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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR



Camille Hunt, Carlos Suarez, Hana Soukupova, Sandi Powers, Michael Thompson, Serge Normant, Inge Fonteyne, Scott Andrew and Heather Smith at *Ocean Drive's* cover shoot in New York.

Welcome to *Ocean Drive's* Fall Fashion Issue. This year we're pleased to present a variety of stories that showcase the best and the brightest from the world's most coveted designers. Senior fashion editor **Laurie Brookins** has been doing double-time following both industry legends and up-and-coming talents. First off, she speaks with iconic French designer **Jean Paul Gaultier** (page 242). Laurie was one of only six American editors flown to France for the launch of Gaultier's newest fragrance in a decade, *Ma Dame*. After the premiere and parties were over, she sat down with him for a wide-ranging interview discussing his inspirations and his place in the fashion firmament. Also look for Brookins' interviews with **Catherine Malandrino**, whose famous flag dress is reappearing this season (page 248), and fresh Brazilian designer **Carlos Miele**, who, though a major star in his homeland, is yet to be discovered abroad (page 252). (Check out his new boutique in Coral Gables at Merrick Park to see for yourself.)



Glenn Albin and Swim Issue cover girl **Caroline Winberg** at *Ocean Drive's* Swim party in July. See more on page 293.

We are particularly delighted to have worked with world-renowned photographer **Michael Thompson**, who shot our cover image of beautiful Czech model **Hana Soukupova**. This is a dream come true for *Ocean Drive*, and especially our creative director, **Carlos Suarez**, who has been working hard on this project for many months. See another Thompson shot on page 234, and then read contributing editor **Alix Sharkey's** interview with the artist, where he discusses his technique and his upcoming gallery show in Chelsea this month (page 236). Also see Sharkey's take on the red-hot vintage trend that is now influencing fashion, and his interview with local luminary **Madeleine Kirsh**, whose *C. Madeleine's* vintage store in North Miami Beach regularly attracts stars from Bruce Weber to Kate Moss (page 124).

We have a number of other great nuggets in this issue, including a pair of stories detailing rare and ultraprivate offerings from **Cartier** and **Hermès** by luxury editor **Sondra Schneider** (pages 156 and 174); a vibrant fashion story shot at South Beach's new Gansevoort hotel by photographer **George Kamper** (page 256); and a ravishing fashion portfolio of cutting-edge gowns by British designers set against grand London backdrops, conceived and produced by **Mohieb**, our man in the U.K. (page 274).

Glenn Albin, Editor in Chief

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