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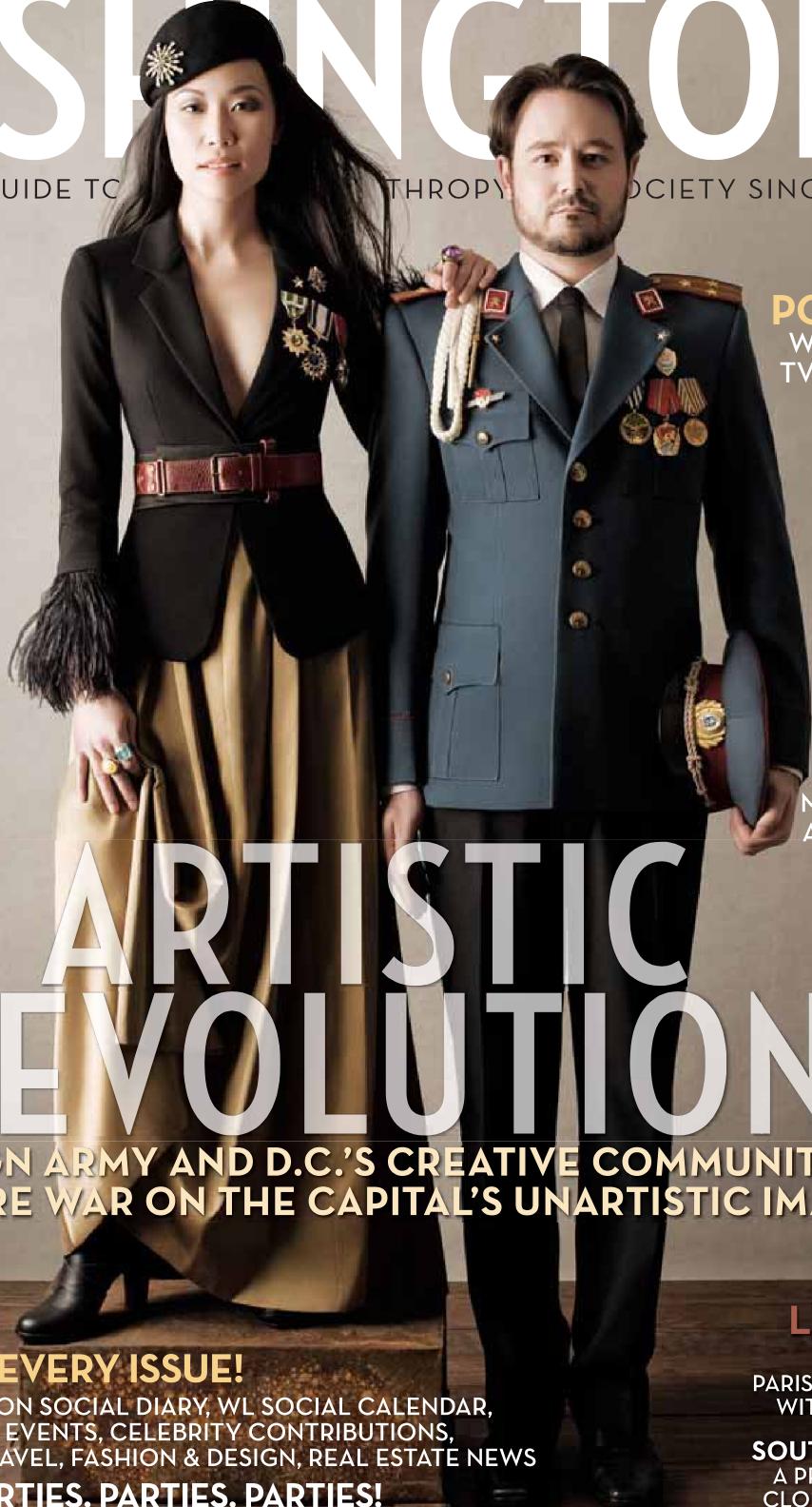
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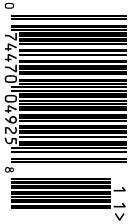
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# Artists ABOUND @ ARENA

Shot on location at Arena Stage at the Mead Center for American Theater in Washington, D.C.

**W**ashington Life gathered a vanguard of local arts innovators at the newly renovated Arena Stage for a special photo shoot in honor of our annual creative issue. All of the participants were asked to bring a “totem” that inspires them. We wanted to represent many different avenues of artistry and those participating are prominent in fields ranging from the fine arts and dance to music and fashion design. Many are active in more than one area; all are wonderful examples of the true meaning of the word “creative.”

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STYLISTS: ELIZABETH GIBBENS, ROBIN JONES, MARGARET LILLY AND KRISTIN LYLE; ALL WITH STYLE FOR HIRE

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**C. BRIAN WILLIAMS**

FOUNDER, STEP AFRIKA!

**TOTEM:** a calabash given as a gift to Step Afrika! during its 15th anniversary

**DONALD SYRIANI**

DJ

**TOTEM:**  
DJ headphones

**MARK GILLESPIE**  
DIRECTOR, YOA ORCHESTRA OF  
THE AMERICAS

**TOTEM:** "Diccionario de la Musica," an encyclopedia of music by Joaquin Peña published in Cartagena, Colombia, in 1934

ON BRIAN: JOHN VARVATOS shoes (\$298); Bloomingdales, [www.bloomingdales.com](http://www.bloomingdales.com). Black leather bag (\$275); Diamantina, 202-642-3548. Silver black studded cuff (\$45); Charm, [www.charmgeorgetown.com](http://www.charmgeorgetown.com). ON MARK: LEVI'S belt (\$65); Bloomingdales, [www.bloomingdales.com](http://www.bloomingdales.com). RAG AND BONE black vest (\$225); Barney's Co-op, [www.barneys.com/co-op](http://www.barneys.com/co-op). STEVEN ALLEN gray and black hat (\$125); Lost Boys DC, [www.lostboysdc.com](http://www.lostboysdc.com). COLE HAAN black leather boots (\$248); Bloomingdales, [www.bloomingdales.com](http://www.bloomingdales.com). ON DONALD: Dressed entirely in his own clothing.



**Peter Chang**

CO-FOUNDER, NO KINGS COLLECTIVE

**TOTEM:** No Kings Collective framed logo

**Brandon Hill**

CO-FOUNDER, NO KINGS COLLECTIVE

**TOTEM:** No Kings Collective framed logo

**Francisco Esteban**  
**CO-FOUNDER, NO KINGS COLLECTIVE**

**TOTEM:** Mannequin head

**Billy Colbert**

ARTIST

**TOTEM:** Vintage bag he rescued from the trash bin of a local home that was being gutted

**Aleid Ford**

ART HISTORIAN, ART 2010 BLOGGER

**TOTEM:** Beat-up Converse sneakers

ON PETER: ORMOND NYC black bow tie (\$25); Barney's Co-op, [www.barneys.com/co-op](http://www.barneys.com/co-op). CALVIN KLEIN full zip sweater (\$69.50); Lord & Taylor, [www.lordandtaylor.com](http://www.lordandtaylor.com). ON BRANDON: PAUL SMITH black and white striped button up (\$265); Barney's Co-op, [www.barneys.com/co-op](http://www.barneys.com/co-op). ON FRANCISCO: Leather jacket (\$85); Barney's Co-op, [www.barneys.com/co-op](http://www.barneys.com/co-op). ON BILLY: THOM BROWNE patch pocket wool tweed blazer (\$1080); Barney's Co-op, [www.barneys.com/co-op](http://www.barneys.com/co-op). ON ALEID: KATE SPADE Peek-A-Boo black bow shoes (\$325); snake cuff (\$60), silver circle bracelet (\$42), black pearl bracelet (\$42); Sassanova, [www.sassanova.com](http://www.sassanova.com). UESA GOODS VINTAGE white jeweled gloves (\$22); Uesa Goods Vintage, [www.uesagoods.com](http://www.uesagoods.com). KENNETH J. LANE Pewter jewel cuff (\$80), diamond cuff (\$60), leaf diamond cuff (\$50) and hanging leaf earrings (\$110); Charm, [www.charmgeorgetown.com](http://www.charmgeorgetown.com).



**ADRIAN  
LOVING**  
DJ AND ARTIST

TOTEM: Pioneer  
CDJ 1000 Deck

**NICK  
CAMBATA**  
FILM DIRECTOR AND  
CO-FOUNDER OF  
8112 STUDIOS

TOTEM: Beta iPhone 5

**SARAH  
NEWMAN**  
CURATOR OF  
CONTEMPORARY  
ART, CORCORAN  
GALLERY OF ART

TOTEM: "Praise"  
(1976), an Agnes Martin  
rubber stamp print,

ON ADRIAN: PAUL LEINBURD fur hat (\$82); Lord & Taylor, [www.lordandtaylor.com](http://www.lordandtaylor.com). White v-neck shirt (\$35); Barney's Co-op, [www.barneys.com/co-op](http://www.barneys.com/co-op). KENNETH J. LANE silver chain necklace (\$104); Charm, [www.charmgeorgetown.com](http://www.charmgeorgetown.com). ON NICK: RAG AND BONE black and khaki checkered tie (\$90); Barney's Co-op, [www.barneys.com/co-op](http://www.barneys.com/co-op). ON SARAH: WINTER KATE black bustier (\$195); PLASTIC ISLAND black jacket (\$189); Urban Chic, [www.urbanchiconline.com](http://www.urbanchiconline.com). Rose necklace (\$120); Sassanova, [www.sassanova.com](http://www.sassanova.com). BETTYE MULLER black and white pumps (\$345); Simply Soles, [www.simplysoles.com](http://www.simplysoles.com).

**CREATIVE FEATURE | FASHION EDITORIAL**

**Matt Sullivan**

BASS GUITARIST, THE  
HALL MONITORS

TOTEM: DiPinto bass guitar

**Betsy Lowther**

DIGITAL STRATEGIST,  
OGILVY PUBLIC  
RELATIONS WORLDWIDE  
AND BLOGGER AT  
[FASHIONISSPINACH.COM](http://FASHIONISSPINACH.COM)

TOTEM: Laptop

**Cindy  
McLaughlin**

CEO, STYLE FOR HIRE

TOTEM: Measuring tape

**Andile Ndlovu**

DANCER, THE  
WASHINGTON BALLET

TOTEM: Ballet pumps

ON BETSY: Black dotted fascinator (\$30); Uesa Goods Vintage, [www.uesagoods.com](http://www.uesagoods.com). B. COUTURE black and silver studded cuff (\$415); Charm, [www.charmgeorgetown.com](http://www.charmgeorgetown.com). ON MATT: Dark gray pants (\$178); FIORENTI + BAKER loafers (\$420) and RAG & BONE vest (\$255); Barney's Co-op, [www.barneys.com/co-op](http://www.barneys.com/co-op). Black woven belt (\$85); destroyed leather messenger bag (\$300); Diamantina, 202-642-3548. ON CINDY: long black suede gloves (\$15); Uesa Goods Vintage, [www.uesagoods.com](http://www.uesagoods.com). NORA FISCHER DESIGNS pearl necklaces (\$285), pearl bracelets (\$195), earrings (\$95); Nora Fischer Designs, [www.norafischerdesigns.com](http://www.norafischerdesigns.com). KELSI DAGGER Linzi pumps (\$121); Simply Soles, [www.simplysoles.com](http://www.simplysoles.com). HOSS black hat (\$172); Sassanova, [www.sassanova.com](http://www.sassanova.com). ON ANDILE: CREATIVE REGGABATION black and gray high top sneakers (\$95); Barney's Co-op, [www.barneys.com/co-op](http://www.barneys.com/co-op). SHIPLEY & HALMOS black suit (\$550); Shipley & Halmos, [www.lostboysdc.com](http://www.lostboysdc.com). Studded leather cuffs (\$45 and \$35); Charm, [www.charmgeorgetown.com](http://www.charmgeorgetown.com). Woven belt (\$65); Diamantina, 202-642-3548. Black and gray printed scarf (\$125); Jan's Casually Chic, 202-625-5172.



**MOLLY  
SMITH**

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR,  
ARENA STAGE

TOTEM: Kachina mask

**TRISHA  
SNEIDER**

DANCER, THE  
WASHINGTON BALLET

TOTEM: Cloisonné dish  
from her grandmother

**JANET  
SNEIDER**

CO-FOUNDER,  
PAWLING PRINT STUDIO

TOTEM: Lead holder from  
her grandfather

ON MOLLY: Black ruffle scarf (\$195); Jan's Casually Chic, 202-625-5712. TORY BURCH velvet detailed pumps with rhinestones (\$350); Sassanova, [www.sassanova.com](http://www.sassanova.com). Black ball tiered necklace (\$40); Charm, [www.charmgeorgetown.com](http://www.charmgeorgetown.com). NORA FISCHER DESIGNS silver, pearl and black-crystal drop earrings (\$85); Nora Fischer Designs, [www.norafisherdesigns.com](http://www.norafisherdesigns.com). Treated leather and suede satchel in gray (\$300); Diamantina, 202-642-3548. ON TRISHA: BCBG BY MAX AZRIA lacy ruffle dress (\$238); BCBG by Max Azria, [www.bcbg.com](http://www.bcbg.com). LIZA KIM chain necklace with pendant (\$45); Simply Divine Boutique, [www.simplydivineboutique.net](http://www.simplydivineboutique.net). ON JANET: BCBG BY MAX AZRIA snake print liquid leggings (\$118); BCBG by Max Azria, [www.bcbg.com](http://www.bcbg.com). Fur vest (\$250); Barney's Co-op; [www.barneys.com/co-op](http://www.barneys.com/co-op). STEVEN ALLEN gray tie (\$65); Lost Boys DC, [www.lostboysdc.com](http://www.lostboysdc.com). LIZA KIM chunky charm necklace (\$120); Simply Divine Boutique, [www.simplydivineboutique.net](http://www.simplydivineboutique.net).



**DJ NEEKOLA**  
DJ

**TOTEM:** Photograph of her mother when she was in her twenties

**MAGGIE O'NEILL**  
ARTIST

**TOTEM:** Maggie's own painting of the National Cathedral in the fall

**DOROTHY KOSINSKI**  
DIRECTOR, THE PHILLIPS COLLECTION

**TOTEM:** Empty gold painted wood picture frame

**TIM CONLON**  
GRAFFITI ARTIST

**TOTEM:** Rare can of Krylon Hot Raspberry spray paint

ON DJ NEEKOLA: BETSEY JOHNSON dot net top (\$68), crochet ruffled tiered skirt (\$228), sexy net tights (\$25); Betsey Johnson, [www.betseyjohnson.com](http://www.betseyjohnson.com). ON MAGGIE: White fur hat with vinyl bill (\$55); Uesa Goods Vintage, [www.uesagoods.com](http://www.uesagoods.com). SIBILIA thick titanium cuff (\$150); Charm, [www.charmgeorgetown.com](http://www.charmgeorgetown.com). ON DOROTHY: BETTYE MULLER close toed strap stilettos (\$348); Simply Divine Boutique, [www.simplydivineboutique.net](http://www.simplydivineboutique.net). Monumental stone ring (\$50); Charm, [www.charmgeorgetown.com](http://www.charmgeorgetown.com). NORA FISCHER DESIGNS chunky silver bracelet (\$275), silver necklace with pearl accents (\$400); Nora Fischer Designs, [www.norafischergedesigns.com](http://www.norafischergedesigns.com). Black trench coat (\$279) and black and silver oval earrings (\$60); Uesa Goods Vintage, [www.uesagoods.com](http://www.uesagoods.com). Cream leather clutch (\$300); Diamantine, 202-642-3548. ON TIM: FRENCH CONNECTION black and white checkered button down shirt (\$70); Lord and Taylor, [www.lordandtaylor.com](http://www.lordandtaylor.com). RAG AND BONE black fitted blazer (\$595) and MIRACLE ICONS three pendant necklace (\$225); Barney's Co-op, [www.barneys.com/co-op](http://www.barneys.com/co-op).



**DOUG  
SONDERS**  
PHOTOGRAPHER

**TOTEM:** Twin reflex camera inherited from his uncle, Michael Sonders, a nature photographer

**BEATRICE  
GRALTON**  
ASSISTANT CURATOR OF  
CONTEMPORARY ART,  
CORCORAN GALLERY OF  
ART

**TOTEM:** Red beaded love-heart brooch bought at LACMA on her first U.S. visit in 2004

**NICOLE  
AGUIRRE**

EIC OF WORN  
MAGAZINE

**TOTEM:** Vespa helmet

**ADAM DE  
BOER**  
PAINTER

**TOTEM:** Skateboard made in 2002 by Lekker Skateboards, a company he founded while in high school

ON DOUG: Dressed entirely in his own clothing. ON BEATRICE: VINCE silver sequin sweater (\$695); Barneys Co-op, [www.barneys.com/co-op](http://www.barneys.com/co-op). COCLICO black suede frill shoes (\$375); Simply Soles, [www.simplysoles.com](http://www.simplysoles.com). ON NICOLE: Black leather studded belt (\$120); Diamantine, 202-642-3548. LINEA PELLE leather cuff (\$60); Charn, [www.charngeorgetown.com](http://www.charngeorgetown.com). MAGASCHONI black cashmere sweater (\$268); Bloomingdales, [www.bloomingdales.com](http://www.bloomingdales.com). ON ADAM: BEN SHERMAN T-shirt (\$29), BLACK BROWN 1826 plaid scarf (\$44); Lord & Taylor, [www.lordandtaylor.com](http://www.lordandtaylor.com). Black corduroy jacket (\$295); Barneys Co-op, [www.barneys.com/co-op](http://www.barneys.com/co-op).