



WELCOME LOBBY

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As designers, we are always inspired by classic, sophisticated design which remains timeless. In designing the Welcome Lobby, we began with the basic principle—Function. The form of the design followed quite naturally. Using classic furnishings, in a minimal setting, the space becomes both functional and aesthetically pleasing.

The 2011 introduction of Maya Romanoff's iridescent Mother of Pearl wall tiles contributes a beautiful soft luster to sleek existing space which was designed in white and platinum grey. We strived to create a simple yet elegant ambiance, as entry into the DreamHome, which always showcases the finest design talent and home furnishings.

Video-The Making of DreamHome

A welcoming seating area with Edmund sectional by The Bright Group creates a space to relax and watch an informative video about the DreamHome designers and the making of the DreamHome.

Concierge Desk

Lastly, the Valcucine consultation desk creates a convenient space for concierge to greet each guest and introduce them to DreamHome and discuss the many opportunities offered to homeowners. Ask the concierge how to make an appointment with our Designer-On-Call for a one-hour complimentary design consultation.

FOYER

BUCKINGHAM INTERIORS + DESIGN

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Bio

Buckingham Interiors + Design is a full-service interior design firm located in the West Town neighborhood of Chicago. Founded by Julia Buckingham Edelmann, her firm has evolved based upon Julia's passion for design and antiques. Julia's fascination with interior design stems from her study of Apparel/Textural Merchandising and Marketing at the University of Arizona, where she earned her Bachelor of Arts degree. As the owner of an antiques store in Cincinnati, Ohio, she travelled all over the world to provide her clients with intriguing and one-of-a-kind accessories and furnishings. Her showroom features her custom designed furniture, as well as her intriguing artifacts garnered from Los Angeles flea markets to the Paris market, Clingancourt and all points in between.

Julia believes there is no such thing as "luck" in great design. Interior spaces should be filled with excitement and at Buckingham Interiors + Design we share with each one of our clients our enthusiasm and passion for beautifully crafted environments. "Out with the boring, in with the bold" holds true to our design view of the world. At Buckingham ID, we are able to find inspiration everywhere, and are then able to bring it into our clients' environments. Creating a true client connection is the cornerstone of our business.

Foyer

Welcome to the subtle nuance of a period Parisian apartment. Worn floors and leather walls provide conversation for a mix of textures and shapes. A Duquette table centers the room- a primitive bench anchors. An aged mantel and silk chairs draw the eye towards an array of finishes and forms, set against a palette of neutral colors with modern art. It is always in fashion to mix the elegance of history with vivid color. Classic style and modern sensibilities meet here.

OFFICE

MICHAEL DEL PIERO GOOD DESIGN

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Bio

Over the past decade Michael Del Piero has dedicated herself to developing a distinctive interior design aesthetic, which offers a fresh interpretation of fusing rough with luxurious and ancient with modern. This artistic vision led to the founding of Michael Del Piero Good Design in 2007.

Fueled by world travel and a curatorial eye, Del Piero's work often showcases ancient artifacts, sculptural lighting and exceptional works of art. Her ability to interpret client wishes and translate those desires into harmonious and nuanced interiors have garnered accolades from a most discerning clientele. Michael Del Piero Good Design has been applauded by industry leaders and featured in national and international publications.

Office

The design for this urban home office was guided by the need for efficiency and flexibility in a small room. The wall texture provides warmth and interest while the openness of the floor plan allows for ease of movement through the space. The office easily transforms to simultaneously accommodate various users and functions because of the clean lines, clean surfaces, and overall undecorated style.

LIVING ROOM

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Bio

Originally founded in 1979 as Himmel/Bonner Architects, Scott Himmel, Architect P.C. has established a reputation for high quality work that seeks to provide a seamless, unified environment appropriate to both the client and the overall architecture, representing the ideal intersection between the existing space and the clients tastes, needs and dreams.

After receiving his Master of Architecture Degree from Tulane University and internships with noted architects Harry Weese in Chicago and Errol Barron in New Orleans, Scott and former schoolmate, Darcy Bonner joined to form their their firm as well as the high-end custom furniture company, Mattaliano. In 1994, Scott opened his own practice, concentrating on residential architectural design and decoration. Over the past 32 years, the firm has received worldwide recognition for the quality of its work. It has won numerous local and national awards, including 13 from the American Institute of Architects; the firm's projects have been published in over 70 national and international publications. In particular, the work has been published numerous times in *Architectural Digest*, *House Beautiful*, *Shelter*, *Luxe Home*, *Metropolitan Home*, *G.A.*, *Interior Design* and *Interiors Magazine*.

Michael Henning, AIA, LEED AP, is an Affiliated Senior Architect with the firm. He is an accomplished project architect and architectural designer with a broad experience base in architecture, interiors and construction, displaying a diverse aesthetic sensitivity. After 8 years as a Senior Architect with Scott Himmel, Architect, Michael worked for five years as a Senior Designer and Associate with the noted Chicago firm Solomon, Cordwell and Beunz, designing multi family high-rise residential as well and commercial high-rise and low-rise architectural projects. In 2009, he returned to Scott Himmel, Architect. Previous experience included several years working as an Architectural Designer with Jordan Mozer & Associates, designing high profile hospitality projects. Michael works with a thorough understanding of energy issues and building codes, accessibility issues, interdisciplinary coordination, sustainable design and building technologies.

Living Room

Keep it light, fresh and movable. In these days of economic uncertainty and more people living very transitional lifestyles, we hope our room suggests collecting things you love and not being afraid of the mix. This does not mean not to use overstuffed comfortable furniture. Just don't forget about the magic of slipcovering to transform older pieces into something new and fresh. And don't be afraid to mix all the things you love from different times in your life: well worn antiques with avant-garde furniture and art, old oriental carpeting with new contemporary rugs, mixtures of different sofas and chairs. Everything should be sized to be able to work in contemporary apartments as well as traditional homes.

BEDROOM

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Bio

Born in New York City and raised in South Carolina, Michael Abrams juxtaposes urban style with a distinctive sense of tradition. Michael's personal aesthetic grew exponentially at the Art Institute of Chicago where he earned a Bachelor's degree in Fine Arts. He further refined his talent at the University of Illinois in Chicago by melding artistic sensibilities with the practical consideration of modern architecture, completing his Masters in 1985. Michael's skills were quickly recognized in professional forums and subsequently sought by such institutions as LaSalle Partners, Citibank and Goldman Sachs. Each experience added personal insight. In 1999, he established **Michael Abrams Limited**, realizing a longstanding dream.

Michael draws inspiration not just from his substantial experience but also from his clients' desires. Mingling artistic, architectural and deeply personal sensibilities in refreshing ways allows him to create client-specific solutions that truly reflect his profound dedication to beauty, comfort and home. Michael's practice focuses on luxury residential interiors and has afforded him projects throughout Chicago as well as New York, Miami and Palm Springs. The firm is currently designing an Astor Street mansion scheduled for completion by year's end. His work has been featured in both regional and national design publications as well as HGTV and NBC's Open House.

Bedroom

One's soul is reflected in one's home. People, art and furnishings should do more than co-exist; they should harmonize to mirror the person's unique personality and self. Original art work is the perfect reflection of one's self. When collecting art, vary the mediums much like you do with the materials and textures in the room's furnishings and do not be intimidated by selecting art. Choose pieces that resonate with you. Doing so, you will create a deeply personal environment and experience as well as a lifetime of pleasure.

DRESSING ROOM

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Bio

Luca Lanzetta founded his firm in 2006 bringing a new splash of modernism to Chicago. The initial focus of kitchen design was marked by the opening of the *Ernestomeda Chicago* showroom in the Merchandise Mart. Parallel compositions of functional islands combined with elegant tall walls of cabinetry are the mark of Luca Lanzetta's interpretation of the living kitchen space. The firm expanded in 2009 to bathroom design with the *Antoniolupi* grand opening in River North. A personal space centered on relaxation, the bathroom becomes the source of rejuvenation in which to lounge near a fireplace after bathing.

Today *Molteni & C* furniture and *Viabizzuno* lighting collections shape the firm's portfolio to serve as a refined resource to clients, architects and designers, for high end modern residential projects. Luca frequently visits Italy in search of unique contemporary pieces to bring to the US. The firm is devoted to balancing the volumes within living spaces and creating stimulating lighting effects.

Luca Lanzetta was born in Rome and grew up in Milan where he had a large exposure to world of design and fashion. Luca obtained a Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering at Politecnico of Milan and comes with a large background in manufacturing. Luca resides in Chicago, with his wife and two children.

Dressing Room

A woman's closet should be as fascinating and stylish as the woman herself. Designing a closet that combines such elements recreates the experience of window shopping. The occasion of gazing into storefront windows and pining over the latest fashions can be achieved by creating a linear closet that elegantly displays the woman's most intimate and exquisite possessions. Innovative lighting captures the woman in her most radiant light—the act of dressing and undressing becomes the source of pleasure and excitement.

DINING ROOM

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Bio

Incorporating a sensibility of modern classic, Frank Ponterio and his team bring together timeless design influences to contemporary lifestyles, balancing elegance with modern ease. Each project is met with a discerning appreciation for artistry, authenticity and personalized style.

With Ponterio taking the lead role in all design work, he is supported by design and management teams that allow him to focus his efforts on each individual client, ensuring every project is grounded in great design and individuality. His tenacious work ethic, design vision and friendly personality have proven to be an appealing combination to his clients.

A multi-disciplined, full-service firm with offices in Chicago and Lake Forest, Illinois, Frank Ponterio Interior Design is widely recognized for exceptional, well-curated design and has been responsible for award-winning residential and commercial projects locally and nationally for more than 15 years.

Frank Ponterio Interior Design has received multiple first-place ASID-IL Design Excellence Awards and has participated in several showcase houses including the prestigious Lake Forest Showcase House benefiting the Infant Welfare Society of Chicago.

Additionally, Frank Ponterio Interior Design has been featured in local and national media, including *Traditional Home* magazine, *Chicago Home + Garden*, the *Chicago Tribune* and many others.

Educated at Chicago's Harrington Institute of Design, Frank Ponterio an accredited member of ASID (American Society of Interior Designers) and holds a NCIDQ (National Council for Interior Design Qualification) license; he is also a member of IIDA (International Interior Design Association).

Ponterio resides in Lake Forest with his wife and daughter. Their home, designed by renowned architect David Adler, received an historic preservation award from the Lake Forest Preservation Foundation.

Dining Room

Carefully curated and refined, this dining room designed by Frank Ponterio evokes easy American luxury within a European-style pied-à-terre. Bold scale, a rich palette and a variety of textures create a space of inviting sophistication.

The room dually functions as a center for entertaining or private dining. A round table by David latesta and four Niermann Weeks chairs take center stage, lit by an impressive Rose Tarlow Ribbon chandelier from Holly Hunt. A Crescent Console from Holly Hunt is

flanked by two elegant chairs from Dessin Fournir and finished with original abstract artwork by Matthew Lew. The setting serves as a perfect place for celebrations or gatherings with family or friends.

If dinner plans call for a table for two, the room aptly accommodates. An opulent, intimate table with embroidered fabric is softly illuminated by a hand-blown Alison Berger pendant. A large format painting by Larry Aleshire, courtesy of the Michael Taylor Showroom, serves as the background. A grand antique limestone fireplace from Paris Ceramics is set against shimmering Weitzner wallcovering from Donghia and Florentine drapery fabric from Summerhill with tiebacks by Samuel & Sons, completing the room's warmth and polish.

KITCHEN

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Bio

Studio Snaidero Chicago is a full service design showroom specializing in design development, space planning, and FF&E selections for Snaidero Italian Cabinetry. Snaidero's unique product is a result of the continued partnership with world-renowned architects, engineers, and industrial designers; including Ferrari designer Paolo Pininfarina, international architect Massimo Iosa Ghini, and designers Lucci and Orlandini. Our mission is to improve the quality of life in your home through exquisite design and respect for the environment. Located in LUXEHOME, Studio Snaidero Chicago is your source for exquisite Italian cabinetry for kitchens, media rooms, closets, and the most luxurious baths. You can find Snaidero cabinetry in some of the finest homes throughout the world.

Shawna Dillon is a Senior Interior Designer for Snaidero Chicago with over 10 years of experience with the Snaidero product. She began her career in Residential Interior Design before turning her focus to Luxury Kitchen Design. Shawna believes that her clients welcome Snaidero cabinetry into their homes for the same reasons she has made Snaidero her career; the stunning Italian design and craftsmanship, superior quality and service from the factory, the intimacy of a family owned business, an impressive 10 year warranty, and the awareness Snaidero has always had for the past, present, and future environment. Shawna has enjoyed designing beautiful spaces throughout the east coast, the Midwest, and as far as Vietnam. Shawna has a Bachelor of Science in Interior Design from Virginia Tech with a minor in Art History. She demonstrates her commitment to the design profession as an NCIDQ Certificate holder and is also a Professional member of ASID.

Kitchen

When experimenting with varying styles and finishes, be sure to balance with constants to keep the interior from looking cluttered. If you are playing with diverse cabinet finishes, and/or integrating different styles, keep the counter top material consistent and the color palette neutral. Accessorize using items with like colors. Life takes place in our kitchens, and this layout lends itself to a space that is both utilitarian and also a modern day 'family room'. This is the vital place where we prepare meals that feed and sustain the people most important to us. It should reflect who we are, where we have been, and where we are going. I hope you feel as inspired being in this space as much as I was while creating it. Visit the SNAIDERO showroom to share your thoughts.

MEDIA ROOM

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Bio

Lauren treats clients the way she likes to be treated— with respect and creativity. She approaches every design with fresh ideas to create timeless and sophisticated residential interiors.

Lauren creates interiors across a wide range of genres and styles. She has been honored to design spaces for the Holly Hunt Showroom and the Merchandise Mart of Chicago. Her interiors draw from many periods and styles to create unique looks of their own. Her expertise in integrating antiques into modern settings, designing custom furniture, and combining contrasting stylistic elements defines her successful style.

Lauren has been featured in *Chicago Home Magazine*, *Elle Décor*, the book *Spectacular Homes of Chicago* (Panache Partners, 2007), as well as other publications. In recognition of her achievements to date, Lauren was one of only three designers - voted “One to Watch” by the Merchandise Mart of Chicago. Lauren has intimate knowledge of design, having earned a degree in interior architecture from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. She began her career with Chicago’s renowned Tigerman McCurry Architects, where she gained valuable experience as well as a deep appreciation for the interplay between design and architecture.

Lauren enjoys the challenges of design and believes good communication between client, designer, and architect achieves spectacular results. She prides herself on making her clients happy, and patiently guides them through all aspects of the creative design process.

Lauren is a professional member of the Chicago Architecture Foundation Auxiliary Board. Having successfully completed the CQRID exam Lauren is a professional member of the Interior Design Society.

Media Room

Selecting furniture that conceals technology permits flexibility and the ability to maximize a media room for a variety of uses. The technology in this Media Room is housed within custom media etageres that were custom designed in collaboration with Mike Bell, Inc.

This Media Room is both an elegant sitting room and a modern-day home entertainment center. It is filled with the technological “bells and whistles” homeowners expect, but integrates them into a beautiful setting – featuring modern art, antiques, and transitional furnishings.

OUTDOORS

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1 Design Group, Inc. is a residential landscape design build firm, designing and delivering unique spaces that are visually appealing, functional and sustainable. Creating designs that reflects our clients' personal styles and tastes while also maximizing their investment is the key to our success. 1 Design Group educates and encourages standards for the long-term life of our projects. Our firm delivers unmatched client service with Southern charm, digging into our core value of treating all involved with the highest level of respect.

Since an early age, Michael Anthony has been very passionate about landscape design. Extensive travel has afforded Michael a glimpse into the construction methods and design theory of the past and present, allowing him to integrate these concepts into local design schemes. Visiting continents like Africa, Asia, Australia, Europe and South America has given Michael the opportunity to expand his creative palate when it comes time to execute a new project. More than allowing Michael to experience different cultures, his travels have fueled his passion for landscape architecture and demonstrated limitless possibilities of outdoor living. To Michael, landscape design is like telling a story...a story that is reflective of the client's character, home and dreams. Landscape design is written in the language of nature and narrated through natural illustrations.

Outdoors

There are many benefits to using a water feature in your landscape. Not only does it create visual interest, it drowns out the sound of the busy city life, leaving you with a peaceful and calm escape. The Gabion water feature in our space, by Ore Inc., is a sustainable piece using any rock available from its local region. An added ecological bonus would be to use rainwater harvesting to supply the water.