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tinker with in their own homes. Maha Jano, a Troy interior designer, chose to explore intimacy and the notion of "down time" in her vignette, a cozy corner for high tea with Marie Antoinette in mind. "I wanted to achieve a luxurious setting," said Jano, whose Maha Jano Interiors is based at the design center. "A luxurious retreat for forgetting all about the outside world."

In close quarters, a gently curved Baker settee in terra cotta and Louis XV and XVI chairs in pale tones create a contemporary afternoon table set for tea. French crystal pieces in teal, lilac and periwinkle punctuate the intimate space, entitled *Salon de Thé*. "It's gathering around the cocktail table, rather than gathering around tables in a room," said Jano of a growing desire among design clients for intimate home settings. "People are entertaining now in smaller numbers, so smaller spaces are more in demand"

and so is closeness in a room." Northville designer Laura Kaminsky's vignette, *Family Retreat*, also seems aimed at inspiring togetherness. Though Kaminsky uses more floor space than Jano, several, intimate gathering places reside within the room. Accents evoke a sense of heritage and family stability, and in so doing, graceful comfort. The vignette houses the recently introduced Natchez Collection by Ficks Reed. "Function quickly gives way to the art at the sight of Randie Federman's *Sunroom*,

*Fresh! Clean! Simple!*, a bare fusion of old and new atop white tile and a few green grass. "It's supposed to have the feeling of indoor-outdoor," said Federman of Maxwell-Ross Associates at the design center. Federman wanted to explore the popular indoor-outdoor design trend, so a few green grasses and some white wicker furniture. The designer promptly declined in favor of a stark white contemporary sofa with attached side tables. To the left, an antique Danish built-in buffet fresco walls and a bar and a white-painted cello

on a stand waits for practice hour. On either side of the room, curly wild branches sprout from black zinc urns elevated on pedestals. "I wanted something sophisticated," she said, adding today's homeowners are looking for something more polished and cosmopolitan in spaces designated indoor-outdoor. Other vignettes contain simply astounding elements. Marshall Field's designer Mario Kocaj's *Sitting Room* is one with its rich metallic hand-rubbed fresco walls and a soaring Art Nouveau chair,

gilded gold over carved wood. The dining room table in Birmingham designer Cynthia Ohanian's *Age of Elegance* - gold, crystal and lace make up the setting on a table with intricately carved ribbons on the apron and legs - is another. Perhaps most astonishing, though, is the breadth of Orchestrations. There are living, sitting, music and dining rooms; table tops, kitchens, bathrooms, libraries and bedrooms; a home conservatory, wine and coffee bar, rooftop Pied-à-terre, even an English keeping room.

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**Orchestrations for the Home information**

What: A design showcase to support concert and educational activities of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. Where: Michigan Design Center, 1700 Stutz, north of Oakle, between Coolidge and Cropley in Troy. When: Vignettes by interior designers, and presentations by interior designers, architects, landscape architects and garden and floral artists, will be open to the public 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday-Sunday, March 7-9. Tickets are \$18 in advance, \$20 after March 6 and at the door. Advance tickets are on sale now at the Orchestra Hall box office; Suite 25 at Michigan Design Center, the Somerset Collection Concierge, Big Beaver Road and Coolidge in Troy; Blossoms in Birmingham; Hagopian in Novi; all English Gardens locations; and the League Shop in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Tickets can also be bought by calling (313) 576-5111 or visiting www.detroitsofphony.com. Gala opening: 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 6, with a cocktail reception and buffet supper catered by Opus One, and chamber music performed by DSO members. Gala tickets are \$400 (benefactor), \$250 (patron) and \$150 per person (donor). For tickets, call (313) 576-5154. Tour: Groups of 15 or more are eligible for a pre-opening, door-closed tour, beginning at 9:30 a.m. March 8 and 9. Space is limited. Call (313) 576-5154 to make arrangements. Guest speakers: Internationally renowned guest speakers will present a series of design-related lectures: Carlton Varney, who designed the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island and who is head of Dorothy Draper & Co., the oldest established interior

design firm in the country, 2 p.m. March 7; Jim Caughman of Baker Furniture, speaking on Furniture, Fashion and Music in the 18th Century, 11 a.m. March 8; and designer Mariette Himes Gomez, 2 p.m. March 8. Guest speaker tickets are \$15 in addition to general admission and include a catered tea. Brunch: A brunch with designer Alexa Hampton will take place 11:30 a.m. March 9. Hampton will speak at 12:30 p.m. The brunch will be catered by Cregar's. Hampton is president of the design firm founded by her father, Mark Hampton. Tickets to the brunch are \$60 and include general admission. Information: The 24-hour design showcase information hotline is (313) 576-5155. Information is also available from the volunteer council at (313) 576-5154 (be sure to leave a message).

**Seminars and presentations**

- The events take place March 7-9 unless noted otherwise*
- Colors, Textures, Tones, 11 a.m. - Arturo Sanchez and Barry Harrison, Art Harrison Interior Design Studio
  - Different Types of Crystal and Their Origin, 11 a.m. March 7-8 only - Stanley Samet, Nulco Lighting
  - The Showhouse: A Retrospective of Work by Brian Killian, 11:30 a.m. - Brian Killian, Brian Killian & Co.
  - Floral Arranging, 11:30 a.m. - Dale Morgan, Blossoms
  - The Home Conservatory Today, 11:30 a.m. - Joan Whitman, Joan Whitman Interior Design
  - Eclectic Decorating, noon - Joseph Keenan, Joseph A. Keenan & Associates
  - A Moment in Time 1925-1975: The Designers, Architects and One Woman Who Defined It, noon - David Boyd Smith, lecturer, University of Michigan School of Art and Design
  - The Finishing Touches, 12:30 p.m. - Renea Lewis, Design By Choice
  - Bathroom, Kitchen and Closet Design, 12:30 p.m. - Susan Winton-Feinberg, Walter Herz Interiors
  - Elements of Landscape Design, 12:30 p.m. - Charles W. Loughrey, Charles W. Loughrey & Associates
  - The Art of Accessorizing, 1 p.m. - Brian Clay Collins, Marshall Field's Interior Design Studio
  - The Diverse World of Tile, 1 p.m. - Donna Stueyevs, Ann Seeks Tile & Stone
  - Learn More About the Arts and Crafts Movement, 1 p.m. March 7 only - Michael Danil, Stickleby Furniture
  - How to Use Rugs to Enhance Your Interiors, 1:30 p.m. - Edgar Hagopian, Hagopian World of Rugs
  - Kitchens by Design, Function, You and Your Home, 1:30 p.m. - Vita Bufla, Modern Trend Enterprises Inc.
  - Dr. Decor is Here!, 1:30 p.m. - Barbara Kopitz, Barbara Kopitz Designs Inc.
  - Let the Mixing Begin, 2 p.m. - Timothy P. O'Neill, O'Neill-Harrington Interiors
  - Showcase of a Magnificent Lakefront Residence, 2 p.m. - Louis DesRosiers, DesRosiers Architects
  - Color Your Mood, 2 p.m. - Debi Hollis, Interior Lifestyles
  - The Pleasure of Building a House, 2 p.m. - David Kellert Sr., Kellert Construction Co.
  - Embellish - Design with Passion, 2:30 p.m. - Gene Galley, The Robert Allen Group
  - All About Plants, 2:30 p.m. - Geyseh Inc.
  - Ask the Professional Designer, 2:30 p.m. - David Weiss, Interiortecorp Ltd.
  - Ikebana, 3 p.m. March 8-9 only - Kay Masuda, Kay Masuda Florist
  - Working with Document Fabrics, 3 p.m. - Brenda Trece, Marshall Field's Interior Design Studio
  - Putting together the perfect team for building a home, 3 p.m. - Dominick Tringali, Dominick Tringali Architects Inc.

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**DESIGNERS**  
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Designer Cynthia Ohanian spread the word to other designers, and plans snow-balled. "It will be spectacular," said Jeanette Keramejian, volunteer council vice president of public relations. "The seminars are scheduled

in a way that visitors will be able to take advantage of many of them, Keramejian said. "These are very well-known professional designers who are giving seminars and talks on the half hour," she said. "Everything from entertainment to fashion to gardening to landscaping and architecture to interior design... kitchens, tiles... There's just something for everyone."

Also on the steering committee are Barbra Bloch, gala chair; Denise Lutz, event chair; and Patricia Nickel, vice president of projects. Honorary gala chairs are David and Jennifer Fischer of the Suburban Collection. "The chairs are just fabulous," D'Avanzo said. "I couldn't ask for better chairs."

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