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AMERICA'S TOP YOUNG DESIGNERS

They hail from New York, Miami, Los Angeles, Chicago, Denver, Seattle, and other points around the nation. Their styles are as disparate as east and west, yet their similarities are many. They are young (all under 40) and they represent the next wave in interior design. In the following pages they identify their heroes, describe their dream projects, discuss trends, and reveal where they would choose to land if they could journey through time (Paris in the 1920s was a favorite). The other thing they share is talent. Make a note of their names. If you haven't heard of them already, you will in the future.

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When did you realize you were a designer? *Long:* At age eight I was designing residential floor plans on graph paper. *Sullivan:* As a child I would rearrange my bedroom twice a month.

Who inspires you? *Long:* My father. *Sullivan:* Creative visionaries from Beethoven to Oscar de la Renta.

If you could go back in time where would you stop? *Long:* Thomas Jefferson's Monticello. *Sullivan:* Constantinople.

How would you describe your style? Modern traditional: Comfortable, elegant, tailored with a twist of American rustic.

If you were not designers, what would you be? *Long:* A jewelry designer. *Sullivan:* A marine biologist.



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