

STYLE FILE

IKE BEHAR PERSONAL APPEARANCE

Behar shows his 2009 collection of tailored dress shirts. He also shows his latest line, Havana 32, inspired by vintage prints and his homeland of Cuba. RSVP recommended. **May 2.** 4PM. At *Morris & Sons*, 557 W. Polk St., 3rd fl., 312.243.5635 or morrissandsons.com.

RALPH RUCCI PERSONAL APPEARANCE

The American designer presents the Chado fall 2009 collection. **May 6.** 12PM to 3PM. At *Neiman Marcus*, 737 N. Michigan Ave., 312.642.5900 ext. 2224 or neimanmarcus.com.

JILL ALBERTS' MOTHER'S DAY SALE

Take 20 percent off of all jewelry in the store, from lockets to vintage inspired pieces. Appointment required. **May 7-9.** At *Jill Alberts*, 469 Roger Williams Dr., Highland Park, 847.681.1630 or jillalberts.com.

ANDREA MARSHALL TRUNK SHOW

Local designer Marshall showcases her collection of handmade jewelry. **May 9.** 1PM to 5PM. At *Bloomingtondale's*, 900 N. Michigan Ave., 312.440.4488 or bloomingtondales.com.

ANDRÉ LAUG TRUNK SHOW

Shop the French designer's fall 2009 collection. Informal modeling takes place Tuesday from noon to 3PM. **May 11-12.** At *Saks Fifth Avenue*, 700 N. Michigan Ave., 312.799.5230 or saks.com.

FASHION COLUMBIA SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON

Enjoy lunch with Columbia fashion students as they showcase their original creations. Proceeds benefit the Nena Ivon Scholarship Fund. **May 12.** 11:30AM to 1:30PM. Tickets \$175-\$250. At *Winter Garden at the Harold Washington Library*, 400 S. State St., 312.369.6600 or colum.edu/tickets.



SIMON PEARCE PERSONAL APPEARANCE

Renowned East Coast glass and pottery master Pearce shows his latest pieces. Receive 15 percent off of all Pearce designs. **May 14.** 2PM to 5PM. At *Sawbridge Studios*, 153 W. Ohio St., 312.828.0055 or sawbridge.com.

HALO FOR MEN AND NICHOLAS JOSEPH GRAND OPENING

Celebrate the newest location of Halo for Men and Nicholas Joseph Custom Tailors with complimentary drinks and appetizers from Bull & Bear. RSVP to events@zapwater.com. **May 14.** 4PM to 7PM. At *Halo for Men and Nicholas Joseph*, 70 W. Madison St., 312.606.4256 or halochicago.com.

ALISON VICTORIA COLLECTION

Alison Gramenos of Alison Victoria Interiors unveils her latest furniture collection. Twenty percent of all sales benefit CURE, Citizens United for Research in Epilepsy. **May 14.** 8PM. At *A New Leaf*, 1820 N. Wells St., 702.610.8813 or alisonvictoriainteriors.com.

NAEEM KHAN TRUNK SHOW

The designer, known for his intricate beadwork, presents his fall 2010 evening collection. **May 14-15.** 10AM to 5PM. At *Neiman Marcus Northbrook*, 5000 Northbrook Ct., 847.564.0300 ext. 2027 or neimanmarcus.com.

IT'S GREAT TO BE JAKE! STORE LAUNCH

Boutique Jake celebrates the opening of It's Great to be Jake!, its new store-within-a-store that offers men's and women's fashion between \$50 and \$250. Get a \$20 gift card when you spend \$100 or more. **May 15-17.** At *Jake*, 939 N. Rush St., 312.664.5553; 565 Lincoln Ave., Winnetka, 847.501.5253 or shopjake.com.

VALENTINO TRUNK SHOW

Shop the esteemed designer's fall 2009 collection, and enjoy informal modeling from noon to 3PM. **May 21.** At *Saks Fifth Avenue*, 700 N. Michigan Ave., 312.799.5230 or saks.com.

ASIAN STREET FASHION AND WEDDING CULTURE

A panel of local Asian American cultural and fashion experts discusses Asian street fashion and wedding trends. **May 21.** 5:30PM. At *Macy's on State Street*, 111 N. State St., 7th fl., 312.781.1000 or macys.com.

LORI FRANTZ-KOENIG PERSONAL APPEARANCE

Meet the Chicago designer and shop her latest jewelry collection. **May 22.** 10AM to 4PM. At *Bloomingtondale's*, 900 N. Michigan Ave., 312.440.4488 or bloomingtondales.com.

ANNE BARGE TRUNK SHOW

Shop the bridal designer's fall collection. Receive 10 percent off of your gown. Appointment required. **May 29-30.** At *Belle Vie Bridal Couture*, 34 E. Oak St., 312.751.2222 or belleviebridalcouture.com.

CORRECTION On page 122 of the April issue, *CS* incorrectly stated the date of Landmarks Illinois' Legendary Landmarks Gala, and printed the incorrect headline for the piece. The gala was held on March 7, and was not a 50th anniversary event. *CS* regrets the error.



Podi footwear.

We Get a Kick Out Of...

Chicago native Dave Curry was on the beach staring down at his Allen Iverson Reeboks that have zippers in lieu of laces when he had an epiphany—sneakers with interchangeable zip covers. From this idea stemmed his line Podi (“foot” in Greek). For \$129, Curry provides you the basic shoe (men’s or women’s), three covers of your choice (from jazzy patterns to simple colors) and a T-shirt, all tucked in a Podi backpack. With a background in commercial real estate, Curry wasn’t familiar with the fashion biz, but his entrepreneurial skills shine through with the various goings-on surrounding Podi, including “podistry,” in which Curry invites artists to submit hand-designed covers to the website. And this shoe is not the last invention you will see from the local entrepreneur. Up next: a line of boots, and maybe even clogs. Crocs, beware! podewear.com.
—Jetty-Jane Connor