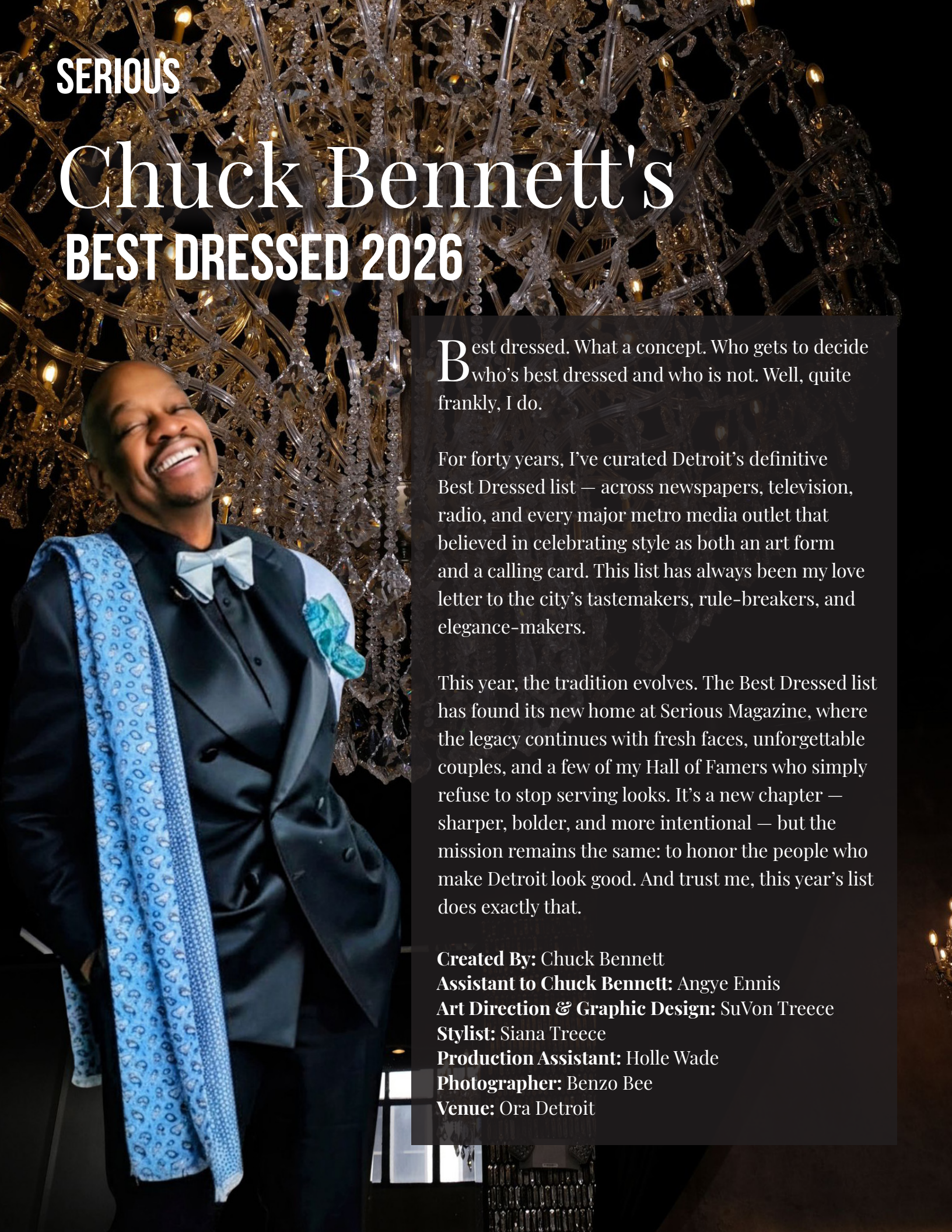




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Chuck Bennett's BEST DRESSED 2026

Best dressed. What a concept. Who gets to decide who's best dressed and who is not. Well, quite frankly, I do.

For forty years, I've curated Detroit's definitive Best Dressed list — across newspapers, television, radio, and every major metro media outlet that believed in celebrating style as both an art form and a calling card. This list has always been my love letter to the city's tastemakers, rule-breakers, and elegance-makers.

This year, the tradition evolves. The Best Dressed list has found its new home at Serious Magazine, where the legacy continues with fresh faces, unforgettable couples, and a few of my Hall of Famers who simply refuse to stop serving looks. It's a new chapter — sharper, bolder, and more intentional — but the mission remains the same: to honor the people who make Detroit look good. And trust me, this year's list does exactly that.

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Danialle Karmanos

*Wife, Mom,
CEO of MadDog
Technology*



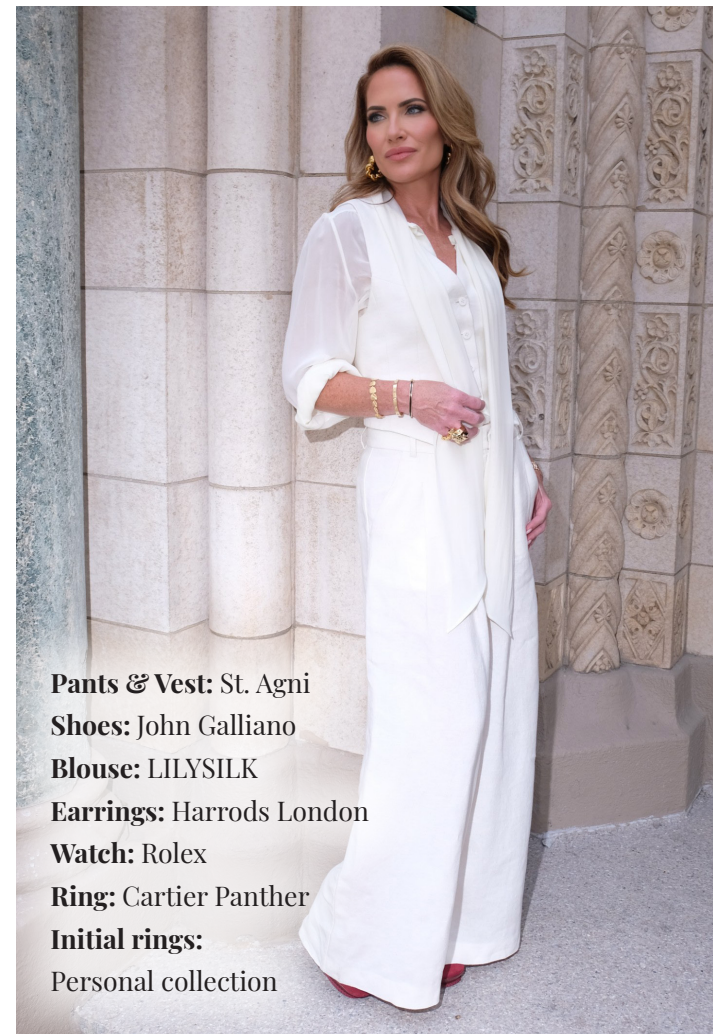
Hair: Michelle Rabban
Makeup: Mandy Arabo, Mandy Rose Studio
Dress: Khaite
Gloves: Dries Van Noten
Earrings: David Webb



Purple Tulle Skirt: AKNVAS
Sweater: Ralph Lauren
Belt: J.Crew
Riding Boots: Dries Van Noten
Heart Ring & Earrings: The Good Day Birmingham
Bracelet: Personal Collection
Tights: Danskin

“Fashion Advice

Be true to yourself. Don't let anybody bully you in any area of your life. Wear what feels good. Be okay with laughing at your mistakes. Own your mistakes and then get it right.



Pants & Vest: St. Agni
Shoes: John Galliano
Blouse: LILYSILK
Earrings: Harrods London
Watch: Rolex
Ring: Cartier Panther
Initial rings: Personal collection

Danialle proves you can be powerful and playful with style. Fierce and unexpectedly funny, she dresses in modest, high-quality pieces with a dash of trend. She's equally devoted to luxury brands and bargain treasures — like the \$7 Walmart skirt she famously styled into a full-on fashion moment. She shops small, shops local, shops online, and shops around the world. “My favorite designers and stores change like the seasons,” she adds. Because of her varied roles in life, her wardrobe often has to reflect her activities. Going to a hockey game with her teenage boys requires a totally different look than sitting at the head of the table in the board room at MadDog. Danialle's fashion sense is eclectic, smart, and always authentically her.

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Lane Coleman

*Founder & CEO,
Strike Group; Board Chair,
Detroit Institute of Arts*

Custom Tailored Tux: Detroit Bespoke
Shoes: Ferragamo
Watch: Patek Philippe Aquanaut
Bracelet: Diamond Tennis Bracelet



Yellow Sweater:
Magic Hill Mercantile
Pants: Charles Tyrwhitt,
Jermyn Street London
Shoes: Ferragamo
Watch: Vacheron
Constantin
Bracelet: Diamond
Tennis Bracelet

“Fashion Advice

Choose pieces you enjoy and feel comfortable in. Lane’s wardrobe reflects a man fully at ease with who he is — no performance, no pretense, just thoughtful choices that speak quietly and land with a bang.

Lane Coleman may appear conservative at first glance, but look closer and the surprises start stacking up. His style is understated on the surface, yet full of smart, unexpected touches — a yellow cashmere sweater here, a midnight-blue seersucker tuxedo there. “Nothing over the top,” he says, “but I like things that are a little outside of the norm.”

He shops boutiques around the world, discovering pieces that feel unique and personal, and most of his suits are custom made. Lane loves when something he wears sparks conversation — like his dazzling, yet tasteful, diamond tennis bracelet. It’s those subtle statements that reveal the depth of his style.

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Rhonda Walker

News Anchor, WDIV; Founder & President, The Rhonda Walker Foundation



Dress: Marchesa
Shoes: Christian Louboutin
Earrings: Personal Collection
Engagement Ring: Edmund T Ahee
in Grosse Pointe



“Fashion Advice

Accent your money maker. Gorgeous legs? Shorter skirts. Beautiful cleavage? Work it in. Great arms? Go sleeveless. Know your body type — and use it to your advantage.



Rhonda Walker's style is the definition of timeless. Classic, feminine, sexy, elegant, glamorous — always classic. “I can pull out pieces from 20 years ago and they still fit right in,” she says. She consistently adds new items to refresh her wardrobe, but her foundation is built on silhouettes that never go out of style.

She loves many designers, but she's designer-specific when it comes to shoes: Valentino, Louboutin, and Jimmy Choo are her go-tos. She shops often at Saks and Neiman Marcus at Somerset Collection, browses online, and visits Viga Boutique in Birmingham for casual pieces and expert tailoring. Her look is polished, confident, glamorous, and unmistakably Rhonda.

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Ven Johnson

*Personal Injury &
Trial Lawyer*

Full suit & Shoes:
Cavalry & Company
Tie: Stefano Ricci
Watch: Shinola
Glasses: Tom Ford



Full Suit:
Cavalry & Company
Shoes: Bally
Tie: Stefano Ricci
Watch: Shinola
Glasses: Tom Ford



“Fashion Advice

Be true to yourself. And for men in particular — pay attention, stay curious, and use tools like AI or Google to learn what's new and what works.

Ven Johnson is that super-smooth cousin who shows up to every family gathering dressed to kill. His style is a throwback to old-school elegance, and even when he goes casual, he refuses to look ordinary. If he's in jeans, they're paired with a cashmere sweater and a perfectly tailored sport coat — what he calls three-piece dressing, not a three-piece suit.

He didn't wear jeans until high school, and once he became a lawyer, suits became his uniform. Most of his wardrobe comes from Cavalry & Company. “Aaron John and those guys spoil me,” he says. Ven loves browsing designer stores for inspiration, especially Somerset Collection, Versace, and his current favorite, Stefano Ricci.

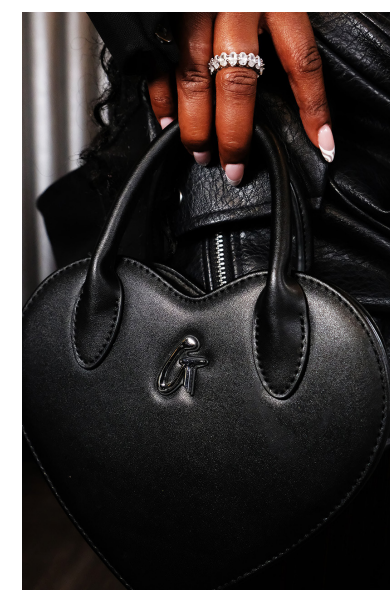
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Amber Lewis

*Full-Time Influencer,
Detroit's CEO*

Custom Dress: Donovan Dewberry
Shoes: Cult of Coquette



Bodysuit: Hanifa
Fringe Skirt: Fashion Nova
Leather Biker Jacket:
Ashley Graham
Shoes: Christian Louboutin
Bag: Glam-Aholic
Earrings: Betsey Johnson
Ring: Harper Ray

“Fashion Advice

Wear what you feel good in. People tend to be concerned with how other people perceive them. Identify how you want to show up in the world and the statement you want to make. And make sure you have fun with it.

Amber Lewis may sound shy over the phone, but in person she is pure electricity. Professional yet unapologetically herself, she built her brand on what she proudly calls Bad Bitch Business — showcasing every side of her life with style and intention. A former government employee and self-described party girl, Amber blends those worlds into a fashion identity that's bold, expressive, and never predictable.

Her wardrobe leans into chains, leather, lace, and silhouettes that command attention. She loves designers who match her energy, especially Hanifa out of Washington, D.C., and she champions Detroit's Black creatives, including Donovan Dewberry, whose gold-chain creation she wears in this layout.

Online or in person, Amber dresses like the CEO of her own life — dynamic, daring, and undeniably one of Detroit's Best Dressed.

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Leo Salvaggio

*Owner,
Nino Salvaggio
International
Marketplace*



Suit: ISAIA
Custom Shirt: Sam Sherwin
Shoes: Bruno Piattelli
Watch: Audemars Piguet
Offshore Rose Gold
Eyewear: Chrome Hearts
Tie: Zegna
Hat: Stetson



Custom Suit: ISAIA
Pocket Square: Chrome Hearts
Shoes: Louis Vuitton
Watch: Audemars Piguet
(titanium with horse-brand strap)
Glasses: Jacques Marie Mage
Tie: JZ Richards
Custom Hat: Kemo Sabe

“Fashion Advice

Wear what you want. Do what feels good. If it makes you comfortable and confident, go for it. Have fun with it — life is short, so dress the way you want to dress.

Leo Salvaggio dresses with an unmistakable European flair, leaning especially towards Italian style. His current favorite designer is Isaia, whose rich fabrics and bold color combinations match Leo's crystal blue eyes for elegance. His signature look most often includes one of his very cool custom hats and that beaming, welcoming smile everyone knows him for.

He says the creativity he pours into designing his beautifully stocked marketplace carries over into his wardrobe. “When you're around guys that dress well, you want to look good. I always want to look good. I never want to feel bad about the way I'm dressed. I will always look good and prepared.” That philosophy guides every piece he chooses.

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Janice Cosby Adams

Retired Health Care Executive, Creator of Jan's Gray Glam, Author & Influencer



Gown: The Siana Treece Collection

Shoes: Stuart Weitzman

Earrings: Chanel

Watch: Rolex



Skirt Set with Feather Detail:

Lyudviga Couture, Birmingham

Shoes: Amina Muaddi

Earrings & Bracelet: Chanel

Watch: Rolex

“Fashion Advice

Stop chasing trends. Find an authentic look that truly fits you. We're all starting to look the same. My style stands out because it's mine: thoughtful, refined, and unmistakably Jan's Gray Glam.

Janice Cosby Adams embodies an eclectic mix of classic, sophisticated, and subtly sexy style. She loves great design but hates the act of shopping, which is why she prefers the endless options online. “I can find more merchandise online,” she says. “If you understand your body type, you can find everything you need.” Her special-occasion looks, however, often come from Birmingham-based designer Ludviga Shneyders of Ludviga Couture, who crafts pieces that match Jan's polished, confident aesthetic.



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Larry Alebiosu

*Owner,
Fashion International*

Bespoke Suit: Fashion International
Shoes: Christian Louboutin
Watch: Ulysse Nardin Michelangelo
Eyewear: Balmain
Belt: Fashion International
Ascot: Fashion International



Entire Look: Fashion International
Shoes: Alexander McQueen
Tie: Fashion International
with Swarovski Embellishment
Leather Cufflinks: Fashion International
Eyewear: Kuboraum
Watch: Ulysse Nardin Michelangelo

“Fashion Advice

If you put it on, wear it. It's not about the fashion — it's about the confidence.



When **Larry Alebiosu** walks into a room, jaws drop. He's always impeccably dressed, looking as if he stepped straight off the pages of a fashion magazine — fitting for a man who has owned a high-fashion menswear store for 36 years. Larry insists he doesn't have a particular style, but what he delivers is modern-day dandy at its finest, complete with every bell and whistle. His process is simple: “I never plan anything out. When I wake up, I pick a tie — and then I work from there.”

Before creating his own brand, he followed Armani, Versace, and Gucci. Today, his look is entirely his own, shaped by decades of expertise and an instinct for elegance.

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Robert & Anabelle DiPilla

Robert:
*Dentist, Family & Cosmetic Dentistry,
Detroit Pistons Medical Team*

Anabelle:
Wellness Advisor

Custom Suit: Cavalry & Co.

Tailor: Aaron St. John

Shoes: Crockett & Jones

Bracelet: David Yurman

Watch: Rolex

Black Dress: Balmain

Shoes: Gianvito Rossi

Earrings: Kate Spade

Hair: Lea Malaj



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Robert DiPilla

“Fashion Advice

Don't overthink it. Keep it simple. And make sure it fits.

Robert DiPilla blends contemporary style with old-school glamour, creating a look that's both modern and timeless. He loves wide lapels, pant cuffs, and elegant high-collar shirts — details that give his wardrobe a refined, vintage edge. For him, fit is everything. “Clothes have to be fitted properly,” he says. “Doesn't matter where they came from. With the proper fit, you'll look like a million dollars.”

His longtime favorite designer is Giorgio Armani. “I have Armani suits that are literally 20 years old and still relevant,” he adds. His beloved Barney's of New York may be gone, but DiPilla now gets most pieces custom made — a choice he insists is not more expensive, just smarter.

As part of the Detroit Pistons medical team, he feels a responsibility to dress the part — and it shows.

Custom Suit: Cavalry & Co.
Tailor: Aaron St. John
Shoes: Crockett & Jones
Bracelet: David Yurman
Watch: Rolex



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Anabelle DiPilla

“Fashion Advice

Simple and sincere: don't try to look like someone else. Be yourself, be comfortable, and choose pieces that suit you. Style isn't about imitation — it's about owning who you are and wearing it beautifully.

Anabelle DiPilla's signature style is Afeminine with an unmistakable edge. Day-to-day she leans casual, but when it's time to dress up, she loves making a statement — big shoulders, bold jewelry, and big, glamorous hair. Her fashion taste spans many designers, but her current obsession is Dominican designer JCL. “He's amazing,” she says. She also loves Balmain for its powerful, structured silhouettes.

Anabelle shops mostly online for the wider reach and the thrill of discovering pieces that make people stop and wonder. “I want them to say, ‘Where did she get that?’” she laughs — and they often do.

Red Pants Set: J.Cagares
Shoes: INC International Concepts, Macy's
Earrings: Alexis Bittar
Necklace: Cuyana
Ring: Amazon



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Vivian Pickard

*Former President,
General Motors Foundation;
CEO, The Pickard Group*

Hair: Athena Danielle
@critiquebeautystudio
Makeup: Rashida LaShawn for
The Glam Doctor
Outfit: Givenchy
Shoes: Christian Louboutin
Watch & Earrings: Chanel



Outfit: Balmain
Shoes: Bottega Veneta
Earrings: Chanel
Watch: Rolex



“Fashion Advice

*Choose a limited number of great pieces
each season to elevate your wardrobe.
And be very cautious with sale items.*

Vivian Pickard never misses. Any occasion, any time of day — if Vivian arrives, she will be impeccably dressed. Her style is rooted in simplicity and elegance, built on clean silhouettes, precise cuts, and beautifully interesting fabrics. Her favorite designers are Balmain and Chanel, both of which she says are cut perfectly for her body type.

Vivian shops all over the world, but she especially loves Somerset Collection in Troy, with a particular devotion to Saks Fifth Avenue. “Our Saks will stand up against any fashion store in the world,” she says proudly. “And my girl there, Betsy, can get me whatever I need.”

Her wardrobe reflects a woman who knows exactly what works for her — polished, intentional, and consistently flawless.

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Antonino & Liz Cutraro

*Restaurateurs,
Bella Piatti; Developer*

Nino:
Jacket: Etro
Shirt: Etro
Shoes: Dario Vis
Watch: Rolex

Liz:
Suit: Armani
Blouse: Marella
Shoes: Dolce & Gabbana
Purse: Prada
Earrings: Swarovski
Ring: Pasquale Bruni



“Fashion Advice

Nino: Go with what you feel.

Liz: Have fun. Don't be too obvious — or too understated.

Antonino “Nino” Cutraro’s style rewards a second look. What seems simple at first quickly reveals clever, meticulous details — like custom Italian shoes dyed to match the exact shade of the buttons on his bespoke sport coat. Years ago, he made a Best Dressed appearance in a full snakeskin jacket with matching eelskin boots, proving he’s never been afraid of a statement. Today, his favorite designers are Dolce & Gabbana and Etro, and he and Liz do most of their shopping in Rome and Beverly Hills. Nino is one of the funniest people you’ll ever meet. His whimsical, carefree personality shows in his wardrobe. He often picks the clothes, and Liz picks the colors.

Liz is the soft, elegant counterpoint — the flower on his lapel. She mixes old with new, favoring classic silhouettes with a touch of edge. Her favorite designers include Armani, Alexander McQueen, Dolce & Gabbana, and now their son, Nino Jr., whose progressive line, De Florencio, she proudly champions.

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Liz Cutraro

Pants: Donna Karan
Blouse: Pinko
Boots: Schutz
Purse: Abro
Necklace: UNOde50
Bracelet: Otazu
Watch: Rolex
Jacket: De Florencio
Ring: Pesavento



Antonino Cutraro

Suit: Etro
Shirt: Punch
Shoes: Dario Vis
Belt: Dario Vis
Watch: Patek Philippe



Brandon Hudson

*Anchor/Reporter,
FOX 2 News*



Entire look: Fashion International
Shoes: Cole Haan



Entire look: Fashion International

Shirt: The Tie Bar

Shoes: Cole Haan

“Fashion Advice

Don't be afraid to take chances. Don't be embarrassed or hesitant to try something new.

Brandon Hudson's style lives outside the box. He loves to experiment, especially with bright colors, and national anchors regularly comment on air about how sharp he looks. It's rare to see a newsman so flashy, fashionable, and well-put-together without ever crossing into overbearing — but Brandon strikes that balance effortlessly.

He wasn't always a fashion guy. Early in his career, when someone asked about pocket squares, he thought they meant pocket protectors. Now he takes pride in crafting perfectly coordinated — not matched — pocket square and tie combinations. He's a fan of Tom Ford and Eaden Myles, but most of his wardrobe comes from Larry Alebiosu at Fashion International.



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Jeffrey Lance Abood

*Attorney,
Abood Law Firm*

Custom look: Bill Dobinsky BB Custom
Belt: Gucci
Shoes: Gucci
Cufflinks: Vintage
Bracelets: Dolce Moda
Glasses: Tom Ford



Custom Tailored Suit: Bill Dobinsky BB Custom
Shoes: Christian Louboutin Sneakers
Bracelets: Dolce Moda
Belt: Hermès
Cufflinks: Vintage

“Fashion Advice

Don't be afraid to dress up. You can never be overdressed. Wear what makes you feel confident.

Jeffrey Lance Abood's attention to detail is unmatched. He spends hours with his tailors, dictating everything from fabric and thread to buttons and lining — and every jacket includes his signature cigar pocket. Known as a bold dresser, his style never interferes with his work; in fact, many friendships and clients have come from conversations sparked by something he was wearing. Jeffrey doesn't claim a favorite designer because he prides himself on designing his own suits. He collaborates with tailor Bill Dobinski of BB Custom Clothing, meeting a few times a year over cigars to choose fabrics, stitching, buttons, and linings.

For accessories, he turns to Saks and Neiman Marcus, Hermès belts, and shoes from Louboutin and Gucci.

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Rayford Jackson

*Owner, Rayford Homes;
CEO, Co-Hort Entertainment*

Blue Embellished Shirt: Gucci
Embellished Custom Bow Tie:
Kenneth Wayne
Leather Suit: Gucci
Socks: Gucci
Boots: Christian Louboutin
Watch: Audemars Piguet Royal Oak



Short set: Louis Vuitton
Crystal Windbreaker:
Louis Vuitton
Embellished High-top Sneakers: Alexander McQueen
Socks: Louis Vuitton
Watch: Audemars Piguet Royal Oak

“Fashion Advice

Use your creativity. Build a color scheme. And don't be afraid to try non-traditional things.

Many call him “Mr. Gucci” or “Gucci Ray,” and with good reason — his collection of Gucci is legendary. He’s an ambassador for the brand, but his wardrobe stretches far beyond it. Rayford also loves Louis Vuitton, Versace, Dolce & Gabbana, and pieces from local designer Kenneth Wayne Daniels. His style is limitless: suits with short pants, crystals, sequins, ruffles — all worn with total confidence. He’s obsessed with the crystal work Alexander McQueen is doing and the dramatic ruffles from Dolce.

Rayford is the perfect example of dressing exactly how you want and never worrying about what others think. As a result, people can’t help but acknowledge his remarkable style. He loves shopping boutiques, especially in New York, where he finds the boldest pieces.

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Jehan Crump-Gibson

*Co-Founder & Managing Partner, Great Lakes Legal Group;
Board Chair, Big Brothers Big Sisters*



Zebra-Print Sequin Blazer Dress:
Bronx and Banco
Shoes: Nina Ricci
Earrings: Chanel Studs
Ring: John Hardy
Bracelet: Van Cleef & Arpels
Diamond Tennis Bracelet



White Feather Look: Sai Sankoh
Shoes: Cult of Coquette
Earrings: Chanel
Ring: Aria
Bracelet: Van Cleef & Arpels
Diamond Tennis Bracelet

“ Fashion Advice

Do what feels good to you. Stay true to yourself. And always consider cut, fit, and style.



You almost expect trumpets to sound when **Jehan Crump-Gibson** walks into a room. She freely admits her style is “extra,” and even in court her looks still pop. On her more conservative days, she adds at least one element that reflects her vivacious personality. “If I have to wear a suit,” she says, “you better believe I’m coming with the hot shoes and accessories.”

For black-tie affairs and cocktail parties, she loves Zhivago — the standout at the top of her long list of favorite designers. She shops online, at Nordstrom and Neiman Marcus, and at smaller local boutiques. Sequins and feathers are her joy, and she wears them with unapologetic flair.

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Sofi K

*Owner, Sofi K LLC,
Experiential Events*



Dress: Ashley Harris
Shoes: Christian Louboutin
Jewelry: Personal Collection
Hair & Makeup: Desi Cleveland



Entire look: CBTk Bridal
Shoes: Christian Louboutin
Jewelry: Cartier, Giorgio Conti
& Personal Collection



“Fashion Advice

Don't be afraid to over-accessorize.

Sofi K doesn't just wear style — she radiates it. Fashion is woven into her very being, and her look shifts between three distinct lanes: girly, edgy, and that irresistible blend of masculine-meets-feminine. Her favorite designers include Schiaparelli, vintage Paco Rabanne, and Cavalli from the '90s. A former Saks employee, she's still a Saks and Neiman's girl at heart, but she also loves discovering pieces from local artists and small shops.

No matter the setting, Sofi is always a head-turner. Her creativity in the experiential events world fuels her fashion choices, and her wardrobe reflects someone who knows exactly how to make an entrance — and an impression.

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Rick Mahorn

*Former Detroit Pistons
Bad Boy;
Analyst & Announcer,
Detroit Pistons*

Custom Shirt: David Abraham
Custom Suit: Cicchini, Birmingham
Shoes: Cole Haan
Jewelry: David Yurman & Pandora
Watch: Rolex Yacht-Master
Eyewear: Jacques Marie Mage
Tie Clip: Louis Vuitton
Custom Pocket Square
Tie: Westport Black
Socks: Happy Socks



Jacket: Louis Vuitton
Shoes: Louis Vuitton Trainers
Shirt & Pants: Everett Hall
Socks: Happy Socks
Custom Necklace: Diamond Repair
Watch: Audemars Piguet White Watch
Bracelet: Pandora
Belt: Louis Vuitton
Bracelet & Necklace: David Yurman
Glasses: Louis Vuitton

“Fashion Advice

When you feel comfortable in something, go for it. Consider your complexion. And learn from people who know — Chuck Daly (Daddy Rich) taught him plenty.

Back in his Bad Boys era, **Rick Mahorn** exuded eclectic style with class — and he still dresses the same way today. Color is his compass. He chooses pieces that complement his skin tone and gets inspiration from other sharply dressed people. He didn't discover the joy of dressing well until the NBA, but once he bought his first custom suit, he was hooked.

Rick loves Louis Vuitton and other luxury designers, though he often jokes about the challenge of finding his size. He's thrilled they finally make shoes in a size 15. He doesn't really shop; instead, he gathers ideas and takes them to his designers. “I use Ray Hines at Cicchini Custom Clothier,” he says. “He gets me completely together.” For sportier looks, he turns to Tarance Deas of David Abraham Clothiers, but his favorite is Everett Hall out of D.C. “When I leave a room, I want them to say, ‘Damn, that man can dress.’”

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Nicole Eisenberg

*Philanthropist &
Broadway Producer*



Vintage velvet Tuxedo: Saint Laurent
Shoes: Gianvito Rossi
Diamond Studs & Ring: Personal Collection



Tuxedo: Victoria Beckham
Shoes: Gianvito Rossi
Cufflinks: Black & Gold Onyx
Bow Tie: Tom Ford

“Fashion Advice

Wear what works for you. Skip the trends, choose silhouettes that flatter, and make sure your tailoring is impeccable. Nicole's style stands out because it's intentional, confident, and entirely her own.



Nicole Eisenberg knows how to command a room. At 57, she's still working her show better than ever, dressing in whatever grabs her — especially if it's black. She gravitates toward sharp tailoring and men's suiting, often finishing her looks with motorcycle boots, moto jackets, or cowboy boots. Anything to avoid heels these days.

Her favorite designers include Demna at Gucci, Schiaparelli, and Chanel, which she proudly adds to the list. Nicole shops online (“my husband desperately wants me to stop”), hunts vintage, and picks up pieces while traveling. Since COVID, she rarely steps into stores — the digital treasure hunt suits her just fine.

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Montee Tayion Holland

*CEO & Owner,
The Tayion Collection*

Custom Suit: Tayion Collection

Shoes: Mezlan

Jewelry: Diamond Tennis Bracelet & Stud Earrings

Watch: Piaget Polo



“Fashion Advice

Let your fashion choices be an extension of your personality. Follow a few universal rules — especially making sure everything is well-fitted.

Montee Tayion Holland calls his style “Detroit Sexy” — a blend of roaring-20s swagger, old-school Motown polish, and an elevated New Age Detroit vibe. His favorite designer is Ralph Lauren. “I lean toward the Ralph Lauren Purple Label because we do a lot of similar things. Next to him is Tom Ford. Again, we do a lot of the same things — I’m just at a more affordable price point.” Montee loves wearing his own product, so there’s rarely a need to shop anywhere but his own showroom. For accessories, he hits Macy’s, Neiman Marcus, and Saks, rounding out looks that feel both classic and unmistakably Detroit.

His style reflects a man who knows exactly who he is — confident, expressive, and always sharply tailored.

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