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Christian Siriano's chelsea

Christian Siriano started off interning with industry legends like Vivienne Westwood and Alexander McQueen; now, he's a New York Fashion Week icon known for his whimsical and show-stopping design, fantasy evening gowns and cocktail dresses, and tailored sportswear. Tim Gunn has called the Chelsea resident "a prodigy" and "the next great American fashion designer," while Oprah has called his designs "works of art." He has dressed Sarah Jessica Parker, Alexa Chung, Victoria Beckham, Rihanna and Lady Gaga, to name a few. He and his partner, Brad Walsh, live in an apartment in Chelsea, a neighborhood Siriano says he finds truly inspiring. "Chelsea is so alive and diverse, with some of the best culture in Manhattan," he says. "I couldn't think of a better place to call home." Here are his picks for the hippest spots around Chelsea.

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