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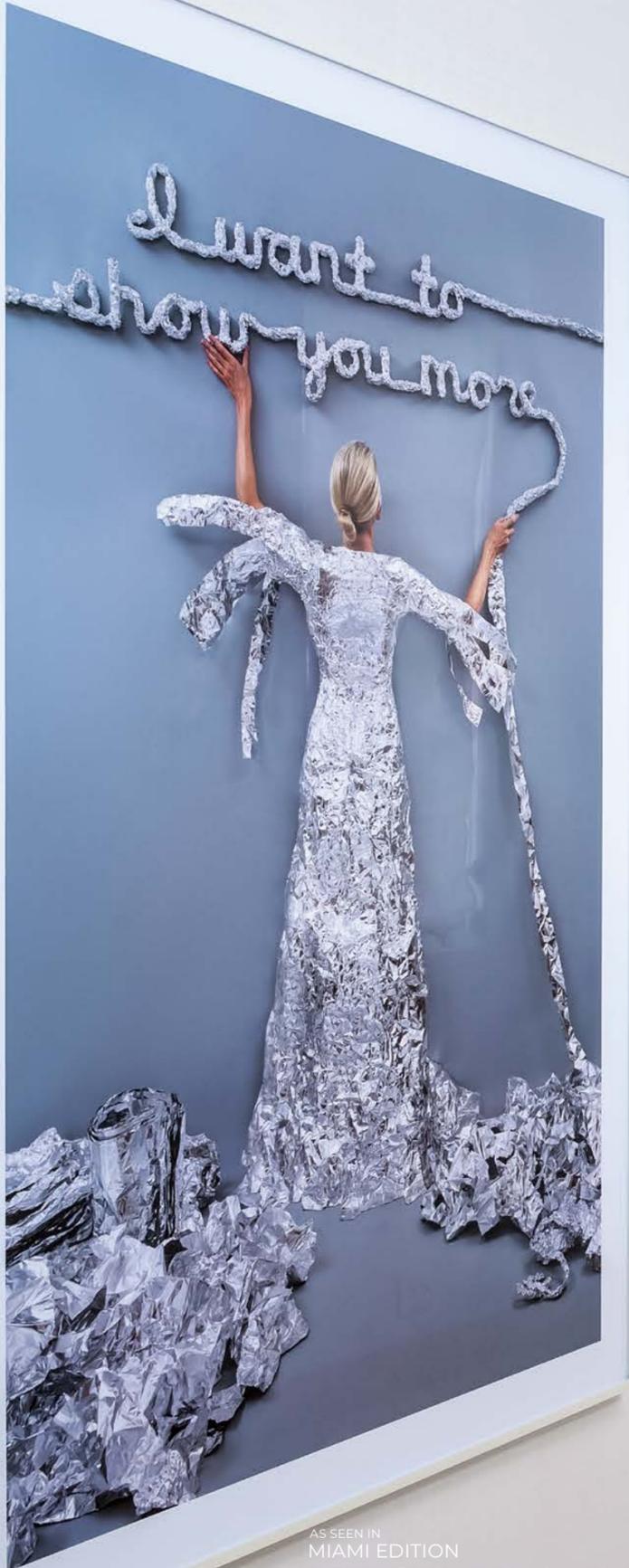
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SITUATED OFF THE SHORES OF MIAMI, FISHER ISLAND IS A PRIVATE TROPICAL PARADISE WHERE ORGANIC ELEMENTS NATURALLY BLEND WITH MODERN DESIGN TO CREATE A COZY, COASTAL RETREAT WITH A BIRD'S-EYE VIEW



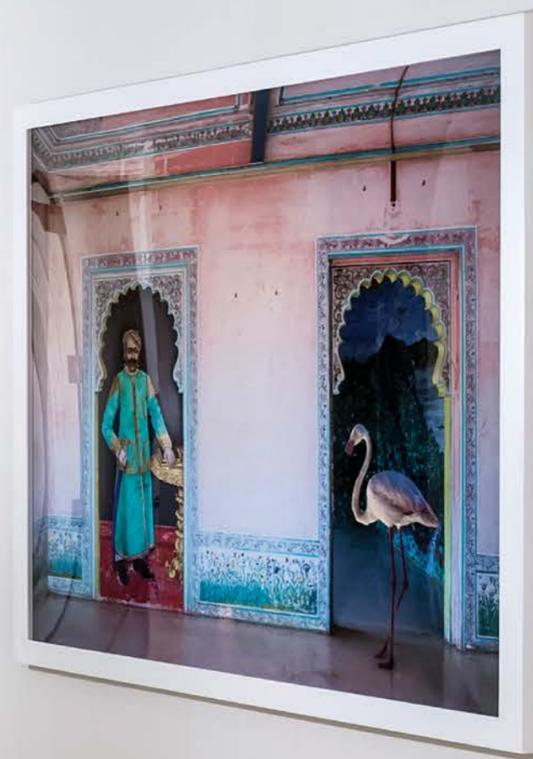
THOMAS JAYNE

"Our goal was to capture the dual views of the Atlantic Ocean and downtown Miami, while reflecting our clients and their love of birds to create a real sense of place."



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A trio of aluminum performance photographs by conceptual artist Rachel Perry Welty leads the way through the gallery-like hallway past artist Karen Knorr's *The End of the Hunt, Bara Mahal, Udaipur* from Danziger Gallery.



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JAYNE DESIGN STUDIO, NEW YORK, NY
DESIGN BUILD JAMES WOODBURN,
HANDCRAFT WOODWORKING, DEERFIELD BEACH, FL
TEXT MARY THURMAN YUHAS
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SOLVING THE CLASSIC CONUNDRUM of creating a beachy feel while balancing the spectacular views of the Atlantic Ocean and Miami's cityscape was the challenge noted author and interior designer Thomas Jayne faced. Originally a small project, it quickly blossomed into a full renovation with nearly everything in the 3,000-square-foot condo being custom designed. "We've worked with Thomas for years, and he is so incredibly well trained," the homeowner says. "He has an innate sense of space, color and design."

Working in tandem with lead senior designer, Egan Seward, the duo created a contemporary style that is hard to date to any particular time or place. Old World references such as limestone flooring that runs throughout pairs with a beachy color scheme reminiscent of wet sand, softly emanating a sense of place.

ABOVE: American painter Hunt Slonem created the "Finches" wallcovering for Lee Jofa that wraps the powder room and provides the quintessential backdrop for the colorful, painted-on-glass bird collection from ABC Carpet & Home.

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One of the highlights of the home is the large chalkboard in the main living area — a “must have” requested by the client. A chalk artist renders it around four times a year. “It always has a message on it,” the homeowner says.

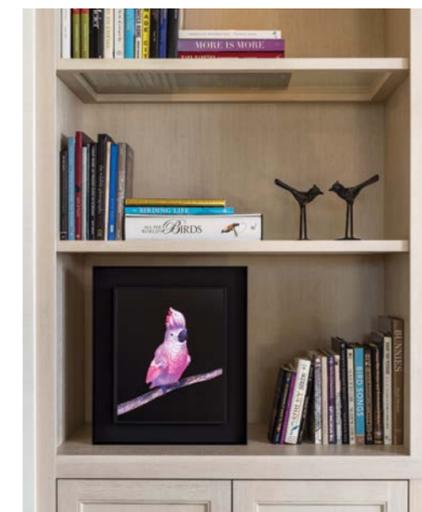
In the private sitting area, a free-floating white tutu by artist Ewa Bathelier symbolically pairs with craft artist Donna Rosenthal’s mixed media piece, *Marches to Her Own Tune*, from the Jean Albano Gallery.



The owners wanted the art in their island home to be fun and airy. From the start, lighting added to the long hallway makes for an ideal gallery-like space. “I have learned that every great room has an object of art. It doesn’t have to be expensive, but there is something about having the humanity of a work of art in a room that is transportive,” Jayne says. In this home, it’s all about the birds.

After William K. Vanderbilt II bought Fisher Island in the 1920s, he imported parrots and other rare birds. Vanderbilt’s legacy, Fisher Island Aviary Park continues to adopt, rescue and rehab over 15 species of exotic birds. As a nod to the 216-acre island’s history, the couple displays bird sculptures all about the home.

Designed in a classic seating style, the open dining and living area feels just right whether the convivial space is occupied by one or a generous group of guests. Painted white pine boards line the ceiling to delineate the space without calling attention to itself. Relatively simple but inviting, pale-blue armchairs and a linen-covered sofa set the tone in the living area. “Different textures add body to a room,” the designer says. “In the dining area, we have not one but two lacquered tables based in a gilt bronze, wicker chairs, stone flooring, and a driftwood-like chandelier that pays homage to nature.”



RIGHT: Created by Rachel Perry Welty, the fun, aluminum foil text, "Is it me you looking for?" adds a whimsical touch in the media area. Overlooking the kitchen, *Bunnies* rendered in almost childlike contour lines by artist Hunt Slonem has become one of the artist's most famous symbols of innocence and nature.

BELOW: Formed of steel, the custom Parson's dining table from York Street Studio runs the expanse of the terrace to accommodate family and friends seated in Kreiss chairs cushioned in comfort to take in both the seascape and cityscape beyond. "The ocean is black in the evening, allowing the energy of downtown Miami to light up the shoreline," interior designer Thomas Jayne says.



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Private spaces were not neglected. As a child, the wife was a ballerina. When the couple discovered a charming painting of a tutu, the homeowners felt it was perfect to center above the linen-clad sofa in the master suite's sitting area. Separating the space from the bed chamber, display shelving houses the personal collection of birds and books the homeowners have collected over the years.

Intimate and cozy, the media area provides the couple a perfect spot to enjoy their morning coffee while watching the news. Rattan barstools cushioned in taupe continue the island vibe in the kitchen. "I love the house. There are no extra rooms that we don't use," the homeowner says.

On the terrace, the dining ensemble is situated to take advantage of the fabulous views. "The greatest thing about this home is it is tied to the island's natural history through the couple's love of birds," Jayne says. "The creative mix of avine accents with island living resulted in the perfect nexus between the air and the sea."

SOURCES

HALLWAY AND POWDER ROOM

Hallway artwork - Owners' Collection
Powder room wallcovering - Lee Jofa, D&D, New York, NY
Glass-painted bird artwork - ABC Carpet & Home, New York, NY

DINING AREA

Tables and chandelier - Paul Ferrante, Los Angeles, CA
Chairs - Bielecky Brothers, Inc., D&D Building, New York, NY

LIVING AREA

Sofas and armchairs - J&P Upholstery, Long Island City, NY
Sofa fabric - Rogers & Goffigon, D&D Building, New York, NY
Armchairs fabric - Maharam, D&D Building, New York, NY
Cocktail table - Metal Dimensions, Brooklyn, NY

Occasional tables - Daniel Scuderi, Long Island City, NY

Table lamps, accent table and chalkboard with flamingo art - Owners' Collection

Drapery fabric - Coraggio Textiles, D&D Building, New York, NY

MASTER SUITE SITTING AREA

Sofa and lounge chairs - J&P Upholstery, Long Island City, NY

Sofa fabric - Zoffany, D&D Building, New York, NY

Lounge chair fabric - Dessin Founir, Fine Arts Building, New York, NY

Cocktail table and occasional tables - Patrick Moultny, Miami, FL

Reading floor lamps - Circa Lighting, New York, NY

Tutu art and floor sculpture - Owners' Collection

Drapery fabric - F. Schumacher, D&D Building, New York, NY

Carpet - Mitchell Denburg Collection, New York, NY

KITCHEN AND BREAKFAST AREA

Dining table and centerpiece accessories - Owners' Collection

Side chairs - Bielecky Brothers, Inc., D&D Building, New York, NY

MEDIA AREA

Sofa and armchair - Jonas Upholstery, New York, NY

Fabric - Cowtan & Tout, D&D Building, New York, NY

Cocktail table - Metal Dimensions, Brooklyn, NY

Round occasional table, artwork and TV - Owners' Collection

BALCONY

Dining table - York Street Studio, New Milford, CT

Side chairs - Kreiss, West Hollywood, CA

Candleholders - Owners' Collection