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Meet this year's
winners at a
special event on
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This Season's Rising Stars

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all brings cooler weather, colorful foliage, and pumpkin-spice lattes, but there's no better sign of the season than New England Home's annual "5 Under 40" awards. Each September, the New England design community

comes together to honor five rising stars in residential design—all of whom are under the age of forty—and celebrate good taste in high style at autumn's most memorable soiree.

Style comes naturally to this year's winners, a group of talented women that includes an interior designer who is also a *New York Times* bestselling author; a textile designer whose tastefully elegant collections are created through a unique mixed-media technique; an interior designer with a strong focus on interior architecture and creative use of materials; an architect whose design inspiration sits at the confluence of art and science; and an interior designer who effortlessly mixes vintage and modern, an aesthetic mirrored in her line of custom furniture.

Congratulations to 2017's "5 Under 40" award winners: interior designer Erin Gates, textile designer Elisha Alexina, interior designer Kristina Crestin, architect Maggie Mink, and interior designer Nina Farmer. Read more about these gifted young creatives and see examples of their work starting on page 166.

Challenged with the task of selecting this year's winners from a large pool of impressive talent were J.B. Clancy of Albert, Righter & Tittmann Architects, Kristine Irving of Koo de Kir Architectural Interiors, Doug Jones of LeBlanc Jones Landscape Architects, and Gerald Pomeroy of Gerald Pomeroy Interiors, with *New England Home's* editor-in-chief, Kyle Hoepner, moderating the judging process.

The eighth annual "5 Under 40" awards celebra-

tion will take place on September 14, 2017, at Landry & Arcari Rugs & Carpeting in Boston's Back Bay. This chic space sets the tone for what will be an unforgettable evening with an awards ceremony, cocktail party, and always-lively auction. Up for bid are five bespoke wool-and-silk rugs designed by this year's winners and brought to life through the dexterous skill of Landry & Arcari's weavers in Nepal. Celebrity guest Jenny Johnson is back as auctioneer, and looking to top last year's record-setting bids. Proceeds from the auction will benefit the Cambridge, Massachusetts, charity Barakat, which provides educational opportunities to women and girls in Pakistan and Afghanistan.

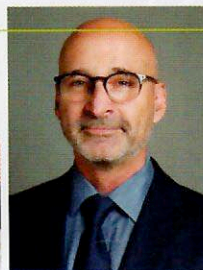
Don't miss your chance to celebrate our community's rising young stars and start the fall season off in style!



Above: The 2016 winners. Left: A rapt crowd gathers for the rug auction. Below, left: Auctioneer Jenny Johnson. Below, right: Bidding was fast and furious.



THE 2017 JUDGES



The 2017 selection committee members (from left to right): J.B. Clancy, Gerald Pomeroy, Kristine Irving, and Doug Jones with *New England Home's* editor-in-chief Kyle Hoepner, who coordinated the judging.



Nina Farmer

Interior Design

New England Home's

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There is a certain harmony to Nina Farmer's interiors: a balance of modern and historic infused with a careful mix of texture and color. Look closely and you'll see a touch of nostalgia, a bit of whimsy. Even

in her poshest Beacon Hill projects, nothing feels too precious. Rooms are beautiful but welcoming spaces that perfectly suit her clients' needs.

"I have always been drawn to beautiful aesthetic things," says Farmer. "Not just the interior world, but art, architecture, fashion—anything that has a strong visual sense."

While she designs interiors that are sophisticated and timeless, they often have an unexpected twist: powder room walls wrapped in marbled wallpaper; a custom mirrored mantel that hides a TV; a Sputnik chandelier hanging from a classic etched-glass ceiling; upholstered leather walls with nailhead trim. "I love to experiment with different materials you might not expect," Farmer says.

She brings this same out-of-the-box approach to her line of custom furniture, Gallery NF. This bespoke collection of "vintage pieces with a mod-

ern touch" include a tufted sofa, a dining table of wood and metal, and upholstered chairs, all of which can be fully customized.

Always on the lookout for new ideas, Farmer often seeks

inspiration from her travels. One trip to India led to custom block-printed fabrics for a Beacon Hill townhouse, another to marble-patterned floors modeled after the Lake Palace Hotel in Udaipur. A recent family trip to Greece is reflected in her mythology-inspired rug for the "5 Under 40" awards celebration. "I love to have interiors that feel worldly and feel curated through travel, even if my clients aren't the ones able to do it," she says.

