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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

I'm loving the idea of the Culinary Garden featuring Whispering Angel at the Inn at Hastings Park. It's definitely on my must-visit list for the summer.



DEAR READER

When sitting down to plan the July/August Best of the City Issue with publisher Carin Keane, one question kept running through our heads: Which businesses, people and places truly make Boston the absolute best place to be right now?

The answer: All of them. Every single salon, spa, hotel, restaurant and bar helps to curate Boston into what the world sees it as today. In this issue, you'll read more about these businesses in our "Best of the City" feature, which awards specific names with the "Best of" title. While we've done this before, 2022's rendition is especially different thanks to all of you. Having everyone vote on who they thought is the best really made this feature special and different. Because of this, you'll definitely see some new faces to check out. I know I did, and now I have an elongated list of fitness classes and boutiques to visit. From cool new facials to fitness extravaganzas, there's certainly a lot to feast your eyes on.

Also inside this issue, you'll find a few golden nuggets going into further depth about their stories, including an

interview with the new faces behind Shreve, Crump & Low as they plan the luxury jeweler's future. One tastemaker also dishes on her ideal itinerary for summers in Nantucket (lots of yummy food, specialty stores and outdoor activities abound). Of course, we couldn't leave travel behind with two stories that can satisfy and inspire any wanderlust craving. We even catch up with Lynnfield native Lauren Hashian on the heels of a new album release.

In all, this issue of *Boston Common* is really a special one, and I can't wait for you to read it.

Cheers,

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POURTRAIT BY CASEY ROBINSON, HAIR BY LOTUS HAIR AND SKIN STUDIO, MAKEUP BY JKO BEAUTY, INN AT HASTINGS PARK PHOTO BY REAGAN BYRNE

AID Since February, over 12 million Ukrainians have been displaced by the Russian invasion. While some people fled with their pets and livestock, thousands of animals have been left behind. And now, one Boston-based travel accessories brand is here to help. Enter Harvey Traveler (harveytraveler.com), whose limited-edition HT for UA tote bag is raising money for animals in Ukraine. Recently launched, 100% of the bag's profits will go to the Humane Society International in its efforts with UAnimals. The tote features a meaningful graphic from local artist Erica Hagler of Blind Fox Art. "The image created shows a cat and a dog, incomplete in form, in the colors of the Ukraine [flag]," says Hagler. "Dave [Everett, the founder] wanted a simple and meaningful image that could convey the gravity of the situation and the fragility of animals in times of trauma."



Harvey Traveler founder Dave Everett saw Erica Hagler's bright, abstract work in a spin studio and knew she'd be a great fit for the project.

PLAY Support local disadvantaged youth on and off the court this Aug. 14 at Rally for Tennis' (RFT, rallyfortennis.com) annual philanthropic event that benefits Advantage Kids. Last summer, junior tennis players Alek Karagozyan and Tait and Cole Oberg kicked off the inaugural RFT, raising over \$12,000 for the nonprofit organization that supports at-risk youth tennis players' aspirations. "Having lost the ability to play during the pandemic, we recognized the impact tennis has on our lives and how fortunate we are to have access to the sport," says Tait. Held at the Longfellow New Hampshire Tennis & Swim Club in Nashua, this year's event is sure to be a rousing success with an afternoon of games, raffles, a free tennis clinic and more.



POP Rosé all day is a way of life, especially at the Inn at Hastings Park's (innathastingspark.com) Culinary Garden. Featuring a selection of Château d'Esclans' rosés, Whispering Angel will be flowing all summer for the exclusive dining experience at this luxurious Lexington inn. While chef Alissa Tsukakoshi cooks up lunch and dinner bites like nectarine panzanella salad with tomato, goat cheese and basil, up to 24 guests can sip in the ethereal garden. Rustic wood farm tables, blush accents, overhanging trees and garden boxes housing the herbs used in Tsukakoshi's dishes set the scene for a seasonal affair like no other.



From top: Open through October, the Culinary Garden is a must-visit for Whispering Angel lovers; Rally for Tennis founders Alek Karagozyan and Tait and Cole Oberg.

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