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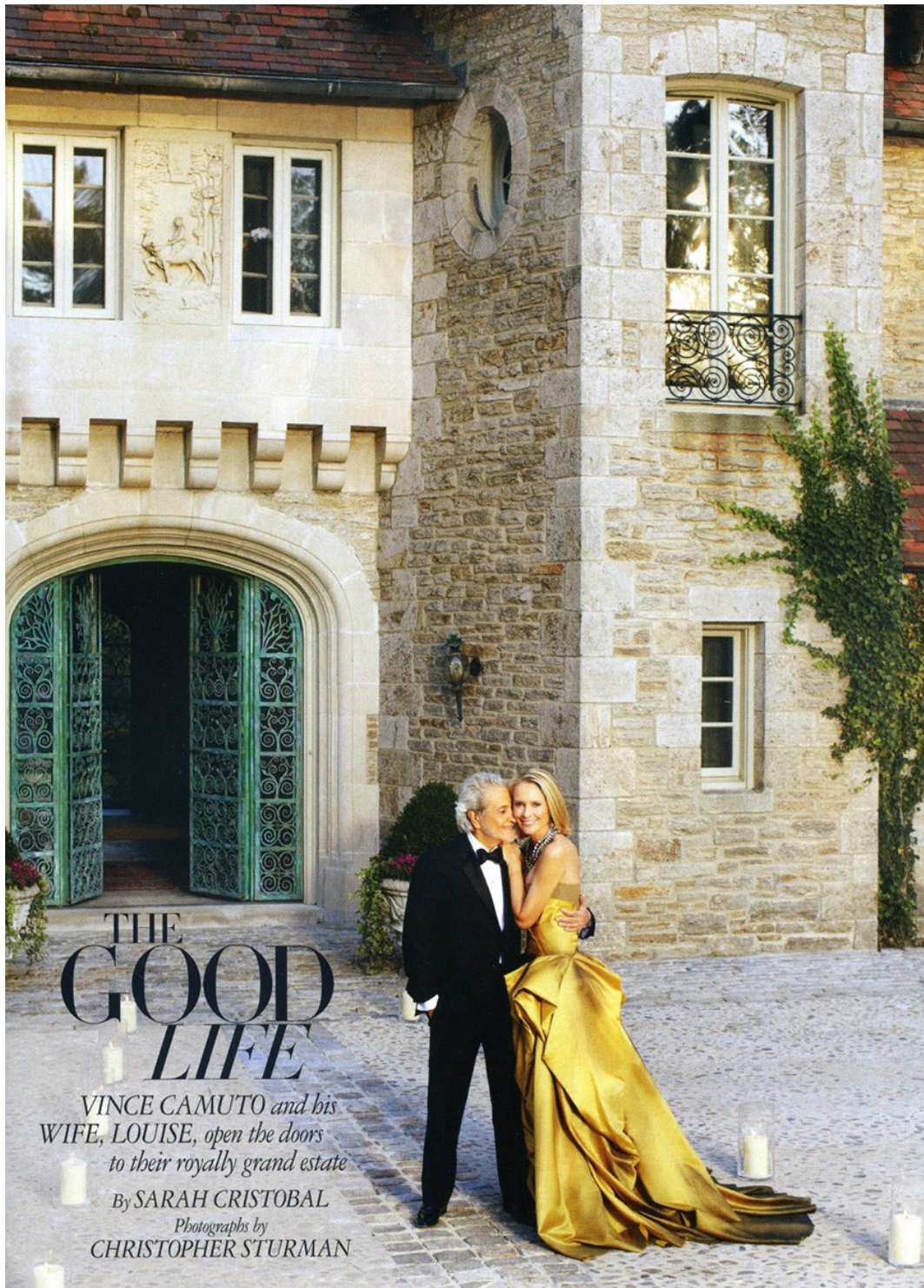
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Charmed: Mellon and her daughter smile at their fairy-tale life. Gown, \$5,590, and belt, Carolina Herrera. 212-249-6552. Bracelets, \$4,855-\$6,430. Ann Dexter-Jones Design. Shoes, \$1,250, Jimmy Choo. Costume, Minty's own. See Where to Buy for shopping details. Hair: Ashley Javier for Kérastase Paris; makeup: Talia Shobrook for Nars Cosmetics; manicure: Tatyana Molot for Essie; prop styling: Chelsea Maruskin.

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**AT HOME
WITH LELA ROSE**
“There’s a sense of
playfulness here.
I wanted a home that’s
fun, not fussy.”
—LELA ROSE

“I began collecting black-and-white photography in high school,” says Rose of the pictures hanging in the entryway of her Tribeca home.
Lela Rose dress and necklace.
Ring, her own. Azzedine Alaïa vintage heels.

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A vibrant bas-relief (*Untitled*, 2011) by Michael DeLucia is a focal point in the living room, where it hangs over the curvy Edward Wormley sofa Rose has had for more than 15 years. "I keep recovering it in different dress fabrics," she says. The midcentury coffee table was once a dining table: "I cut the legs down because I hate throwing anything away."
All dresses, worn throughout, Lela Rose. Kimberly McDonald earrings. Ring, worn throughout, her own. Miu Miu heels.

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
PHOTOGRAPHED BY DEAN KAUFMAN

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owering 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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