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HotTICKETS



Lewis & Maese Auction Company Fall Auctions
When: Wednesdays, September 9 and September 23, 6:30 pm
Where: Lewis & Maese Auction Company, 2301 Sabine St.
Note: The September 9 auction presents couture accessories including handbags by Chanel, Judith Leiber, Ferragamo and Kieselstein-Cord, as well as baubles by museum-exhibited and Louvre-collected designer Iradj Moini. The September 23 auction features more than 150 lots of fine art and antiques,

representing 400 years of American, British, Mexican and European history, with works by Diego Rivera, Rufino Tamayo, Wassily Kandinsky, Marc Chagall, Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec, Henri Matisse, Thomas Gainsborough, Larry Bell and late Houston artist Charles Schorre.

Tariff: Gratis
Contact: 713.880.0891; lmauctionco.com

Brilliant Lecture Series Presents Russell Simmons
When: Saturday, September 19, 2:30 pm
Where: Arena Theatre
Note: Entertainment Russell Simmons; VIP ticket includes front orchestra seating and post-performance with Simmons
Tariff: \$20; VIP \$100
Contact: 713.974.1335; brilliantlectures.org

VIVA ITALIA

Buon giorno, Milano — the finer points of Italian design, fashion, travel, vehicles, cuisine,

wine and art come to Texas when the international exposition Italian Style opens at the George R. Brown Convention Center Friday Sunday, September 25 (through Sunday, September 27). The Italy America Chamber of Commerce presents the three-day ode to all things Italian, which benefits the youth-oriented nonprofit Prepared 4 Life. International architect Lauren Rottet's Houston office designed the exhibition layout. Recommended stops: Gremillion & Co. Fine Art's adroit abstractions by painter Nicola Parente; sleek rides by Ferrari, Lamborghini, Maserati, Ducati and Vespa; a space filled with the best of Italian design curated by Kuhl-Linscomb; a display of rare Beretta firearms; Casa Linea marble and mosaics; performances by Dominic Walsh Dance Theater; fashion from A. Taghi; and Gatto Cucine's cutting-edge kitchen furnishings. *Advance tickets \$10, at the door \$15; info@iacctexas.com; italianexpo.us.* Catherine D. Ansporn

HALL OF FAME

PAPERCITY IS TAKING NOTES ON THE CHICEST SARTORIALISTS IN THE CITY. FOLLOW US MONTHLY AS WE SNAP OUR FASHIONABLE FAVORITES.

LYNN WYATT

Favorite fashion flick? The '30s movies are so stylish. Especially the ones where Art Deco jewels are worn — the clips placed a certain way, or a brooch worn on a gorgeous evening gown or cocktail dress. That look is still glamorous today.

Amount of time pondering a single outfit? I always say, when in doubt, don't! But I'll spend endless hours, even days, contemplating buying an haute couture outfit. When I finally do decide on my choice, I'll wear it several times that year in different parts of the world, put it away for a couple of years, and then bring it out again. Fortunately, I have some golden oldies that I love and adore as much as when I bought them, and appreciate them even more in this economic downturn ...

Something stylish people have in common? Stylish people that I admire all seem to be doers; no one is idle. Also, they seem to have an inner eye that just clicks "the right thing," whether it's how they wear clothes or how they live in their homes ... Their graciousness and good manners breathe the style.



Clockwise from top left: Arend Couture Made to Measure, Chanel Made to Measure, Gianfranco Ferré Haute Couture

ARTNOTES

Asian Action: The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, looks East. Investigate a show that was 20 years in the making: "Arts of Ancient Viet Nam: From River Plain to Open Sea," curated by independent scholar Nancy Tingley and, in Houston, by the MFAH's Christine Starkman (September 13–January 3, 2010). **Art Hearts Fashion:** Blaffer Gallery's fall opener goes from white cube to the Galleria — Neiman Marcus, to be precise, when Whitney Biennial-exhibited Isobrine Markson transforms Neiman's



FASHIONABLE APPEARANCES

Victoria Beckham at Neiman Marcus
When: Date TBA
Where: Neiman Marcus, Level II
Contact: Megan Acosta, 713.621.7100, ext. 2302

Stephen Dweck at Neiman Marcus
When: Thursday, September 10, 2–7 pm
Where: Neiman Marcus

CERON

This best-dressed man cuts the best trousers in town at

