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KELSEY KLASSEN'S PICKS OF THE MONTH

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Did you know that the average Italian consumes 8.4L of olive oil per year? In celebration of both **Italian Heritage Month** and **Father's Day**, I couldn't help but share that my papa-in-law, **Orazio**, brings in small batches of the most exquisite olive oil from his hometown in Calabria, Italy. As one would expect, this organic, cold-pressed, extra virgin gold goes well with just about everything, and is fully traceable from farm to table.

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DYNAMIC DUO

Tops on my summer accessories list is the charitable collaboration between Canadian jewelry designer **Melanie Auld** and interior design guru **Jillian Harris**. For every necklace, ring, cuff or set of earrings sold from the sweetly simple Summer Love collection (how fresh is that bestie set), the equivalent of one meal will be donated to **A Better Life Foundation**, which works to end hunger on Vancouver's Downtown Eastside. From \$40-\$135 at **The Cross**, 1198 Homer St., 604-689-2900. Melanieauld.ca

FLIGHTS OF FANCY

Last month **Air Transat** hosted a friendly Italian cooking competition for select media at **The Dirty Apron** to celebrate the launch of its direct weekly flight from Vancouver to Rome. I was on the dessert station with the likes of **Fred Lee** and **NUVO's Katie Nanton**, and not only did we win best dish for our handmade **Lemon Panna Cotta** and **Apricot Biscotti**, but then I won the giveaway of two tickets to Rome (!) so I'll be testing out the new service personally in the fall. From \$866 at **Air Transat**. Airtransat.com



JUICE CLEANSE

Clean-living queen **Gwyneth Paltrow** has teamed up with cult organic skin care brand **Juice Beauty** to launch **Phyto-Pigments**, her line of botanical juice-based, red carpet-ready cosmetics that are literally safe enough to eat. I'm obsessed with the lightweight, silicone-free **Illuminating Primer** which, when used in place of foundation, makes for an effortlessly radiant face (\$45). Her liquid lip stains (\$30) are also stars, and how could they not be with names like **Reese** and **Drew**. Available at **Holt Renfrew**, 737 Dunsmuir St., 604-681-3121. Juicebeauty.com

Head to Vitamindaily.com for a Q&A with Juice Beauty founder **Karen Behnke**

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For me, as a reader, every edition of **VITA** felt like a vacation—an exotic editorial landscape filled with beautiful surprises and experiences to be savoured at my leisure. Now, it's even more so, as I step into the pages as editor-in-chief and help curate this first edition of summer. Whether you're planning on cocktails poolside or cabanas at the beach, this issue has **swimwear** so hot it will melt the ice in your drink (page 3). We tip our hats to dad with a **Father's Day gift guide** that's sure to ruffle even the gruffest of hearts (page 4). June is also **Italian Heritage Month** in our fine province, so we salute our stylish friends with little love notes to Italy throughout this issue, including a spotlight on my home away from home, **Southern Italy**, where the sun never truly sets (page 8), a chat with visiting Italian handbag designer and Pucci consultant **Elena Ghisellini** (page 10), and a recipe for the most delectable **Sicilian-style pizza** from scratch (page 9). *Buon viaggio!*

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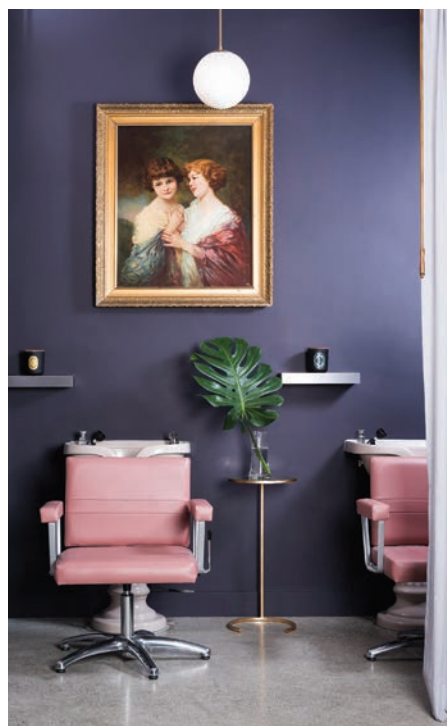
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When we grow up, we're going to start every day with a visit to **The Glamoury**. This genius new Yaletown hotspot is the brainchild of singer and makeup artist AJ Woodworth. She realized that women sometimes want their makeup professionally applied, without being on display at a department store counter or getting the hard sell. Get a full makeover from one of the pro makeup artists on staff, or just a quick touch-up. They also do hair—blow-outs and up-dos. Our fave features? Adjustable lighting so you can see how your face looks indoors, outdoors, day and night, and experience cards that let you dictate how chatty your makeup artist should be. Brides will love The Glamoury, but it'll also be a hit for prom, galas, dates, parties, job interviews, or even just after a morning spin class when our faces look like tomatoes.

1241 Hamilton St., 604-620-0561. Theglamoury.com

AILEEN LALOR



MASSIMO DUTTI

Massimo Dutti's Spanish elegance, which has grown to span 65 countries over two decades, finally hits the West Coast, with its new Vancouver boutique. The flagship spans almost 7,500 square feet and showcases the entire new womenswear and menswear collections. Any discerning Vancouverite will feel right at home in this contemporary space, showcasing Spring/Summer 2016's impeccable cuts and neutral palette. From tailored dresses, textured handbags, eclectic jewelry, and soft leather shoes, the women's line oozes casual sophistication. Men too can get their hands on finely made garb, with classic cuts and in-house, complimentary tailoring offered on all their suits. It's clear that quality lies at the heart of Massimo Dutti, and we're excited to inject a little bit of a Euro vibe into our wardrobes. **Pacific Centre, 701 W. Georgia St., 604-235-5470. Massimodutti.com**

ALEEZA KHAN

INDIA ROSE COSMETICARY

We thought we knew our cult beauty brands, until we stepped into this West Side gem. Here, we discovered lines by Troi Ollivierre, creator of the famous J. Crew lip look, and Joëlle Ciocco, facialist to Laetitia Casta—just two of the 20-plus brands stocked at **India Rose Cosmeticary**. The founder, 22-year-old Blanche MacDonal, makeup artist and art history grad India Daykin, explains that her store is all about curation; exclusive and cruelty-free labels that you won't

find anywhere else in Vancouver or Canada. The interior design is Parisian-influenced, with an original Macy's 1950s cabinet painted the exact colour of the walls at the Rodin Museum in Paris the focal point. Along with makeup, lash and brow services, Daykin will be offering "makeup kit edits"—bring in your stash and she'll advise you on what to keep or throw away. Yes, it's going to be a beautiful summer. **4850 Mackenzie St., 604-266-9774. Indiarose.ca**

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the good FELLAS

WHETHER DEAR OL' DAD IS INTO SPORTS, A FREQUENT FLYER, OR EVEN A FASHIONISTO, THERE'S SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE IN OUR FATHER'S DAY ROUNDUP.

BY KRISTIN TYSIRE

GOLDEN GUY
For the dad on the sportier side, Longine's HydroConquest watch proves worthy with scratch-resistant sapphire crystal and water-resistant features. **\$1,350 at Global Watch Company.** 925 W. Georgia St. 604-684-6515. Globalwatchco.com



BRIEFCASE OR BAG?

Get dad organized with this sturdily crafted Filson 24-Hour Tin Cloth Briefcase, featuring water-resistant tin cloth trimmed with genuine leather for a durable touch. **\$515 at Nordstrom.** 799 Robson St., 604-699-2100. Shop.nordstrom.com



CUFF IT

Up your dad's office #ootd with these stainless steel Birks Bee Chic Onyx Cufflinks from Maison Birks. **\$225 at Maison Birks.** 698 W. Hastings St., 604-669-3333. Maisonbirks.com



CASUAL COOL

Get dad to strut his stuff in these vegan MicroFibre Apollo Chukka shoes from Native, perfectly casual yet still cool enough for the office. **\$110 at Hills of Kerrisdale.** 2125 W. 41st Ave., 604-266-9177. Hillsofkerrisdale.com



MADE IN THE SHADE

These Palladium Green Mirrored Givenchy 7012/S Metal Aviators put a modern spin on the *Top Gun* classic. **\$495 at Holt Renfrew.** 737 Dunsmuir St., 604-681-3121. Holtrenfrew.com



TIMELESS TREASURE

Give dad the gift of quality this Father's Day with the Paloma Picasso Knot Wrap Bracelet in 18-karat rose gold and leather from Tiffany & Co. **\$1,850 at Tiffany & Co.** 723 Burrard St., 604-630-1300. Tiffany.ca

THE SCENT OF A MAN

With notes of citrus enhanced by a tone of shiso and clear dewy water, Terre d'Hermès Flacon H is ideal for the dad who's fussy about his fragrances. **\$124 at Holt Renfrew.** 737 Dunsmuir St., 604-681-3121. Holtrenfrew.com



BLUE CALIBRE

Clock the time with Vacheron Constantin's Harmony Ultra-Thin Grande Complication Chronograph watch. With 47 jewels, an alligator strap and Hallmark of Geneva certification, it's perf for a dapper dad. **Price available upon request at Palladio.** 855 W. Hastings St., 604-685-3885. Palladiocanada.com

CLEAN CUT

Equipped with all the essentials for a clean shave, dad'll love Jack Black's grooming set with a German-engineered handcrafted razor. **\$275 at Holt Renfrew.** 737 Dunsmuir St., 604-681-3121. Holtrenfrew.com



Bathing Beauties

THE SEASON'S HOTTEST SWIMSUITS

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KIINI's Ro two-piece, \$395 at Holt Renfrew. Holtrenfrew.com



BETH RICHARDS

Time to send those hefty winter coats to the depths of your wardrobe. Summer is here and we're officially ready for sun, sand and surf in the chicest swimwear. This season we're seeing tried-and-true looks that have been refreshed and renewed for 2016, like athletic silhouettes and intricate cut-outs, as well as newer, daintier styles like ruffles and off-the-shoulder sleeves. Also making an appearance is a familiar favourite: the high-waisted bottom, like the **Underwire Bikini in The Hybrid** (\$308) from **We Are Handsome**. On the more daring side of the swimsuit spectrum is crochet (yes, crochet!) detailing à la '70s disco couture, like the bright and bold **Ro** two-piece from **KIINI** (\$395). But if what you're really looking for is a feminine number to grace poolsides in, take inspiration from **Beth Richards' Sophia** beauty (\$338).

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Italian Confidential

AN INSIDER'S GUIDE TO THE SECRETS OF SOUTHERN ITALY
BY KELSEY KLASSEN

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Over the past few years, I have had the pleasure of visiting Southern Italy for two key moments in my life: the first being my honeymoon, where my Italian-Canadian husband introduced me to the Italy he knows, and the second being his sister's Sicilian wedding, where my entire extended family introduced me to the Italy they know. My in-laws have deep roots in the south, and now, so do I. So instead of putting together the traditional *Sip, Stay, Shop* travel diary, I've chosen four places in the most intense Italian *sud*—an area still largely undiscovered by tourists—that I simply have to see again.



AMALFI COAST

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The Amalfi Coast is hardly a secret; however, the travellers who venture beyond Rome and Naples to this dizzyingly improbable UNESCO World Heritage rarely go past the renowned towns of Sorrento and Positano. This is for two good reasons: 1) They are beautiful. And 2) Tourists are warned explicitly to not drive the hazardous Amalfi Coast road. Before she immigrated to Canada, though, my mother-in-law used to summer on the Amalfi Coast as a teen, so my husband and I have made a point of seeing it all. Listen to church bells peal out over the Piazza del Duomo in Amalfi, relax in sundrenched Praiano, buy lemons from a roadside stall in family-friendly Maiori, catch a boat to a hidden cove from the beach in wee Erchie (where we base our stays, at the Limoneto di Ercole apartments), and eat the freshest catch of the day in authentic Cetara. Then leave it all in the glowing rearview and go see the ruins of Pompeii. Limonetodiercole.com

OTRANTO

A whitewashed slice of Greece near the tip of Italy's stiletto, Otranto is a paradise waiting to be discovered. The coastal drive to get there—dotted with hidden swimming grottos and seafood to nourish the soul—makes the day of travel from Naples worth it alone. An ambling walk from our hotel, the Relais Valle Dell'Idro, gently guided us towards the seaside resort's impossibly romantic central promenade, filled with Italian day-trippers and sun-kissed families sharing plates of *frittura mista*. Flanked by a soaring medieval fortress at one end and a quintessentially Italian beach at another, time ceases to tick by in the distance between the two. Otrantohotel.com



OTRANTO



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Pulling up to the villa in the hills of central Sicily where my sister-in-law was hosting her wedding literally took my breath away. After a white-knuckle drive along a charmingly winding and washed-out dirt road, the unexpected appeared: a meticulously landscaped pine drive, leading to a steel and stone masseria, or country estate, rosemary hedgerows, and then golden wheat fields as far as the eye could see. Primarily a boutique wedding and agritourism destination for in-the-know Europeans, anyone can, and should, brave the drive to bask in the sights, smells and tastes of this 300-year-old working Italian farm. Masseriasusafa.com



TAORMINA

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Long a playground for the rich, and richer, Taormina is a spectacularly situated resort destination on the east coast of Sicily. In addition to boasting world-class luxury shopping and azure-blue beaches, Taormina is also just a helicopter ride away from the volcanic spectacle of the Aeolian Islands. I suggest booking a vacation rental through VRBO.com. Keep peak season in mind—Taormina is Sicily's most popular summer getaway—and if you get the chance, try to catch a touring pop star performing in the city's ancient Teatro Greco. Teatrogrecotaormina.com

Art Heals

WITH OVER 1600 WORKS IN CORRIDORS, PRIVATE UNITS AND COURTYARDS AT UBC AND VGH, VANCOUVER'S HOSPITALS ARE HOME TO SOME OF THE CITY'S MOST PROMINENT ARTWORKS.

BY LAURA BUSBY

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The hardest working art in the city hangs on the walls of Vancouver General, UBC, Lions Gate, St. Paul's and BC Children's Hospitals. Each of these institutions believe in the ability of fine art to humanize the hospital and offer moments of refuge for staff, patients and their families. Sophisticated, growing and unique in their origin, the collections feature a range of mediums such as painting, photography and sculpture and represent local and international artists (think Jack Shadbolt, Pat O'Hara and Gordon Smith); all of which are generously donated. To learn more about the programs and how to make a financial contribution please contact the foundations associated with each hospital.

For our Q&A with VGH & UBC Foundation's art collection manager, Katharine Knowles, visit Vitamindaily.com



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ABOVE Jack Shadbolt, *Hill Fire*, 1984. Courtesy of the Morris and Helen Belkin Art Gallery.

LEFT Alan Wood, *Blue Shore*, 1995. Courtesy of the Morris and Helen Belkin Gallery.

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This recipe draws inspiration from muffaletta, a round Sicilian bread sandwich filled with charcuterie originating from Italian immigrants in New Orleans. Here, we've substituted a few of the traditional ingredients in lieu of more pizza-friendly toppings, but the end result is undeniably delicious. The briny, salty muffaletta sauce goes so well on pizza (and just about anything for that matter), we'd forgive you if you wanted to put it on everything.

THE FOOD GAYS



Muffaletta-style Pizza

INGREDIENTS

1 cup warm water
1 tsp instant yeast
1 tsp sugar
2 cups all-purpose flour
1 tsp salt
1/3 cup Sicilian green olives, diced
1/3 cup roasted red peppers, diced
1/4 cup pickled banana peppers, diced (plus more for topping)
1 tsp capers
1/2 shallot, finely diced
1/2 tsp red wine vinegar
1 tbsp extra virgin olive oil
salt and pepper, to taste
1/4 cup sliced ham or mortadella
1/4 cup sliced hot Calabrese salami
1/4 cup sliced capicola
1 tbsp black olives, sliced
1/3 cup fior di latte

METHOD

In a small bowl, combine warm water with instant yeast, and leave to bloom for a couple of minutes. Add the yeast to the mixing bowl, along with flour, sugar and salt. Using a dough hook, combine ingredients until a nice dough has formed, about 10 minutes. Grease a bowl with a couple of drops of oil, then place the dough inside. Let the dough proof, covered, until it has doubled in size, about an hour. Preheat the oven to 500 F. Meanwhile, prepare the muffaletta sauce. In a medium sized bowl, combine olives, roasted red peppers, banana peppers, capers, shallot, red wine vinegar and extra virgin olive oil. Combine well, then season with salt and pepper as needed. Set aside.

Once dough has proofed, remove it from the bowl and cut it into two. With your hands, gently shape the dough and press into your desired pan (we like to use an 8-inch round pizza pan). Spoon some muffaletta sauce on to the dough, and spread it around evenly. Top with ham, salami, capicola, black olives and banana peppers. Bake pizza for 8-10 minutes, until the crust starts to become golden brown. Carefully remove from oven, and place torn pieces of fior di latte on top. Return to oven, and set to broil (500 F) until cheese melts.

Serve and enjoy.



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TWO

ADESSO BISTRO

The charming string lights appear out of nowhere along this sun-soaked residential West End street. Just blocks from the beach, this quaint patio is the perfect summer perch for an apéro and anti-pasti. **1906 Haro St., 604-568-9975. Adessobistro.net**

THREE

REFLECTIONS: THE GARDEN TERRACE

Okay, so this one isn't necessarily a secret, but we couldn't do a patio roundup without this oasis on the fourth floor of the Rosewood Georgia Hotel. Order yourself a summer fresh cocktail or a glass of bubbles and soak in the people watching on this L.A.-inspired patio. **801 W. Georgia St., 604-682-5566. Rosewoodhotels.com**

FOUR

ROOF GARTEN

Hidden above the city and adorned with green walls, this pop-up patio is only around for the summer, so make sure you discover it in time.

Grab a glass of bubbly from the Veuve Clicquot Champagne Bar and get transported to a terrace in Europe. **670 Smithe St., 604-782-2352. Roofgarten.com**



FIVE

THE NARROW LOUNGE

If you thought The Narrow Lounge was a blink-and-you'll-miss-it find, their tiki-themed patio is even more tucked away. Known for its kitsch, lovable décor and summer patio parties, this one is a personal favourite. **1898 Main St., 778-737-5206.**



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IN A WORLD WHERE BIG BRANDS DOMINATE, FASHIONISTAS ARE CRAVING THE BOUTIQUE, THE INDEPENDENT, THE UNIQUE. ENTER ELENA GHISELLINI.
BY ALEEZA KHAN

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you refer to Elena's Ghisellini's handbags as "accessories" she will likely correct you; instead her creations are "symbols, archetypes and even fetishes" that can be serious for day and "sexy, ironic and eccentric" for evening. With her eclectic eye and commitment to quality craftsmanship, the Genoa-born, Florence-based designer has made a name for herself with her independent label, launched in 2003, and as a consultant for brands such as Pucci, where she was recently appointed head of accessories. We caught up with Ghisellini when she was at Vancouver's Blubird boutique for her Spring/Summer 2016 launch (yes, you can buy her bags right here!).

Not only do you have your own design firm but you're also head accessories designer for Pucci. Do you find the two roles complement each other? Absolutely! These big brands inspire me every day. It's not because they are complementary, but it's actually the difference that is a stimulus for creativity.

You're not afraid to experiment with colour. Is this a deliberate choice, or just part of your own style? Colours give me energy and freedom. It's a form of expression. For me, they represent the will to live. Modulating colours in different combinations gives a unique character, similar to a painter's custom palette.

Do you feel your collections have a distinctly Italian flare? Definitely—from the way they are made (by hand), to the special details you can feel (like the made-in-Italy metal hardware). Plus, every handbag is created by skilled artisans [in a Renaissance-era building in Florence].

If you could sum up your collection in three words, what would they be? Passionate, innovative, defiant.

“COLOURS give me energy and freedom. It's a form of EXPRESSION.”



If you could sum up your collection in three words, what would they be?

“PASSIONATE. INNOVATIVE. DEFIANT.”



Is there always a common thread through your collections, or do you pull from new influences for each? There's a common thread. There are always elements of my personal style that characterize the details and purity of my collections. The research of new functions and shapes and the exciting colour combinations never stop, though. I always need to offer something new and special that excites.

What, and who in terms of big names, have been your biggest influences? Art, because it's the best and most free human expression; nature, because of our wild sides; and people with the right, cool attitude. Also, Riccardo Tisci [Givenchy's creative stylist] gave me the motivation to push my boundaries and to continue to explore myself, my humanity and my talent. He also gave me the courage to innovate with my brand and enhance its personality.

Tell us a little about your personal style. Minimal, practical and suitable for a fast-paced lifestyle. I travel a lot for work so clothes must be fit for a plane or train ride, and then straight to a meeting.

Is this your first time visiting Vancouver? What are your plans while you're here? Yes, and I'm thrilled to visit your amazing city. Vancouver is full of different cultures, and a place where people respect the incredible nature around them. On this trip, I'm going to visit downtown, see orcas and seals in their natural habitat, and watch eagles. Unfortunately my visit is too short! But I'll be back soon because I've very much enjoyed it.

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