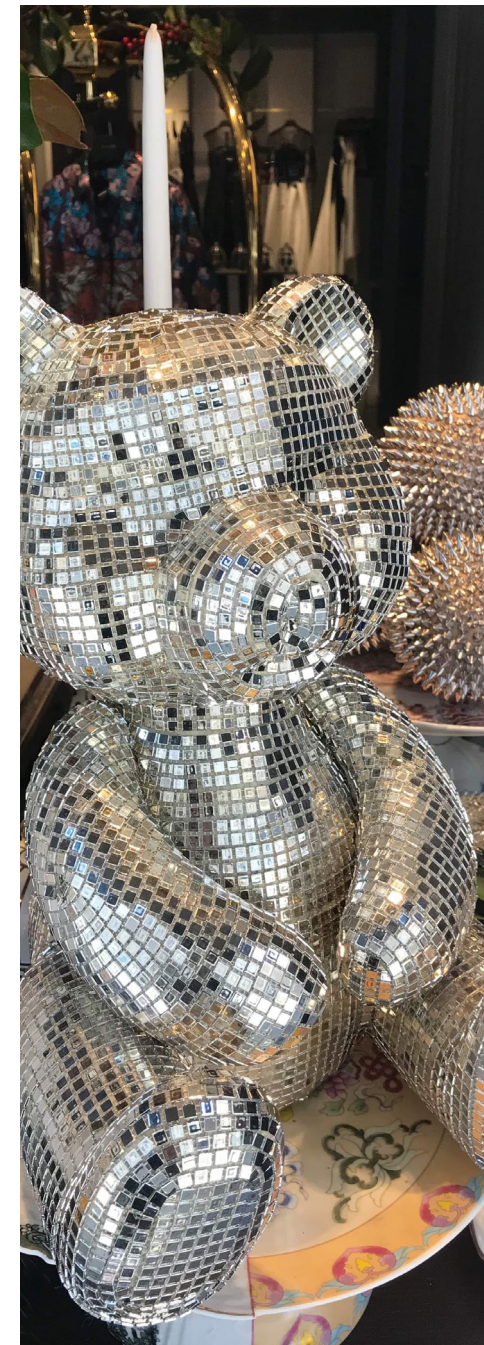


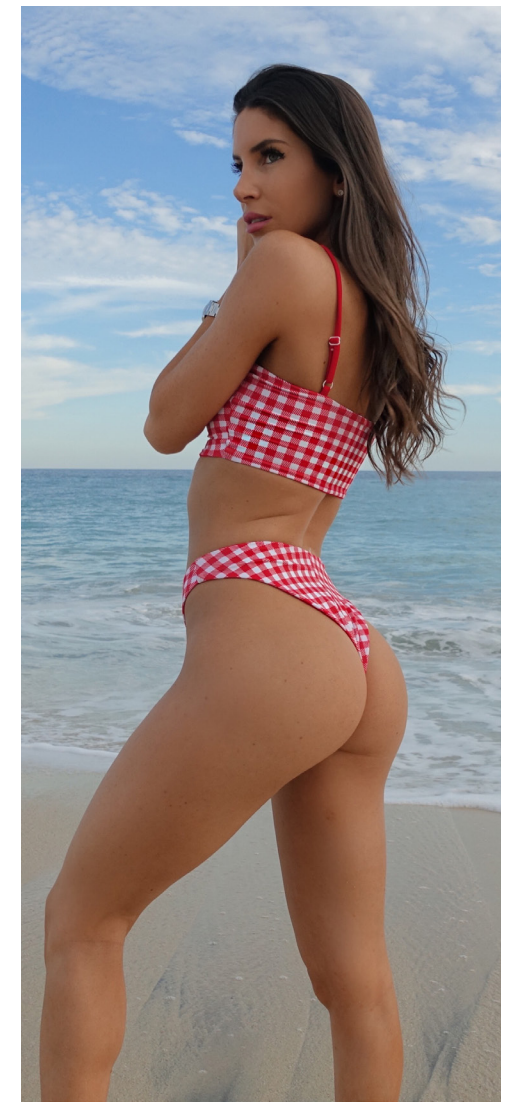
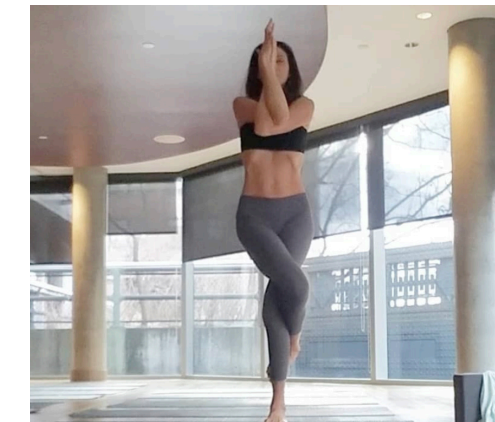
BEST OF
2019

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2019 saw its share of fires, from the rooftop of Notre Dame in April to an ongoing political firestorm in Washington, DC. In the art world, it was Andy and at the movies, Joaquin Phoenix had a big laugh on Hollywood as the Joker. A young hero emerged to take up the fight on climate change and the Bronx Bombers once again became the talk of the town. Tiger tore up Augusta to claim another green jacket, while Marisa Tomei had theatergoers stomping their feet and applauding on the Great White Way. Metropolitan Magazine is delighted to present some of the notable newsmakers, movers and shakers and other luminaries who were memorable or simply the best. If we missed anyone, please forgive the omission and please visit our social media pages to voice your valued opinions, @metropolitanmagazineny

2020 here we come!



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Most talked about acting performance in a movie: Joaquin Phoenix as the Joker

Best actor in a play: Bryan Cranston in Network

Best Sports moments: Tiger Woods wins the Masters, U.S. Women's Soccer Team wins World Cup

Biggest Celebrity wedding of 2019: Joe Jonas and Sophie Turner (Sansa) from Game of Thrones

Top Power Couples: Donberly, A-Rod & J-Lo

Biggest Celebrity splits: Miley Cyrus and Liam Hemsworth, Katie Holmes and Jamie Foxx

Celebrities in the news --for the wrong reasons: Robert Kraft, Lori Loughlin, Felicity Huffman, R. Kelly, Jussie Smollett

Most Notorious: Conor McGregor, Harvey Weinstein, Jeffrey Epstein

Heroes: Greta Thunberg, Bill Gates, Dr. Robert Melillo, co-founder of Brain Balance Achievement Centers, NYPD, FDNY, Dr. Janette Nesheiwat (CityMD)

Anti-Heroes: Jeff Bezos, Adam Neumann, Bill de Blasio

Cool Science: First photograph of a Black Hole

Best TV Series: Game of Thrones

Still great 20 years later: The Sopranos

Best portrayal of a music Icon: Rami Malek as Freddie Mercury in Bohemian Rhapsody

Most boring movie despite huge stars and star director: Netflix's The Irishman

New buzz-worthy musicals (2020): Last Days of Summer & For the Love of the Glove

Noteworthy Actress: Marisa Tomei in "The Rose Tattoo"

Most entertaining New York Sports Team: The New York Yankees

Best New York athlete redeemed: Carmelo Anthony

Popular Slang: Bae (Before Anyone Else); your most special person. Sapiosexual, Also, Hey-ay, fun new greeting

Ubiquitous saying: Fake News

Retail Apocalypse: Barney's, Zac Posen, vacant storefronts

Best new music star: Billie Eilish

Funniest Rapper: Biz Markie

Top DJ's: The Bloom Twins, DJ Hesta Prynne

Actresses causing buzz: Margot Robbie & Gal Gadot

Legendary Newsmen: Pete Hamill

Best Newspaper rants: Andrea Peyser

Radio Host who is still as good as ever: Jim Rome, Howard Stern

Sports Radio Show : The Michael Kay Show

Most Googled: Facebook, Trump

Best NYC Barber: Enrique Peralta, York Barbershop

Best Stylist: Edward Tricomi, Sally Hershberger

Make-up: Nicole Bryl, Kian Stave

Perfume: The Goddess Line, Anat Fritz

Cologne: Pierre Cardin

Beauty News: Christine Schott, The Beauty Influencers

Cool kitchenware: Fish's Eddy

Best Acupuncturist: Henry Buck

Best Masseuse: Georgette Puleo

Best Chiropractor: Doug Seckendorf, DC, CCSP

Best Orthodontist: Dr. Ken Schweitzer, DDS

Best UES Diner: New Amity, Neil's, 3 Guys, EJ's Luncheonette, The Mansion

Best UES Tacos: Otto's, Maz Mezcal, Taco Today

Best Greek Restaurant that Kim Kardashian visits to order the Dover sole: Nerai

Restaurateurs/Restaurants: Matty Sorrentino, Tuscany Steakhouse, Cellini's, Sette Mezzo, Jue Lan Club, Caffè Grazie, Nobu, The Carlton, Rao's

Classy spots to grab a cocktail: Bemelman's at the Carlyle, The Mark Hotel, Omar's, Michael's, Cafe Sarbasky

Cool Places for Kids: Writopia, Applause New York, Hex, Barnes & Noble, Asphalt Green, Chelsea Piers, Modern Martial Arts led by Mr. Sevilla, Central Park, Bronx Zoo, Museum of Natural History

Best art shows/artists of 2019: Eric Payson's Paris exhibit, Christine Davies & The Euclid Project, William Quigley Hamptons show, Art Basel, Warhol Retrospective, Pillow Culture by Emily Stephenson, Dreck, George Stave, Howie Keck, Nadja Marciniak

Izabela Gola, Peter Zonis, Andy Golub, Frank Stella, Veronica Smirnoff, Sislej Xhafa, Universal Vargas, Heide Hatry, Max Moran, Kelly Styne, Gary Kaleda, Eric Sanner, Guy Stanley Philoche, Xu Quimiao, Carole Eisner, Orly Corgan, Jonathan Feldschuh, Marjan Moghaddam, George Schulman, Tiffany de Lisio

Top art advisory: Sandy Heller, Annelien Bruins, Rachel Vancelette, Evan Tawil, Susie Eley, Terri Kahan, Kouros Mahboubian

People who matter in the art world: Beth Dewoody, Marianne Boesky, Larry Gagosian, Andy Warhol, Jeff Koons

Top Art Collector: Steve Tananbaum, Roberto Polo

Best Staging & Lighting guru: Bentley Meeker

Most trusted in executive recruiting: Brian Drum & Carly Drum

Most Disruptive: Ronn Torossian, 5WPR, AOC, 45, Rose McGowan
Class acts in the media: Stuart Varney, Myron Kandel, Rosanna Scotto, Jill Dobson, Peter Travers, Pat Kieran, Dr. Kelly Powers, Carrie Sheffield, Cynthia Tornquist, Paul Steinhauer, Adam Reiss, Russ Salzberg, Linda Schmidt, Dawn Ennis,

Most important Democrats: Mike Bloomberg, Charles Schumer

Rising Stars in the Republican Party: Kimberly Guilfoyle, AJ Catsimatidis

Top Personal Injury Attorneys: Herb & Eric Subin

Top Matrimonial Attorneys: Laurence Greenberg, Anthony A. Capetola, Elyse Goldweber

Top Health Influencers: Jill Selter, Dr. Robert Melillo, Joan Peckolick, Dr. Daniela Atanassova

Best Career Pivot: Alex Rodriguez

Best Lollipops: Dylan's Candy, It's Sugar, Weed World Candies, TD Bank

Best cookies: Greenberg's, Insomnia

Most missed reality star: Kenley Collins

Trend-setters: Chase Backer, NYFW, Influencers

Best stores on the UES: Brooks Brothers, Nili Lotan, Blue Tree (owned & managed by Phoebe Cates), Apple Store, Madewell, Olive & Bettes, Peleton, Sweaty Betty, Seigo Neckwear, Alexander Florals, Pink Chicken, Jack Rogers

Time Well Spent: Lincoln Center, Broadway, Carnegie Hall, The Reservoir

Real Estate: Katrina Campins, Heather Stein, Jamie Backer, The Slater Group

Entertainment News Legend: Bill Tush

Top Private Jeweler: Rare1

Nightlife It Girl: Erika Bogner

Innovators: Tim Hentschel, Elon Musk

SEO Expert: Alan Rabinowitz

Top Publicists: Bruce Lynn, Mark Goldman, Adam Weiss, R. Couri Hay, Fran Curtis, Leslie Sloan Zelnick, Ronn Torossian, PMK, Tene Nicole, Robyn Stevens, Hayley Sumner, Lainie Speiser, Richard Laermer, Hilarious UES Celebrity we all want to hang out with: Jill Kargman

Patron Saint of the Lower East Side: Reverend Jen Miller

Cool New Tourist Attractions: Virtual Reality, Weed World Wall of Fame, Arcadia

Cool Old Tourist Attraction: The Conservatory Garden, The Troll Museum of New York, The Cloisters

Top photographers: Jill Lotenberg, Bernadette Marciniak, Matt Licari

Coollest Therapist: Lisa Levy, Dr. Ahron Friedberg

Coollest unexpected celebrity: The Mandarin Duck in Central Park
Favorite places to take a ramble: SoHo, Astor Place, Central Park,

Museum Mile, Highline, Williamsburg, Chinatown, West Village
Cool again: Harlem, LIC

NYC Performers causing buzz: Aesha Waks, Jessica Ann Elizabeth, Thea Samuelson, The Cabinetmakers, Steve Tyrell

Lyricist who was better than Dylan: Robert Hunter

Creative Genius: Julien Nitzberg, Nick Glasser, Harmony Korine,
Coolest Museums: The Met, Neue Galerie, The Whitney, The Museum of New York

Talented Young Comediennes: Rachel Lenihan, Caroline Scheinfeld, Katie Rose Leon

Best cartoons: Gapingvoid.com, Dilbert

Top Superheroes in movies: Avengers, Spiderman, Captain Marvel

Best New York Traditions: The Halloween Parade in the Village, The Tree lighting at Rockefeller Center, The mermaid parade at Coney Island, Thanksgiving Day Parade, San Genaro Festival,

Top Trends: Influencers, Flower Power, K-Pop, disingenuous humble-bragging or political ranting on FB, Popularity of CBD Oil, Cannabis and the decriminalization of MJ in NYC, Vaping, on-line dating sites, delivery trucks covered in graffiti, binge-watching Netflix, the popularity of magazines

Best Gossip: Rob Shuter, Page Six

Best Frozen Yogurt: Forty Carrots, Pinkberry, 16 Handles, Tasti-D-Lite
Best Chicken Salad Sandwich: E.A.T.

New York Delis: Katz's, P.J. Bernstein's, Barney Greengrass,
Chinese Food: Atlas Kitchen, Tri Dim West, Shun Lee West, Wok 88, Pig Heaven

Indian Food: Mumtaz

Pizza: Don Fillipo, John's, Patsy's, Delizia, Joe's, Lenny's (whenever John Travolta pops in!)

Top Beer Merchants: Tophops.com

Cool Bookstores: The Strand, Argosy, West Side Books, Logos, Taschen
Best Books of 2019: Blue Ocean Shift by Renee Mauborgne & Chan Kim, Domenica Ruta's Last Day, Tucker Malarkey's Stronghold, City of Girls by Elizabeth Gilbert, Lori Gottlieb's Maybe you should talk to someone, The Pioneers by David McCullough, The Testaments by Margaret Atwood, How to Raise a Reader by Pamela Paul, Renia's Diary by Renia Spiegel, The Dutch House - Ann Pachett

The Nickel Boys - Colson Whitehead
The Water Dancer - Ta-Nehisi Coates
On Earth We're Briefly Gorgeous - Ocean Vuong
Olive Again - Elizabeth Strout
The Need - Helen Phillips, 'Til Wrong Feels Right by Iggy Pop, Desperate Times: Short Stories by Adam Kluger, Strut & Fret by Edward S. Barkin

Authors to watch: Edward S. Barkin, Shani Petroff, Domenic Melillo, Prof. Luke Salisbury, Matt Bloom, Sara Brooke, Lily-Hayes Kaufman, Erin Carlson, Kitty Pilgrim, Peter Mehlman