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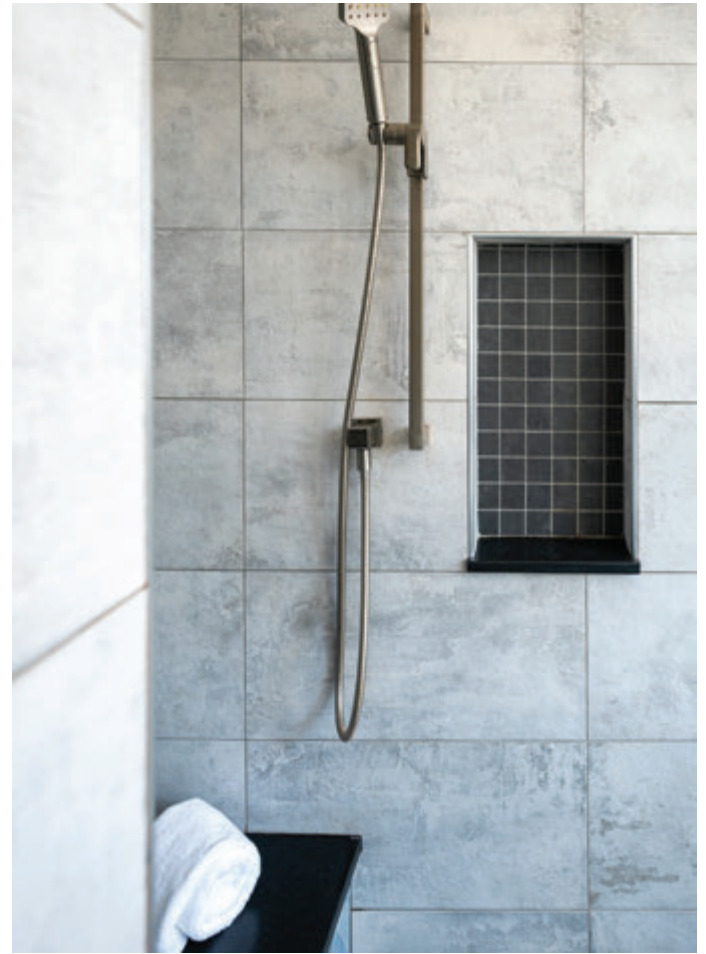
More Than Your
Average Designer



Jonathan Gordon, the lead designer, founder and owner of Design by the Jonathans, is not your average interior designer. Jonathan boasts an impressive résumé in complex engineering and fine art, in addition to his credentials in interior design. Noticing his natural gifts and keen eye, his grandmother advised Jonathan to consider designing—and his highly acclaimed, award-winning work confirms the wisdom of that advice. Committed to delivering the finest outcomes for each client, Jonathan is open to exploring all design themes and philosophies, with a client-first approach.

Not every designer is entrusted with the gracefully intricate antique homes for which Jonathan is regularly commissioned. He and





his select design team have gorgeously restored houses more than 200 years old. His professional team of artisans works with both residential and commercial clients, seamlessly delivering everything from rustic farmhouse style to sleek modern design. Jonathan's firm serves the Northeast region and beyond, welcoming small projects as well as the challenge of a complete renovation.

What is your idea of perfect happiness?

Enjoying and sharing in the happiness of everyone around me. The happier my clients and team are, the happier I am.

What is your greatest fear?

Not accomplishing the goals I set for myself in life, and not reaching for those goals.

If you were to die and come back as a person or thing, who or what would it be?

I wouldn't. I'm here to make the most of this life. If you live a life with very few regrets, then there is no reason to come back, because everything here would be done.

In interior design, which do you prefer—bold or subtle? Why?

Bold doesn't mean gaudy or garish. Bold means that it stands out—is worth looking at. Personally, I like things that you notice.

What design trends do you want to put to rest forever?

Everyone has their own vision. It's up to the clients and what they want.

What design ideas do you want to encompass?

Flexibility of space and design.

If you could team up with one iconic designer/architect with whom to create a room, who would that be, and why?

Louis Comfort Tiffany—he had one of the best eyes in the business. Besides doing interior design, he painted and created stained glass. He was unbelievable in his versatility, a true artist.

What's your favorite place to shop locally? Abroad?

Locally, Monger's Market in Bridgeport, CT. It has all the reclaimed architecture, anything you can think of. Abroad? The Paris Flea Market.

What is your secret pleasure?

Movies. Some favorites are My Fair Lady, Inherit the Wind, Vertigo, Terminator 2, Ratatouille, the James Bond films, The Wizard of Oz, Labyrinth and Charade.

What statement or quote do you want to be remembered by?

There is no time like the present. Now, let's eat!

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