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ELEGANT SUMMER ENTERTAINING
AND A TRIBUTE TO FRANK WELCH



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Benjamin Johnston Creative Director, Benjamin Johnston Design

Our choice as this year's 'Best Transitional Interior Design Firm,' Benjamin Johnston and his talented team are known for creating distinctive, layered spaces that are luxurious reflections of their clients' personal tastes and histories. Taking inspirational cues from a variety of cultures and time periods, Ben blends new and vintage pieces to create contemporary spaces that feel curated over a lifetime. He accomplishes this tasteful mix while adhering to the classic design principles of balance and simplicity, through the application of clean lines and tailored details - timeless sensibilities he credits to his previous study and practice of architecture.

Ben has spent a lifetime pursuing artistic expression as a designer, artist, teacher and tastemaker. From the cultural hotspot of Houston, Ben has pursued various endeavors focused on bringing beauty to the world around him and enabling others to do the same. Today, Ben Johnston and his team bring tremendous knowledge and experience to designing exceptional spaces - from conception to construction, from styling to decoration. They believe that all good design begins with function, but great design requires quality and exceptional taste that can only come from experience and a finely honed instinct.

For more information about Benjamin Johnston Design, visit benjamin-johnston.com.

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Portrait Photo by Julie Soefer

HOUSE PARTY HOUSTON

Christopher Spitzmiller at Found



A PLACE AT THE TABLE

THE PARTY Ruth Davis and Aaron Rambo welcomed New York-based **Christopher Spitzmiller** to their home design haven, Found, for an intimate affair celebrating the master ceramicist's spring tableware collection.

THE SCENE Interior designers Paloma Contreras, Julie Dodson, Marie Flanigan, Ben Johnston, Meg Lonergan and other design-world darlings joined in toasting Spitzmiller, who has long been known for his handthrown ceramic table lamps.

THE PERKS In addition to perusing the always-fabulous finds at Found, which celebrates 10 stylish years in business this year, guests dined at an elegantly set table featuring Spitzmiller's eye-catching marbled dinnerware.

—Rhonda Reinhardt

