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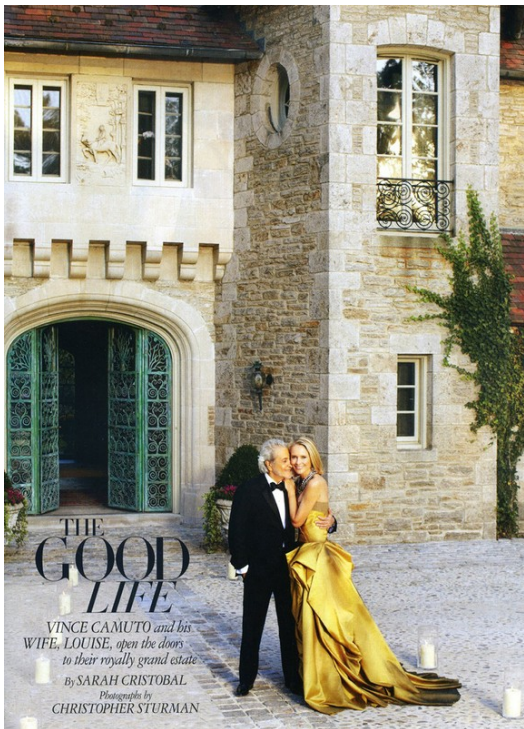
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Where Elegant Meets Eclectic

At fashion designer Lela Rose's wonderfully eccentric home in New York City, there's a doggie elevator, a tequila tasting nook, and a closet that looks (no kidding!) like a red-carpet runway. It's the most stylish fun-house in town

BY KATHLEEN HACKETT
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Towering stilettos, mile-high wedges, and sleek booties fill Lela Rose's enviable closet, but it is the lone pair of black patent mary janes with the heel and toe taps that says the most about her. "I love to tap-dance," says the effervescent designer, whose gorgeous gowns and immaculately tailored party dresses are favored by some of Hollywood's biggest stars (Cameron Diaz and Anne Hathaway are fans). At her lower Manhattan home, a classic cast-iron storefront in

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