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ON THE COVER Torn by Ronny Kabo "Tara" dress, available at Z Collection Crystal Cove Newport Coast. Inside Out Hoops, 18k white gold; Diamond Pavé Cuff, 18k white gold; Emerald Ring Platinum, white diamond eternity band, 18k white gold, available at Lugano Diamonds Newport Beach.

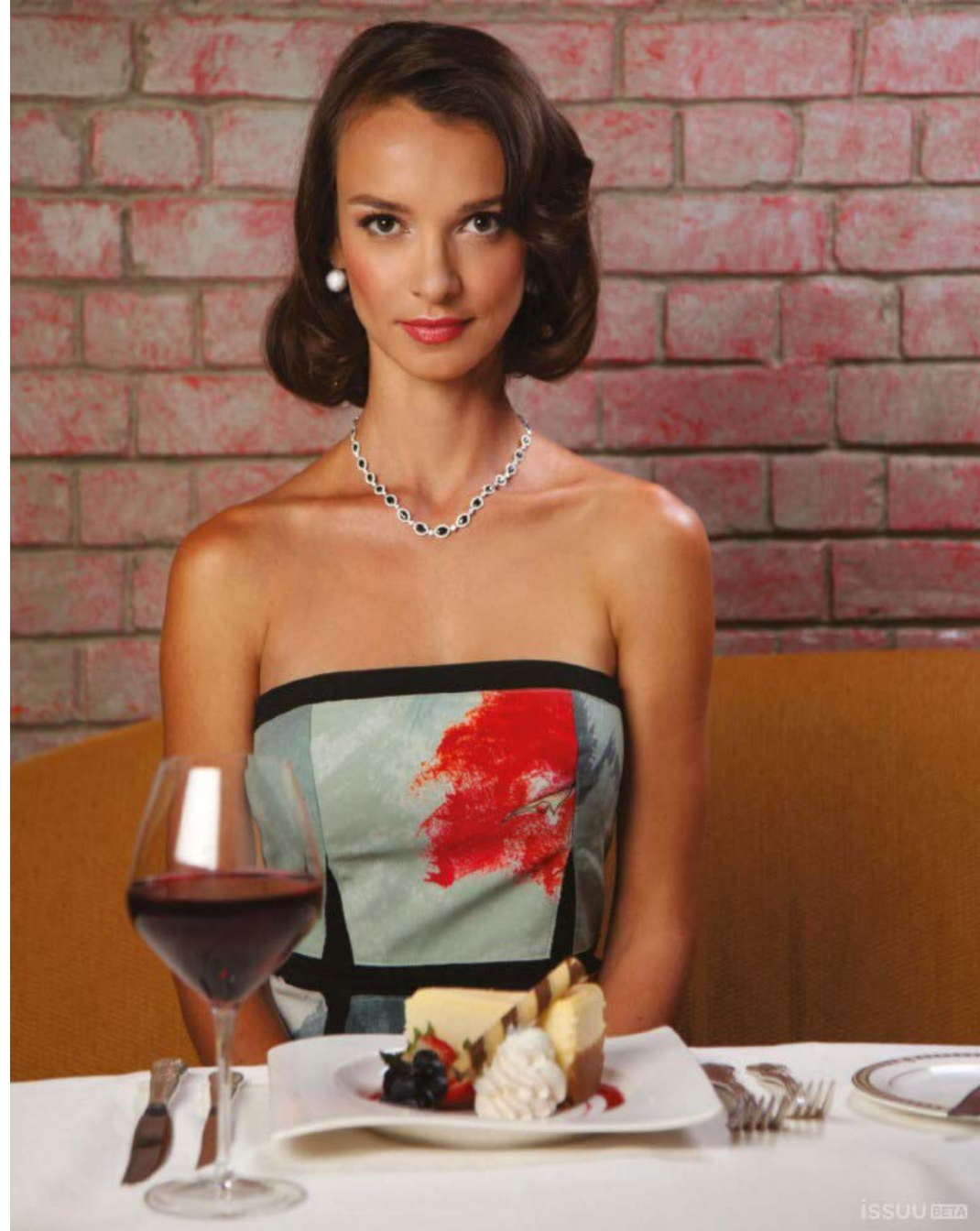
OPPOSITE Sachin +Babi "Josefina" jacket, DVF Yara lace shorts, and MM6 cowneck sweater, available at Z Collection Crystal Cove Newport Coast. Black Diamond Culet Up Ball Earrings, 18k rose gold; Black Diamond Spike Ring, 18k rose gold; Rose Cut Bangle, 18k rose gold, available at Lugano Diamonds Newport Beach.





Sachin + Babi "Evita" dress and June fur, available at Z Collection Crystal Cove Newport Coast. Sam Edelman Novato slimbacks, size 8, available at Delux Luxury. White Opal Ring, 18k white gold; Mixed Fancy Drop Earrings 18k white gold; White Opal Pendant, 18k white gold, available at Lugano Diamonds Newport Beach.

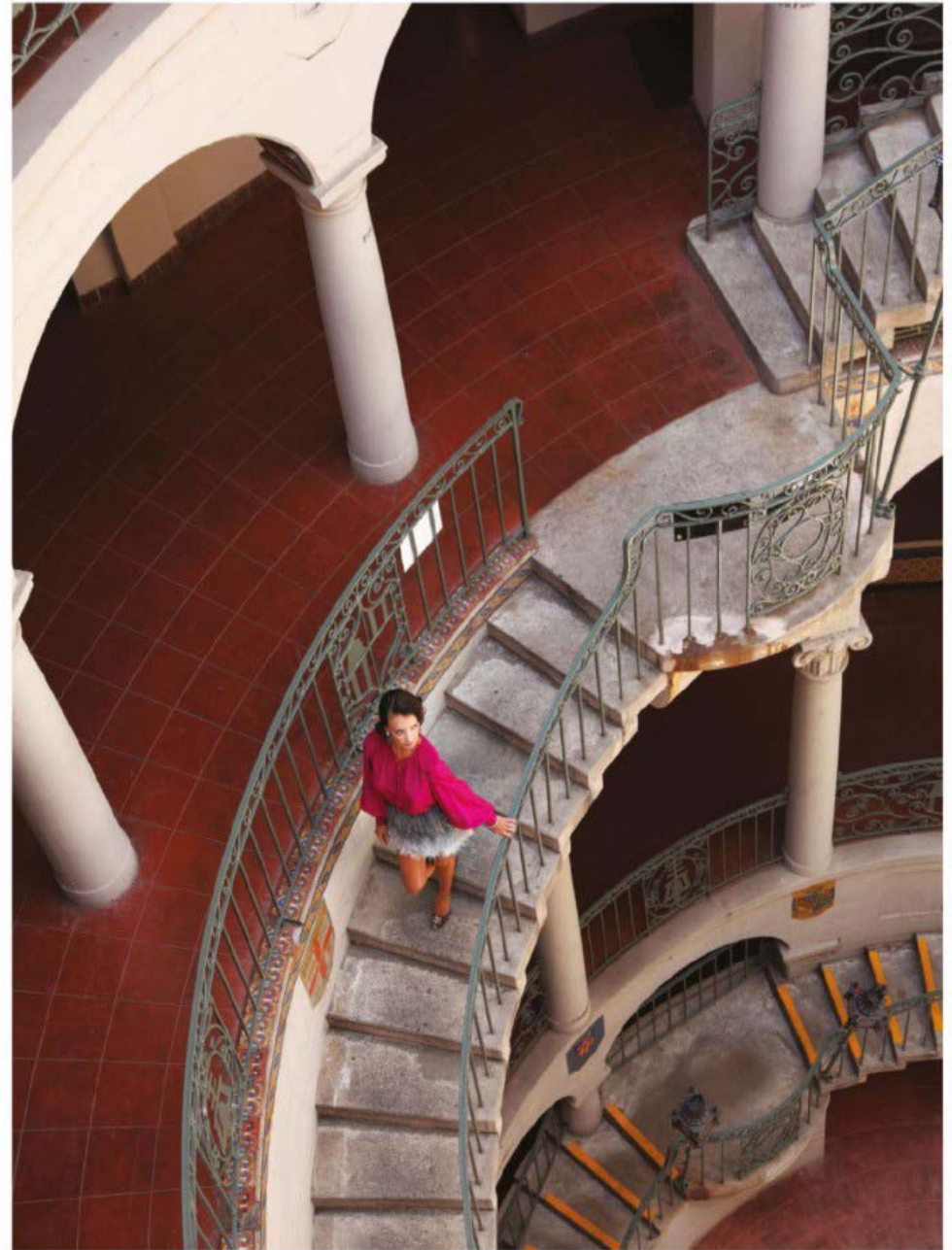
OPPOSITE Sachin + Babi Evita dress, available at Z Collection Crystal Cove Newport Coast. White Diamond Pave Ball Earrings, 18k white gold; Black Marquise Diamond Necklace, 18k white gold, available at Lugano Diamonds Newport Beach.





Torn by Roury Kabo "Tara" dress,
available at Z. Collection Crystal Cove
Newport Coast. Inside Out Hoops,
18k white gold; Diamond Fave
Cuff, 18k white gold; Emerald Ring
Platinum, white diamond eternity
band, 18k white gold, available at
Lugano Diamonds Newport Beach.

Silk peasant blouse, Sak's Fifth Avenue Private Label, available at Sak's Fifth Avenue South Coast Plaza. BCBG feather skirt, available at Delux Luxury. Tanzanite and Pearl Earrings, 18k white gold, Red Sapphire and Pearl Flower Ring, 18k black gold, available at Lugano Diamonds Newport Beach.



Cap Sleeve Kay Ungar dress, available at
Saks Fifth Avenue South Coast Plaza.
Yellow Flower Necklace, 18k yellow gold.
Alexandrite Ring, 18k yellow gold. Tiger
Bracelet 18k yellow gold, available at
Lugano Diamonds Newport Beach.





Black Flower dress, available at Delux
Luxury. White Flower Diamond
Earrings, 18k white gold; White Flower
Diamond Necklace, 18k white gold;
Rose Cut Ring, 18k white gold; Rose
Cut Diamond Bangle, 18k white
gold, available at Lugano Diamonds
Newport Beach.



Wavely grey blouse, Turn by
Ronny Kobo "Gigi" leather skirt,
Lizzie fortunate "Port of Call"
clutch, available at Z Collection
Crystal Cove Newport Coast.
Prada grey boots, size 39,
available at Delux Luxury. Oval
Ivory Ring, 18k white gold;
Marquise Chandelier Earrings,
18k white gold; Sapphire and
Diamond Ivory Bangle, 18k
white gold; Diamond Eternity
Band, 18k white gold; Pave Pink
Sapphire Eternity Band, 18k
yellow gold, available at Lugano
Diamonds Newport Beach.

Ralph Lauren Black Label iconic
jumpsuit, available at Haute
Elegance, Cynthia Vincent
"Banker" clutch, available at
Z Collection Crystal Cove
Newport Coast Ferrari 458 Italia
in "Giallo Modena," available
at Ferrari of Newport Beach.
Snake Earrings, 18k white gold,
Pearl and Zirconium Flower
Cuff Zirconium, 18k white gold,
Diamond Eternity Band, 18k
white gold, available at Lugano
Diamonds Newport Beach.



A Family Affair at the Mission Inn

Collectively run by a husband, wife, and daughter trio, Duane Roberts, Kelly Roberts, and Casey Reinhardt have revitalized the Mission Inn Hotel & Spa while striving to keep its historic spirit alive. The family opens up about their additions to the company, including Kelly's Spa, Casey's Cupcakes, and the beloved annual Festival of Lights, as well as how their individual entrepreneurial spirits come together to form a well-oiled business team.

A beauty and boutique visionary, a confectioner extraordinaire, and a businessman with a soft spot for the holiday season—Kelly Roberts, Casey Reinhardt, and Duane Roberts, respectively, fulfill these roles and more as a family working both in tandem and individually on the AAA Four Diamond Historic Mission Inn Hotel & Spa.

Originally built in 1876 as a two-story adobe guesthouse, the now overwhelmingly elegant hotel has undergone much iteration since its humble beginnings. Steeped in history (it's hosted multiple presidents, for instance) as well as beauty, it's hard to imagine Riverside without this stately compound inhabiting an entire city block today. But before Duane Roberts came on the scene in 1992, the building was unoccupied and considered too big of a risk for many investors to commit to reviving it.

Duane, a Riverside native, saw the hotel for its potential: "Growing up in Riverside, I often visited The Mission Inn, a California Historical Landmark, with my mother and I've always held it close to my heart. When the hotel fell into despair, I felt compelled to save the property from destruction because to me, and the residents of Riverside, the Inn is more than just a building—it's fond memories, an architectural wonder, a piece of history, and a beloved landmark. It is part of our family and not just real estate... Saving the Inn felt like the right thing to do for the community."

And save the Inn he did. With business acumen acquired over years of entrepreneurship—he developed the largest frozen Mexican food manufacturer in the world, and created and continues to chair the Entrepreneurial Corporate Group, which encompasses a range of investments—Duane has brought the Inn to a new level of splendor and success.

Reopening the Inn just six days after purchasing it, with the help of the Friends of The Mission Inn volunteers, the first priority in bringing the Inn

back to life, Duane says, was to restore the property to its "original grandeur" by renovating all 238 guestrooms while adding modern luxuries. In order to maintain the spirit of the Inn, it was necessary to preserve many of the facets that make the property such a unique piece of history.

"The architectural elements and the priceless art collection remain a large part of the historic Inn. Outside the Presidential Lounge sits a rather large and unique chair that Frank Miller had commissioned for President Taft before his visit to the Inn," Duane says. The Inn also continues to be home to more than 400 original Frank Miller bells, as well as an 18th century 18 karat gold leafed Rayas altar and original Tiffany stained-glass windows in the hotel's St. Francis of Assisi Chapel.

Of course, these decisions weren't reached by Duane alone—his wife, Kelly Roberts, serves as the Chief Operating Officer for The Historic Mission Inn Corporation, and has taken a large hand in revitalizing the Inn with additions including Kelly's Spa and Kelly's Boutique. As Duane says, "Kelly is always updating and beautifying every aspect of the historic Inn," which can be seen throughout the welcoming aesthetics and ambiance of the hotel and spa.

Introduced in 2004, Kelly's Spa was created as "a sanctuary and escape for our guests—a place to indulge in luxurious treatments, relax, and be pampered. I was inspired by the rich history of the Inn to create a destination spa, bridging the gap between the hotel's grand Spanish mission architecture and the serene, sophisticated spaces of a Tuscan-inspired wellness oasis," explains Kelly.

Continuing in the entrepreneurial spirit of the family, Kelly didn't stop at launching a fresh spa and boutique at the Inn, she also created her own line of botanical skincare used in the spa and sold exclusively at the boutique and Mission Inn website.

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"After careful testing and research, I launched Kelly's Spa Collections in 2006 and incorporated my favorite ingredients in the line to help guests attain the most radiant, youthful skin as possible because they deserve it! Skincare is important to me and I blended key botanical ingredients such as Shea Butter, Aloe Vera, and vitamins and minerals with soothing and invigorating scents such as Lavender and Green Tea."

Kelly's daughter, Casey, also shares this pioneering personality, as evidenced by her own addition of Casey's Cupcakes, a gourmet bakery, to the Inn. This, too, has its roots in family as Casey was taught to bake by her great-grandmother. Having grown up baking since the age of four, Casey references her lifelong love of confection-creating as a major influence in deciding to open a cupcakery—that has since expanded to five total locations.

Even today, "some of the recipes are my great-grandmother's recipes. I've also added my own flair along the way but the foundation of the recipes come from my great-grandmother's wisdom—light as air, made with lots of love, and using only the freshest, quality ingredients," explains Casey.

Having won Food Network's Cupcake Wars with a Hollywood Walk of Fame theme, Casey has an eye for glamour as well as a taste for all that's sweet, which shows in the design of her shops.

"My stores are inspired by a classic Parisian café with a glamorous Hollywood twist. I am always looking for inspiration in my travels, for fun flavor combinations and beautiful decorations to make my cupcakes unlike anybody else's. Every month, I create a special flavor of the month, which is always themed to the time of year or holiday. For example, in the fall we'll create seasonal flavors such as Pumpkin Patch and Generous Gingerbread."

In addition to their collective business-mindedness, the family shares a passion for giving back to the community. Aside from various philanthropic ventures, including Casey's foundation the Children's Alliance for the Success and Education of Youth (C.A.S.E.Y.), they make a point of presenting the local community with the annual Festival of Lights each holiday season.

This is a special pet project of Duane's, whose love of the holidays was born from an early age. He explains, "The idea of Festival of Lights came from my childhood where each Christmas, my family and I would visit the different neighborhoods that were lit up for the holidays. We created Festival of Lights in 1992 to celebrate the reopening of the Inn and it's since become an annual tradition, a gift my wife Kelly and I give to the community and our guests."

Like the Inn and each family member's special projects, the Festival has grown immensely: beginning with 250,000 lights and 50 animated characters its first year, you'll now find over 3.6 million lights and 400 animated characters adorning the hotel the day after Thanksgiving.

"Festival of Lights grows bigger every year but the event remains free as an experience that families can enjoy together, like Disneyland but without the long lines and the cost of tickets...It's about the children, and it's a celebration that brings the community closer every year. Festival of Lights is a way for me to give back to the place where I grew up, an opportunity for me to share my childhood love of Christmas with the greater Riverside community and our guests," says Duane.

The family cites a collective passion for giving back that extends even beyond the Festival of Lights as one of the most important qualities that ties them together as a family of entrepreneurs. They explain together, "It's important that we leave the earth a better place than when we arrived and that is why our entire family is dedicated to philanthropy. We are all driven, have strong work ethics, are passionate and we love deeply—each other, the communities and organizations we belong to, and those who need our help."