



# CITY LIGHTS

Things we love, from Szechuan sizzle to legendary jazz

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**LE JAZZ HOT** This month, Ralph Pucci International hosts an evening of music in their New York showroom to benefit Jazz House Kids. The fundraiser will feature performances by Grammy Award-winning bassist, band leader, and composer Christian McBride, and Esperanza Spalding, the 2011 Best New Artist Grammy winner. Jazz House Kids, based in Montclair, New Jersey, is celebrating 15 years of providing jazz instruction for children in underserved communities. In October, the organization honored legendary drummer Roy Haynes (SEATED, ABOVE, RIGHT), with a lifetime achievement award, and presented him with a bust carved by Ralph Pucci International's master sculptor, Michael Evert (ABOVE, LEFT). "Jazz is the soundtrack," says Ralph Pucci. "It is authentic and organic." For more information and tickets visit [jazzhousekids.org](http://jazzhousekids.org); 973.744.2273



**TRAGEDIA D'AMORE** The controversial but exceedingly beautiful *Madama Butterfly*, by Giacomo Puccini, returns to the Metropolitan Opera this season in a production by Anthony Minghella. The opera, which has been criticized for its imperialist overtones and its characterization of Japanese women, is also one of the composer's most sophisticated scores. This production, which first debuted at the Met in 2006, stars Hui He and Ermonela Jaho in the role of the tragic geisha, Cio-Cio-San, and Roberto Aronica and Luis Chapa as her callous lover, Pinkerton. Through March 16, 2018; [metopera.org](http://metopera.org)

**DESIGN VISION** Iconic design firm Fox-Nahem has created scores of stunning interiors in its 30-year history. For the first time, the projects of principal Joe Nahem are collected into a beautiful coffee table-worthy tome. Fifteen of the designer's projects, including a Stanford White townhouse, a 1960s-era modernist home by architect Annabelle Selldorf (BELOW), a family home in Connecticut, and a landmarked Central Park West apartment. Nahem, together with his design team, is known for his highly-curated interiors, incorporating one-of-a-kind antiques, sumptuous materials, artisanal finishes, and surprising details. Written by Anthony Iannacci, with a foreword by Robert Downey Jr., the book is a beautiful addition to a design library. [abramsbooks.com](http://abramsbooks.com)



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**SZECHUAN STYLE** In 1968, Chef Shorty Tang introduced cold sesame noodles (BELOW)—a dish that went on to become legend in New York food circles—at his East Broadway restaurant, Hwa Yuan. And now his son, Chef Chen Lieh Tang has revived his family's famous legacy in the same location as the iconic original. The main floor of the three level space features a window into the spotless kitchen, where you can see your authentic Szechuan dishes being prepared. The menu is filled with favorites such as moo shu pork, Shanghai-style soup dumplings, and crispy Beijing duck, plus a raw bar, and a few surprise American classics like Caesar salad and baby back ribs with an Asian-inspired twist. 42 E. Broadway; [hwayuannyc.com](http://hwayuannyc.com).



**RUGS FOR A CAUSE** Obeetee, one of the oldest hand-woven rug companies in the world, has launched Obeetee Express, allowing customers to select from patterns and colors, and to view the rugs in room settings. The inaugural collection includes seventeen designers and architects, and benefits Design Industries Foundation Fighting AIDS (DIFFA). Designers such as Arlene Angard, Christopher Trujillo, dash design, and WUNO (ABOVE), created rugs for the project. Johanna Osburn, DIFFA Executive Director, says, "DIFFA is proud to partner with a socially conscious brand like Obeetee." [obeeteexpress.com](http://obeeteexpress.com)



**LIGHT BRIGHT** Industrial designer Tord Boontje is celebrating his 15th year of collaborating with Swarovski with Luminous Reflections, a new collection of lighting released under the brand's Crystal Palace range. The fluid, uncut crystals are the first of their kind for Swarovski. The rippled surfaces produce a soft and organic light effect, replicating sunlight on water. Available through Swarovski sales teams. [swarovskigroup.com](http://swarovskigroup.com)