, coconut water, fresh lime and grapefruit is as refreshing as Swell Restaurant and Pool Bar is buzzy. 2490 Kalakaua Ave., Honolulu, alohilaniresort.com/dining

# **BEST DINNER** AND A SHOW

#### SENIA

Senia's exclusive eight-seat chef's counter is an ode to culinary mastery. Although closed during the pandemic, the tasting menu, headed by chef Anthony Rush, who opened the restaurant with wife and partner Katherine Nomura, is a highly technical, multicourse, "gastronomic journey" of beautifully

composed, thoughtful dishes. 75 N. King St., Honolulu, restaurantsenia.com

## **BEST CHEF SERVING SCRUMPTIOUS DESSERTS**

# MICHELLE KARR-UEOKA

Chef at MW Restaurant and Artizen by MW, alongside her husband, chef Wade Ueoka, Michelle Karr-Ueoka knows her way around pastries. Her favorite dessert is born of nostalgia. MW Grandma's Cookies were created based on Karr-Ueoka's memories of baking oatmeal raisin cookies with her grandmother every Christmas. 888 Kapi'olani Blvd., Ste. 201, Honolulu, mwrestaurant.com

**BEST TASTE OF** THE ISLANDS BANÁN

Banán is the ideal blend of smoothie bowl and frozen yogurt, made from Hawaiian-grown bananas. On its dairyfree menu, try the original banana Banán topped with granola, dark chocolate, coconut, macadamia nut butter and honey. 609 Kailua Road, Kailua, banan.co

#### BEST CLASSIC HAWAI'I MENU **MERRIMAN'S**

Longtime favorite Merriman's is a beacon for Hawai'i regional cuisine with menu items like ahi ginger poke, Kalua pig and a signature mai tai with honey-lilikoi foam.

Most recently the dining institution has opened a new location in Honolulu with an expanded lanai area coming this summer. 1108 Auahi St., Honolulu merrimanshawaii.com

#### **BEST NIGHT OUT** FOR A SPLURGE **HY'S STEAK HOUSE**

This classic steakhouse

has been serving up mammoth cuts of meat for more than 40 years. Don't miss the dry-aged bone-in 24-ounce ribeye; its rich marbling provides for a succulent, tender dining experience. 2440 Kūhiō Ave., Honolulu, hyswaikiki.com

#### **BEST MIDDAY** PICK-ME-UP **ARVO**

This hip, instagrammable cafe keeps it focus on health-filled cafe favorites and brunch, with top picks including the charcoal latte and halloumi burger. There is a premium placed on the homemade here, with the eggs organic, syrups made in-house and ricotta made fresh daily. 324 Coral St., Honolulu, arvocafe.com

# BEST FOODIE TASTING MENU

MUGEN Combining French and Japanese influences, Mugen's tasting menu is a work of art. Chef Jason Yamaguchi's seasonal menu is centered on local fruits, vegetables and herbs, many of which are grown

exclusively for the restaurant by Yogarden. Expect rare, sought-after ingredients prepared to masterful effect at this Oʻahu gem. 2452 Kalakaua Ave., Honolulu, mugenwaikiki.com

#### **BEST SOURCE** FOR WINE RECS **ISLAND VINTAGE**

**WINE BAR** 

At the intersection of wine and farm-totable fare is Island Vintage Wine Bar. Sample from Provençal rosés, Spanish riojas, Italian chiantis and Napa Valley merlots as you tuck into poke, tartare and burgers from its well-rounded menu. 2301 Kalakaua Ave., Honolulu, islandvintagewinebar.com





Clockwise from top left: Et al. opened in late 2020; Merriman's new location on Oʻahu; Sasanian Osetra caviar from French Japanese restaurant Mugen; Banán serves up frozen blended bananas a la soft servewith all the yummy toppings.

# et al.'s Keoni Chang gives us the scoop from inside the kitchen. 4210 Waialae Ave., Ste. 401, Honolulu, etalhawaii.com What's the philosophy behind

et al.'s food and drinks? We developed a menu that wasn't the typical Pacific Rim cuisine but instead celebrated local ingredients and reflected contemporary food styles that you see in other foodcentric cities around the world.

**BEST NEWCOMER** 

Freshly arrived at Kahala MKT.

darling of the food scene. Here,

by Foodland, et al. is the new

**BUILDING BUZZ** 

ET AL.

What can diners expect at the restaurant? We hope they'll immediately forget about the woes of the day and get excited about being pampered.

Do you have a favorite dish? The menu is casual but thoughtfully selected... the kind of menu you want to come back for often because it's delicious but not overly complicated. [Some] of my personal favorites are the mushroom risotto and our Pier 38 fresh catch, which features our local catch of the day served on a crispy rice cake with nishime vegetables and a light dashi broth.



# ENTERTAINME

# **BEST CONCERT SUNG** FROM THE RAFTERS

#### MAUI ARTS & **CULTURAL CENTER**

Currently offering streaming shows, Maui Arts & Cultural Center has been a home for the arts for more than 25 years. Past performances have included the annual Maui 'Ukulele Festival and Ki Hoʻalu Guitar Festival, as well as appearances by superstars like Elton John. 1 Cameron Way, Kahului, mauiarts.org

## **BEST ARTIST CAPTURING** MODERN FEMININITY

#### MARGARET RICE

Celebrating the female form, Kailuaborn artist Margaret Rice has an undeniable signature style. "I embrace the lush colors, textures and moods that I have long been surrounded by and translate it into my own language of soft, muted hues and comforting tones—not to mention the way I love to capture a gorgeous lounging lady," she says. "Through my art and illustrations, I try and bring to life my heart's inspiration on paper." margaretricestudio.com

# BEST PROGRAMS FOR **BUDDING CREATIVES**

#### **HUI NO'EAU VISUAL ARTS CENTER**

Community-based arts and education center Hui No'eau provides programs and workshops for creatives of all ages. The youth summer camp is a perennial favorite, with the four weeks culminating in an exhibit of the young artists' works. Through July 23, the center presents 'Apo A Noʻeau: A Celebration of Hawaiian Craftsmanship, a showcase of traditional Hawaiian arts through materials like lauhala, kapa, 'ohe kapala and more. 2841 Baldwin Ave., Makawao, huinoeau.com

#### **BEST GALLERY CHAMPIONING** LOCAL VOICES

#### **GALLERY OLANI**

"Local artists celebrating local culture is our motto," says Gallery Olani founder Andy Cabrera. The oil painter and copper sculptor's works hang next to 25 Hawai'i artists' creations, which are exclusive to the Oʻahu gallery. "The best art is jaw-dropping art," he says. "I have seen hundreds of customers come up to our gallery windows in a complete daze and literally their jaws are dropping." 92-1480 Olani St., Kapolei, galleryolani.com

**BEST ALFRESCO** ARTS EXPERIENCE

#### SHINNYO LANTERN FLOATING HAWAI'I

The scene at Shinnyo Lantern Floating Hawai'i is one of pure majesty as 7,000 candle-lit lanterns painted with remembrances, prayers and affirmations set sail at Ala Moana Beach each Memorial Day. Officiated by Buddhist community Shinnyo-en and presented by Nā Lei Aloha Foundation, the lantern floating has been on hold during the pandemic with hopes that the tradition will soon return. While we wait, virtual options are available. lanternfloatinghawaii.com

#### **BEST ART THROUGH** MOVEMENT

#### **BALLET HAWAII**

With high hopes, Ballet Hawaii will return for its annual holiday showcase (Dec. 17 to 19). Hawaiian-inspired *The* Nutcracker features music from the Hawai'i Symphony Orchestra as ballerinas jete and pirouette across the winter wonderland. Neal S. Blaisdell Concert Hall, 777 Ward Ave., Honolulu, ballethawaii.org

#### **BEST MUSEUM** MAKING AN IMPACT **HONOLULU MUSEUM**

# OF ART This arts institution welcomes the entrance into a "new" normal with Joyful Return (through Jan. 16, 2022), a community-

driven, museumwide exhibition that celebrates the resurgence of personal connections, conversations and art. Other

current showings include Hokusai's Mount Fuji (through September), Kamran Samimi: In Stillness (through Aug. 15) and more. 900 S. Beretania St., Honolulu, honolulumuseum.org

BEST FESTIVAL BREAKING BOUNDARIES

#### HAWAI'I INTERNATIONAL **FILM FESTIVAL**

Presented by Halekulani, Hawai'i International Film Festival is the premier showing of contemporary cinema and emerging talents from Asia and the Pacific Islands. Each November the festival presents screenings, educational programs, panels and more, with past guests including Taika Waititi, Elisabeth Moss and Randall Park. hiff.org



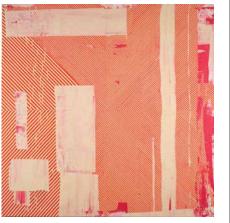
# **BEST ARTIST MAKING A STATEMENT**

#### **KALANI LARGUSA**

Raised in Kapahi on Kaua'i, Kalani Largusa uses his canvas to showcase his experiences as a Hawai'i artist. Here, he gives a glimpse into his process. kalanilargusa.com

"My work examines a sense of time in terms of the pace of the painting process, the time inherent in contemplation and often, through the use of the symbolic mark of the 'x,' my proximity to it all. If my paintings are indeed an artifact of time, then these works are intensely self-referential. ... As a gestural action the mark is proof of my being-proof that I exist. Always searching, the paintings evolve as I evolve in time, perpetually gauging my position in relation to what was before, who I am and am becoming."







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