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Creator Spotlight: Armin Arshe

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Gilded Glamour Makes a Comeback on the Met Gala Carpet

Take a look at fashion inspired by America's gilded glamour

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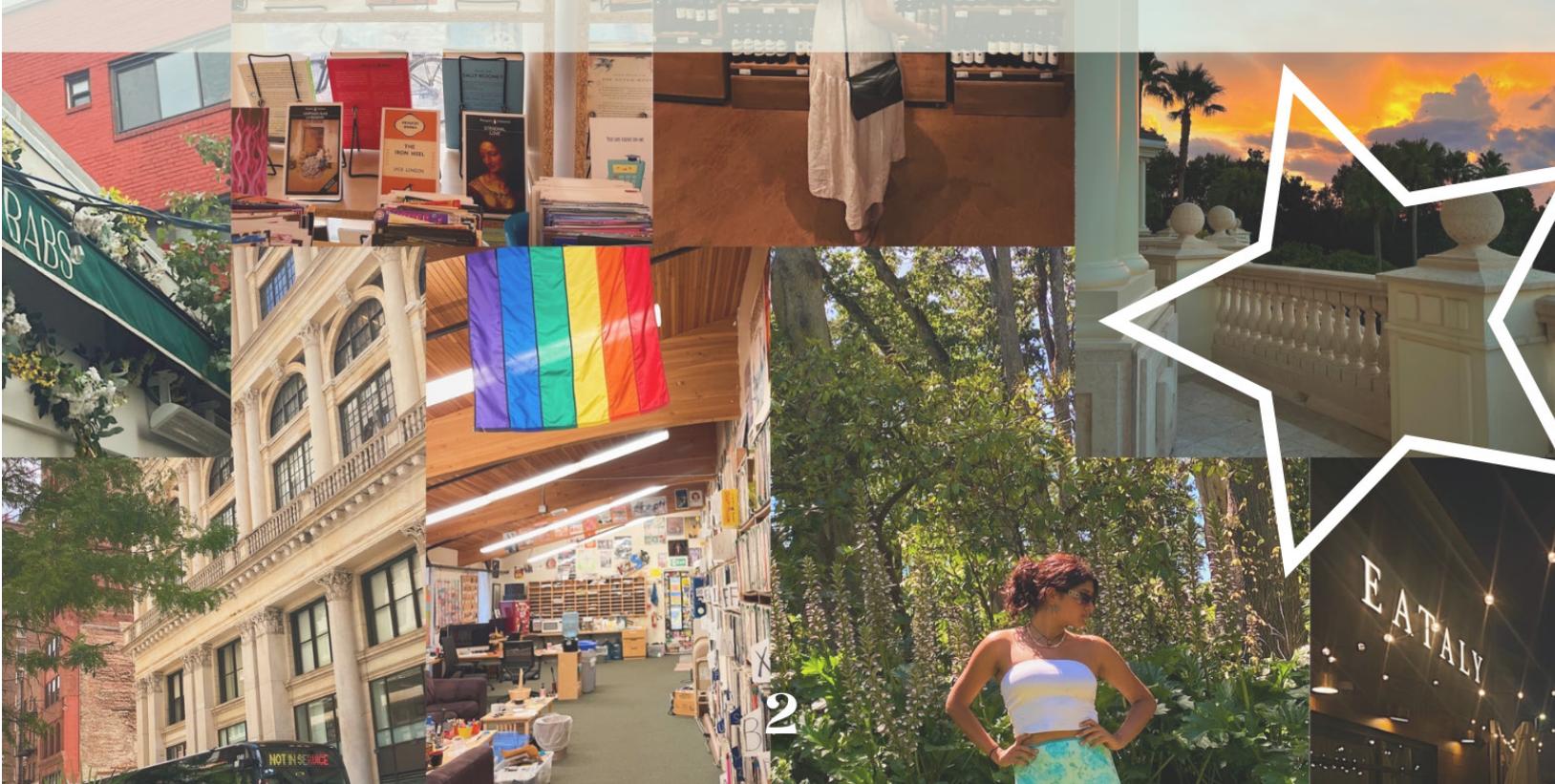
Ready to expand your closet for back-to-school? Read more to find out how with these affordable prices



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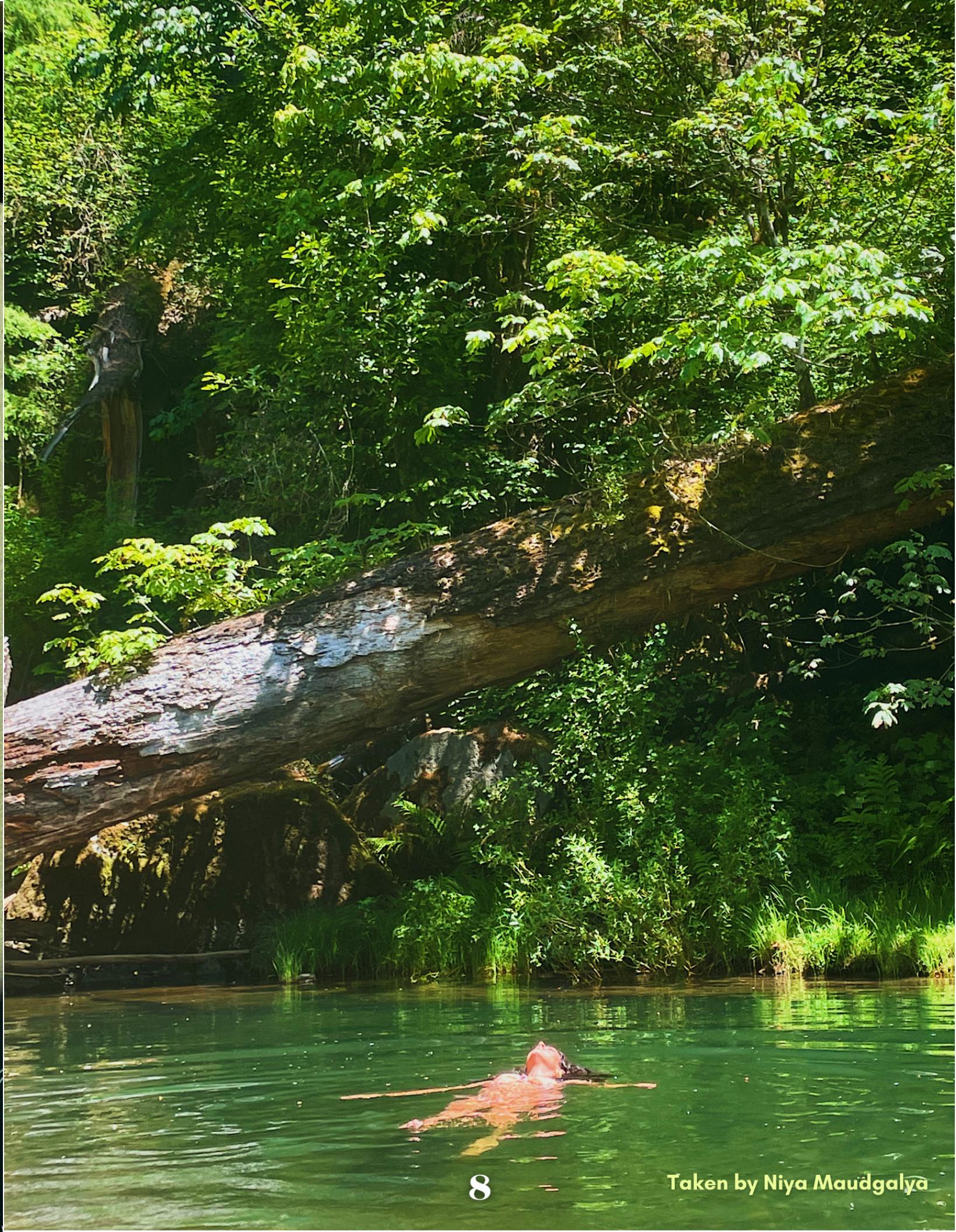


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FOR THE COMMUNITY

In honor of May being Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month, June being Pride Month, & Juneteenth falling in June, we would like to acknowledge & celebrate the contributions of the Asian American & Pacific Islander community, LGBTQ+ community, & Black community in this issue.

solucky is a South-Asian owned & operated project, but as we expand, we plan

to increase our coverage & representation of the Black communities while also keeping a spotlight

LGBTQ+ & for our own perspectives

Pacific writers in &

South Asian community. We welcome your & will continue to feature more Asian American & Islander, Black, & LGBTQ+ models, designers & all issues going forward to be a more equitable, representative, & truthful publication.



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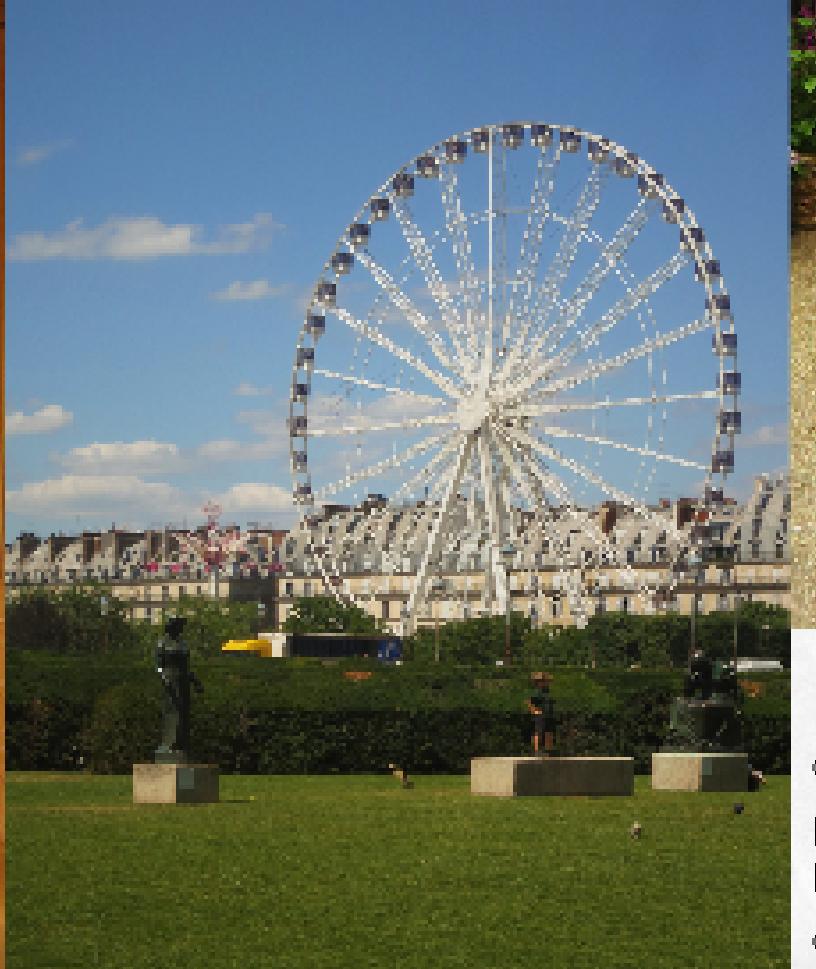
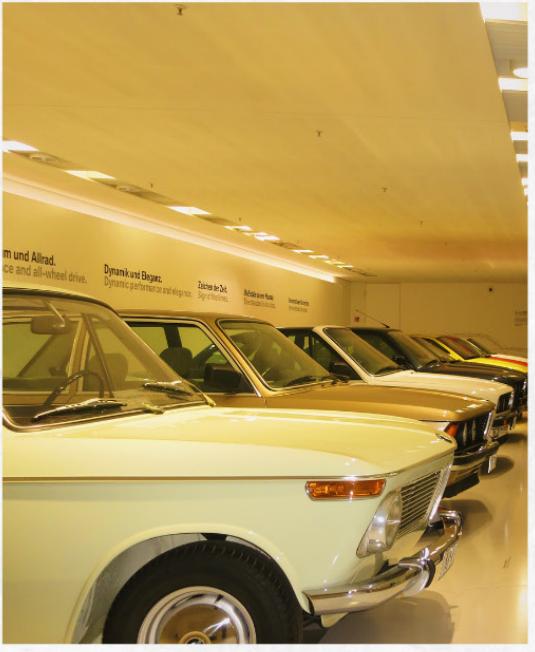


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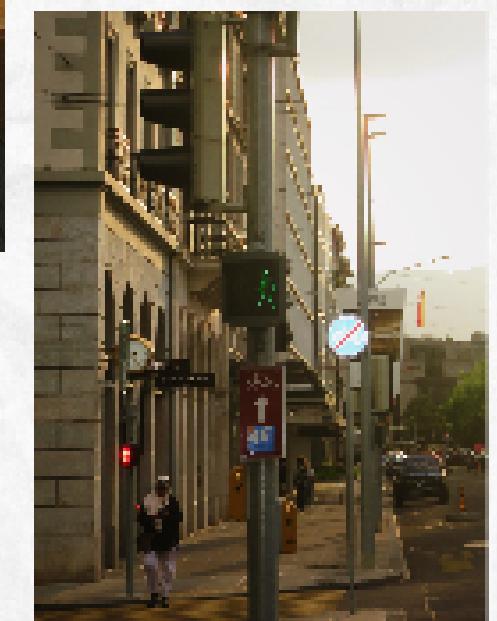
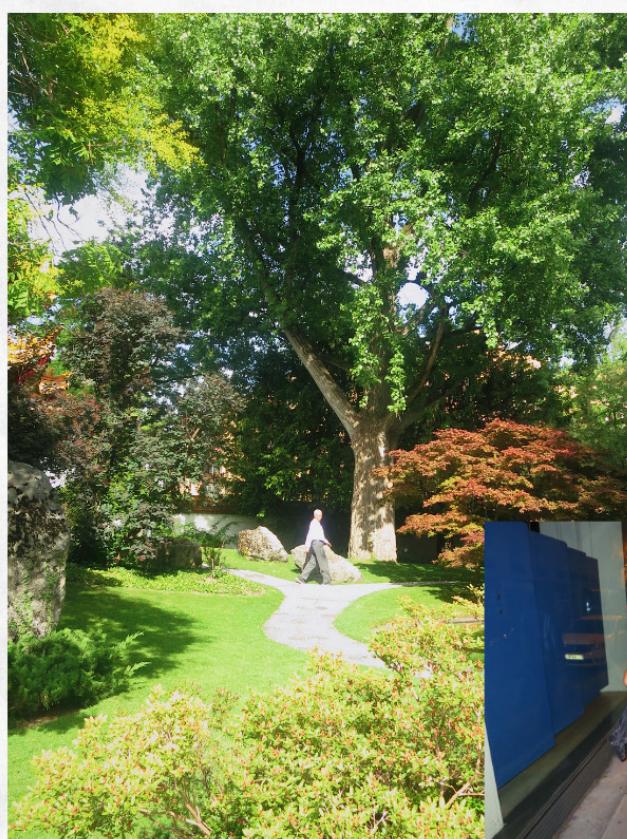
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addition to adding new columns & projects like 3-in-1 Outfits, Small Business Spotlight, an increase in side editorial photo shoots, & much more!

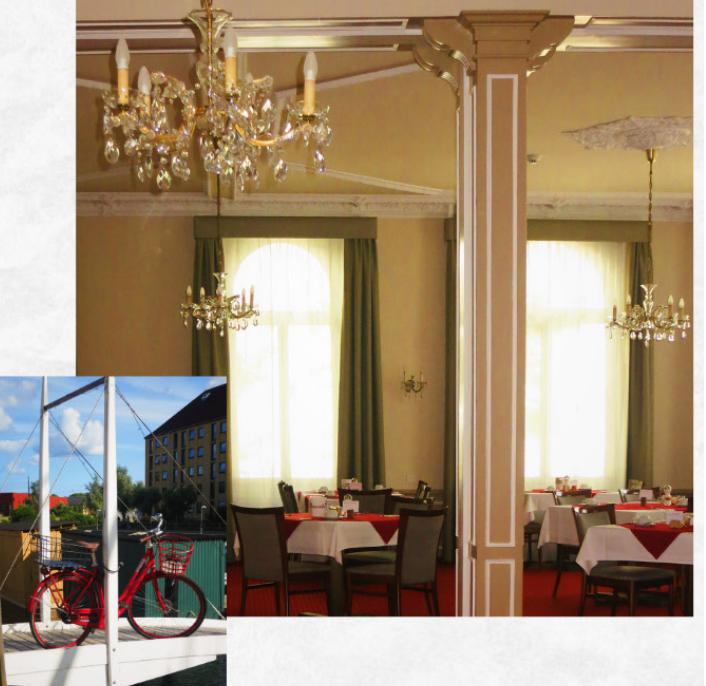
With the brand making a return in June 2022, I welcome our readers back to enjoying our free digital magazine issues! During our much needed hiatus, I wanted ensure that every aspect of *solucky* could be the most efficient it could be. One huge aspect that we've always focused on (and will continue to!) is our beloved magazine. After completing a set of twelve unique issues, I made the overall decision to transition our magazine content from primarily focusing on written content to visual content in



With a larger focus on visual content in our issues, the team can now spend time on creating more amazing & editorial content for our audience as well as put necessary attention on some of the other aspects of the brand, like collaborating. Since there will be a huge drive to make visual content frequently, *solucky* will start completing multiple collabs that will involve marketing pieces or items throughout the magazine. For example, as we put out issues, now bi-monthly, we hope to collab with small Bay Area based businesses that would like to have their items used as props/wardrobe in our photo

shoots. This can be seen as a way of "borrowing" each other's services, as *solucky* would be able to execute creative content while also marketing those items to our loyal audience. New projects & ideas like this are what we have in store for the upcoming few months!

Another aspect that received a great amount of my attention during this break, is our upcoming project, a huge second-hand fashion sale! I would love to finally announce that *solucky* will be holding an in-person sale, selling items that mostly can be considered the feminine style of y2k/vintage at very affordable prices! **More information about this project can be found on page 18!**



Until then, the entire *solucky* contributors team hopes you enjoy our first issue after our return, Issue #13 – June/July 2022! This issue is based on the aesthetic that seems like many of us got the chance to enjoy this year, “A European Summer”. All of our content, both written & visual, is based on this aesthetic entirely as well as some content correlating back to AAPI Month (May 2022), Pride Month (June 2022), & Juneteenth (June 19th)!



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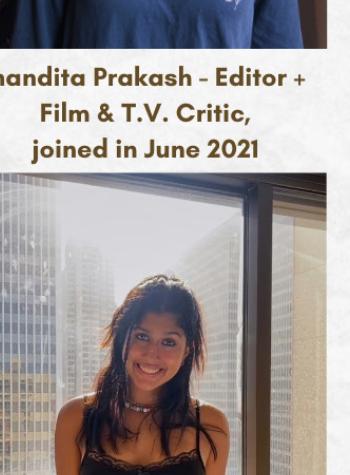
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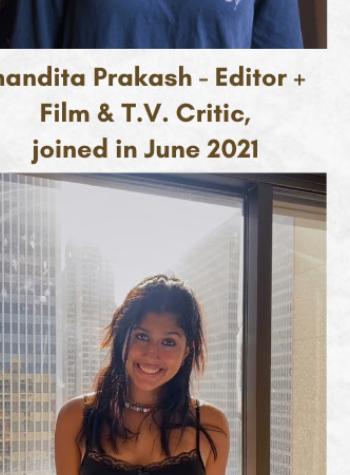
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Summer Soirée, more on page 5

more details coming soon, make sure to
follow @solucky.life on Instagram to stay up to date!

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FEMININE ATTIRE, MOSTLY VINTAGE/CASUAL Y2K

SECOND-HAND FASHION SALE

MOST ITEMS ARE \$5 OR LESS

BAY AREA - STARTING AUGUST 2022



solucky wardrobe

SOME ITEMS WILL BE SOLD, STAY TUNED FOR MORE DETAILS!



Second-hand fashion is an amazing alternative to expand your closet! You have the opportunity to find stunning fashion pieces for very low prices! Not to mention that it is likely that most of what you will find will be unique & helpful towards protecting the environment. When opening yourself up to the world of second-hand fashion, you are opening yourself to opportunities of beautiful outfits, ethical consumption, & prioritizing the world's environment we are so-lucky to have around us. Help us encourage second-hand fashion, & join us for our in-person sales in the nearby future! We will be selling items that are almost new & fall into the categories of feminine wear, y2k, & vintage (ex. Bebe, Ralph Lauren Co.), if not all three. Most of our inventory will be sold for under \$5, & each sale will have new inventory added! In addition, our inventory will also include accessories (ex. purses, shoes, jewelry), as well as a separate collection of our *solucky* wardrobe. The *solucky* wardrobe will include items that were used to re-create the visual aesthetic for the most recent magazine issue. With our first upcoming sale, *solucky* will be selling the wardrobe that was used throughout this issue. Within this theme, you can find fashion pieces like night slips, purses, cardigans, blazers, tank tops, & more items that fall into a beautiful, pastel-like color palette. A new *solucky* wardrobe collection will be added after each magazine issue release, see you there!

Another Win for the Warriors

The Warriors team & hundreds of fans hit the streets of San Francisco to celebrate & parade their fourth NBA championship win!



Pride Parade 2022

Hundreds of people stand by the streets of San Francisco watching & cheering on the colorful, marvelous performers participating in the Pride Month parade!





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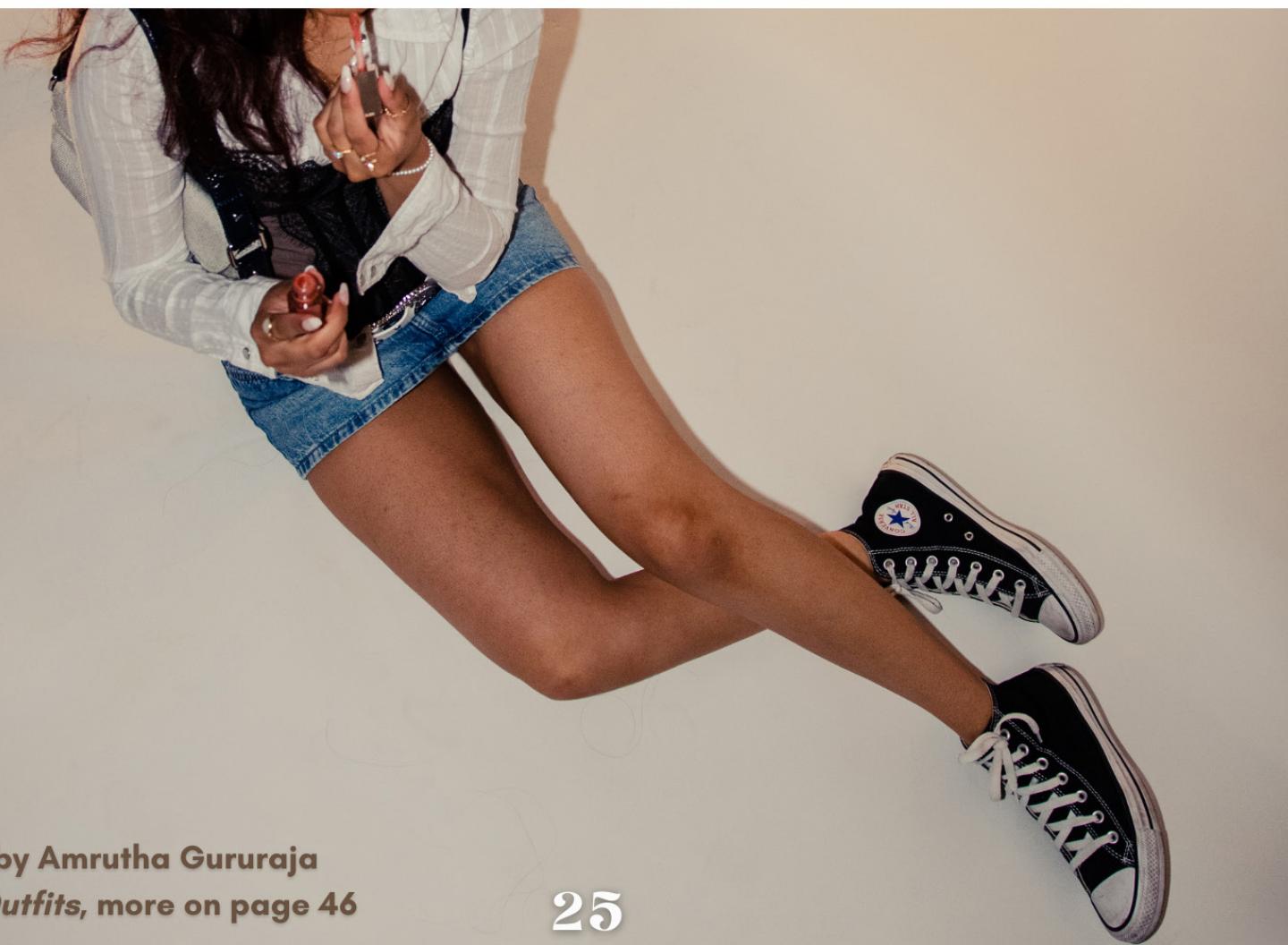
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ARMIN



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ARSHE

Remember when you were young & wanted to dress as glamorous as the princesses you saw on T.V.? Well, 21 year-old girl from Dallas, Texas Armin Arshe, is living every little girl's dream by dressing as her own fantasy.

Arshe inspires her following of 154k on Instagram & 214k on Tik Tok with her pink, ruffled, feminine style. A quick scroll through her accounts is like walking into a scene from Breakfast at Tiffany's. Her Selkie designed dresses & pearl necklaces capture the romantic fantasy we see in our favorite Hollywood classics & period pieces.

Arshe's popularity on social media started from her love for fashion. Whether it's on or off camera, expressing her style freely has always been something she's done.

"I have always loved fashion from a young age," Arshe said. "Growing up, my mom would always dress me up & take me shopping with her, so I grew up around trying on clothes & experimenting with different styles."

As Arshe learned, being comfortable in your own skin is key to thriving in fashion, and she hopes to spread the same confidence to others through her social media platform as well as by designing clothing pieces to show to her audience in the future.

"I want people to be inspired to wear whatever they want & not care about the world's opinions because if you feel confident & happy that is all that truly matters at the end of the day."

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GILDED GLAMOUR MAKES A COME-

MET GALA

BY ALINA JAFRI

BACK ON THE MET GALA CARPET

GALIA

FASHION COLUMNIST

From the popularity of the Netflix show, Bridgerton to the appraisal of designer Vivienne Westwood, the Victorian era of romance & fantasy has made a comeback in fashion, especially with the theme of the MET gala this past year. The Met Gala dress code was expected to reflect the Gilded Age, a period of economic growth roughly between 1870 & 1900. The influx of wealth was seen in the enormous gowns, satin fabrics, & precious jewels worn in the period. The age of gilded glamour was the perfect theme for the biggest event in fashion that was attended by the elite of society. There were a handful of celebrities who transformed the Met Gala carpet into their own gold-implanted, 19th-century ballroom. Follow @evolve.withfashion on Instagram for more fashion related content!

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@BELLAHADID
BELLA HADID



BURBERRY

SOURCE: @THEMETGALAOFFICIAL

Bella Hadid called herself the “black sheep” of her family, so you know she had to reflect the black sheep of the Gilded Age era in her Met Gala look. Dressed in Burberry, her lace tights & half up-half down hair-do is an ode to the fashion worn by prostitutes of the period.

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@BLAKELIVELY
BLAKE LIVELY



VERSACE

SOURCE: @THEMETGALAOFFICIAL

As the co-host of the Met Gala, Blake lively's look hit the theme with immense attention to detail. Lively dressed in a custom Versace gown that came with a story resembling New York Architecture. Her dress transformed from copper to seafoam green just like the great Statue of Liberty, the landmark gifted to America in 1881.

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@PALOMA
PALOMA ELESSER



COACH

SOURCE: @THEMETGALAOFFICIAL

Paloma Elsesser strutted straight out of the Victorian fashion archives. From her layered pearl choker to her Coach-designed corset dress with a lace skirt, it was as if I was watching her in the latest episode of Bridgerton.

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@THOMASDOHERTY
THOMAS DOHERTY

DIOR



SOURCE: @THEMETGALAOFFICIAL

The percentage of men who try for more than the simple tuxedo at the Met Gala is slim. However, Thomas Doherty knew this did not mean he had to wear bright pink to get a nod of approval, he just had to hit the theme & he did. Wearing a long-tail Dior suit, Thomas Doherty stepped right into the Gilded Age period as all the male guests should have!

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GIVENCHY

SOURCE: @THEMETGALAOFFICIAL

Rosalía made the Gilded Age her own by incorporating her style into her Met Gala look. She dressed in a dreamy cream & ruffled Givenchy Haute Couture gown. & of course, she had to pair it with her signature, black-shield sunglasses, just as the Victorians did.

@JASTOOKES
JASMINE TOOKEES



ZUHAIR MURAD

SOURCE: @THEMETGALAOFFICIAL

The supermodel took the traditional route of representing the Gilded Age in her Met Gala look & pulled it off fantastically. She dressed as the influx of wealth from the period with her emerald green Zuhair Murad gown paired with lace gloves & emerald jewelry.



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street

CARGO PANTS +
SNEAKERS + PURSE



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boujee

COAT (OF A DIFFERENT
TEXTURE) + LOW WAIST JEANS
+ HEELS



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classy

MINI SKIRT +
BUTTON UP +
STATEMENT BELT
+ SMALL PURSE



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a solucky curated edition

SPOTIFY

PLAYLIST

If this playlist does not fit your music taste, do not worry as we will have a new curated playlist in our next issue for you to explore! In addition, make sure to check out our all-time favorites on our Spotify account - the *gems* playlist!

scan the code in the app's camera to listen to our newest playlist :)



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pastries for breakfast

Lily Allen, Charli XCX, BENEE, Harry Styles & more

For Issue #13 - June/July 2022, Sanjana Solanki & I, Prisha Jain have created a Spotify playlist that will help you live out your European summer dreams! This playlist is an eclectic mix of French electro-pop, 80s-inspired hyper-pop, & everything else that makes you want to put on a layer of lip gloss & a pair of chunky sunglasses, along with eating pastries for breakfast- hence the name of the playlist. You can find familiar artists like Charli XCX, Lily Allen, Gwen Stefani & PinkPantheress to be featured as well as artists like Coco & Clair Clair + Polo & Pan. We hope you enjoy this Spotify playlist curated specifically for this issue to the fullest extent. Find this playlist by scanning the code (on page 53) through the Spotify app's camera!

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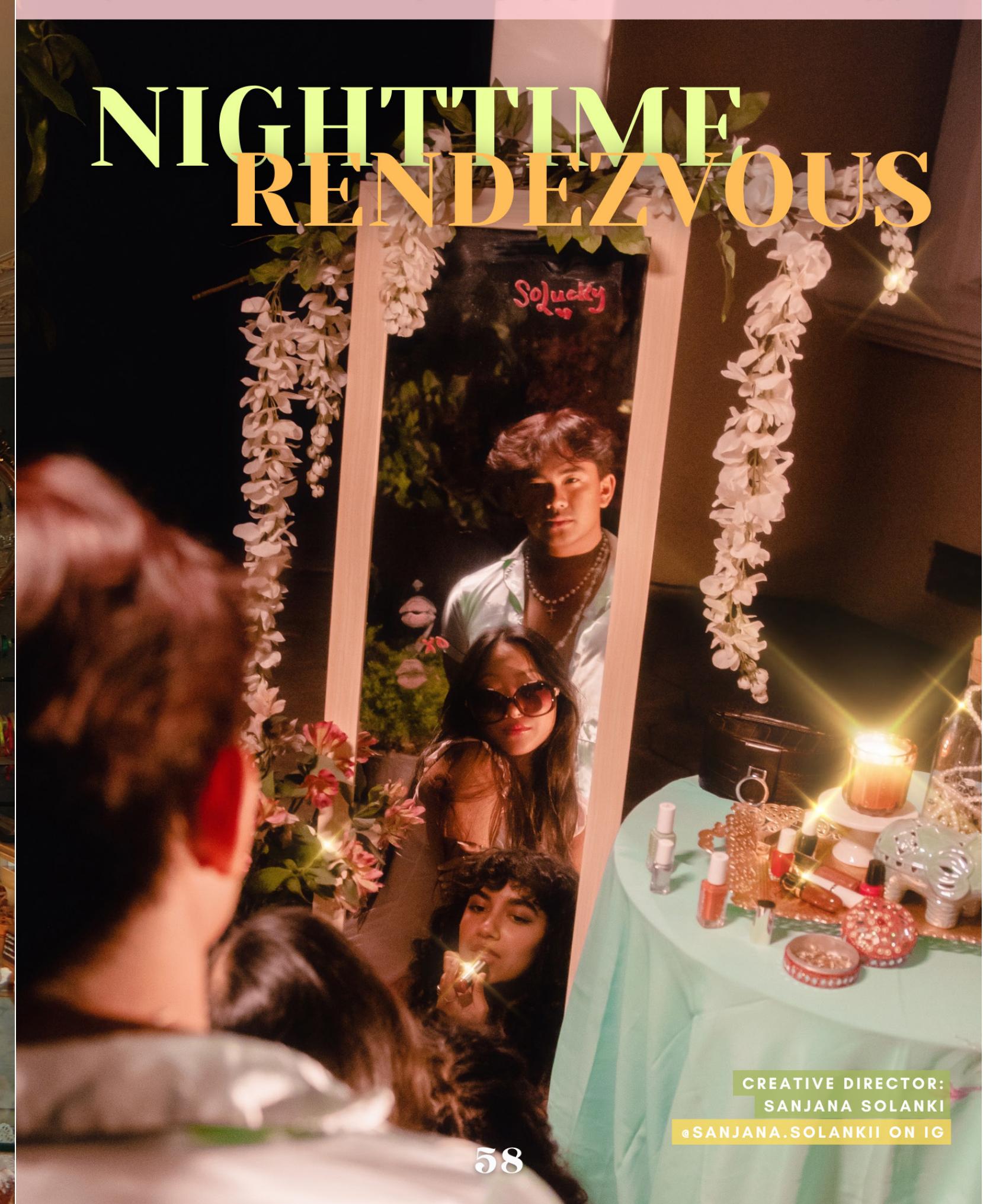
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17 YEARS OLD

A SENIOR AT
CASTRO
VALLEY HIGH
SCHOOL

IS HOPING TO ATTEND
OXFORD IN THE FALL

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LOVES ALL THINGS
WITH THE WATER
(SWIMMING, BEACH
TRIPS, ETC.) + USUALLY
GRAVITATES TOWARDS
ARTISTIC Hobbies IN
HER FREE TIME

ZEAN YLAYA

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17 YEARS OLD

A SENIOR IN
HIGH SCHOOL

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LOVES TO SURF &
SWIM

OVERALL LOVES BEING
UNDER THE WARM SUN +
CAN USUALLY FIND HIM AT
A BEACH OR OUT
TRAVELING

A SECOND YEAR
COLLEGE STUDENT
AT UCHICAGO

TANVI SIDDHAYE

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HOBBIES INCLUDE
WRITING/RECORDING/
PRODUCING MUSIC &
EXPLORING WHATEVER
CITY SHE IS IN AT THE
MOMENT

19 YEARS OLD

STUDYING
ECONOMICS &
DOUBLE MAJORING
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STUDIES

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Summertime in Paris: a mixture of beautiful walks, mesmerizing scenery, picture-perfect aesthetics, delicious meals, & an opportunity to take some time to figure out what you want (and in some cases, maybe even travel back in time & meet some of the greatest artists & writers of the 1920s). In the 2011 fantasy comedy film *Midnight In Paris*, this is the world of protagonist Gil Pender! Hollywood screenwriter Gil (played by Owen Wilson) is on a trip to Paris with his fiancee Inez (played by Rachel McAdams). He struggles with writer's block & wants to explore Paris to find some inspiration for his work. In the process, he discovers that every night just past midnight, he is transported to Paris in the 1920s, where he is able to interact with the great artists & authors of the time (F. Scott Fitzgerald & his wife Zelda, Ernest Hemmingway, & Pablo Picasso to name a few). Throughout the movie, Gil hopes to escape his current life & lets himself get swept away by the glamor of the earlier era; he meets & falls for a model named Adrianne from the 1920s, & he continues brainstorming ideas for writing based on what he is witnessing.

In an effort to recreate what he believes to be the golden era of creativity, Gil loses sense of the present. With stunning cinematography, great acting, & an excellent script, this movie manages to convey a very important message about nostalgia & romanticizing the past. As Gil's friend Paul puts it, "Nostalgia is denial – denial of the present." Although the past may seem golden & filled with plenty of opportunity, there may be more value in focusing on the present & embracing all that it has to offer.



By Sanjana Solanki, Small Business Spotlight Columnist

K-CAFE

"A place where dreams come true", which is written on the K-Cafe Patisserie & Tea House website, is a great way of describing the experience at this lovely cafe. This beautiful Bay Area & WOC cafe is well known for their amazingly detailed decoration & food presentation, as well as their wide variety of menu items. You can find delicious foods like butter croissants, garlic soy chicken, fruit crowned waffles, & truffle mushroom benedict. If you are feeling thirsty, you also have the option to try any one of their refreshing drinks such as their fruit teas (which can also be blended as a smoothie or slushie), milk teas, & coffee (as it is an Asian-French fusion cuisine). Plus, if you have room for dessert, consider trying any of their tasteful cakes or macaroons! Popular items picked by the public include the Strawberry Custard Toast, Matcha Egpuccino, & Wagyu Cheeseburger. If you ever find yourself in San Jose, California, definitely take some time to visit this enchanted cafe, and keep in mind to go with an empty stomach to ensure you get to taste the carefully curated dishes they have to offer!

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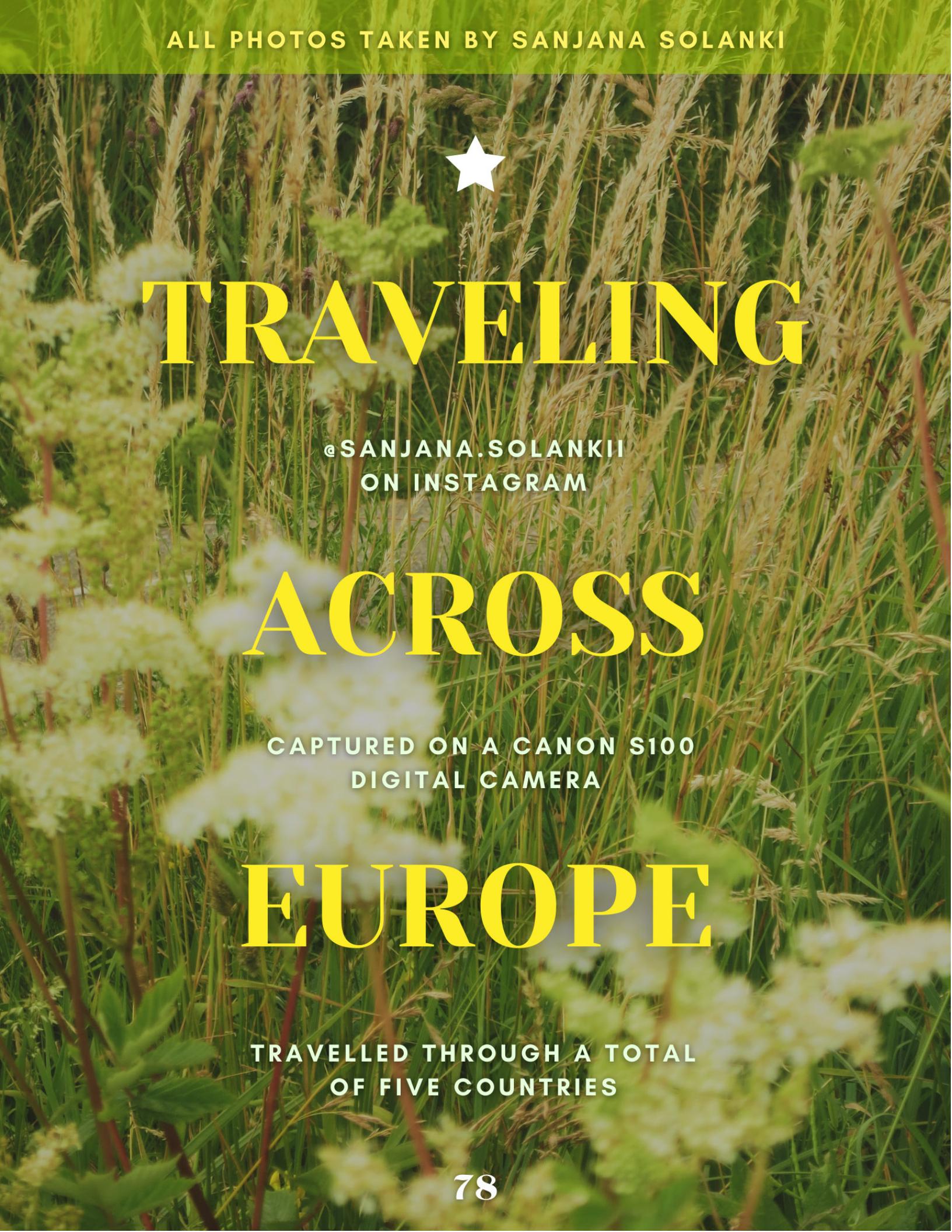
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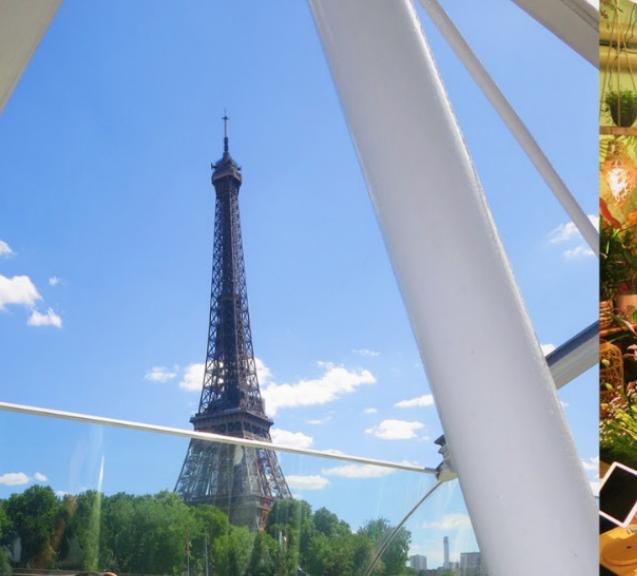




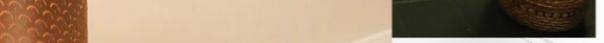
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Switzerland



France



Netherlands





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ALL of the following
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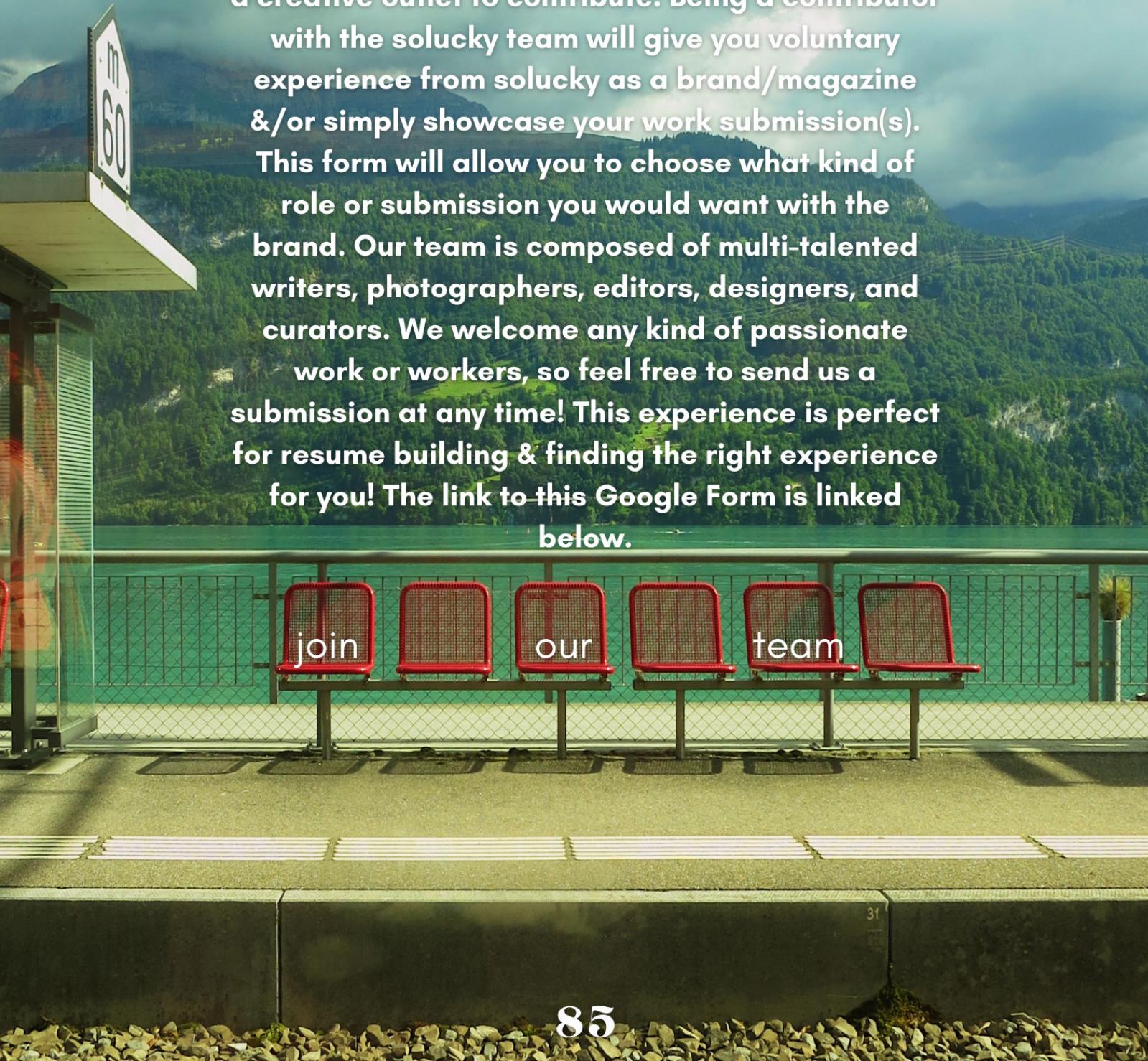
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The Contributors Interest Form is for anyone who is passionate & looking for an opportunity of a creative outlet to contribute. Being a contributor with the solucky team will give you voluntary experience from solucky as a brand/magazine &/or simply showcase your work submission(s). This form will allow you to choose what kind of role or submission you would want with the brand. Our team is composed of multi-talented writers, photographers, editors, designers, and curators. We welcome any kind of passionate work or workers, so feel free to send us a submission at any time! This experience is perfect for resume building & finding the right experience for you! The link to this Google Form is linked below.



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Our Collaboration Interest Form is open to anyone who is looking for a marketing opportunity to expand the audience reach of their services. We welcome any kind of local business owners, small creators, organizations, etc. Previous collaborations have included jewelry, clothing, photoshoots, etc. If you have an idea for a collaboration that could work well with both of our audiences, feel free to send us a submission at any time & we can discuss!





or just along for the ride



just make sure you enjoy
what you do :)

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