

# WHERE THEY SHOP



Ever wonder where Chicago's best-dressed people buy their clothes? How about where the city's designers and connoisseurs shop for themselves? We wanted to know. So we asked local experts and assorted culture mavens to name their favorite stores and top-secret sources—and we share the results here.

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## Gregg Shipp

THE CO-OWNER OF HIFI PERSONAL FITNESS (1030 W. NORTH AVE., STE. 300; 312-751-1224, HIFIFITNESS.COM)

**GIFTS** Elevenzees (1901 W. Division St.; 773-772-1150) is great for housewarming gifts, baby gifts, candles. **Renegade Handmade** (1924 W. Division St.; 773-227-2707): It's fun to uncover new stuff there. Last year I gave Barack Obama and Bob Ross (remember him from the *Joy of Painting*) finger puppets by Abbychristine. **TATTOOS** Mat Moreno is my guy at **Insight Studios** (1062 N. Milwaukee Ave.; 773-342-4444). He's a genius.

## STAN BOWMAN

GENERAL MANAGER OF THE CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS

**HOCKEY STUFF** My go-to place for equipment is GUNZO'S (7706 W. Madison St., River Forest, 708-771-8666; also in Morton Grove).

**ICE RINK** My boys—Will is seven and Camden is four—both play at JOHNNY'S ICEHOUSE (1350 W. Madison St.; 312-226-5555).

**GOLF COURSE** I am a huge golfer. My favorite course is probably CONWAY FARMS GOLF CLUB (425 S. Conway Farms Dr., Lake Forest; 847-234-6979). **KIDS'**

**CLOTHES & GIFTS** My boys love almost anything PAUL FRANK, so we shop at the store in Lincoln Park (851 W. Armitage Ave.; 773-388-3122).

## NATE BERKUS

INTERIOR DESIGNER

## Jill Alberts

JEWELRY DESIGNER

**WOMEN'S CLOTHING** In Highland Park, where I live, I shop at **SHE Boutique** (483 Central St., Highland Park; 847-926-0150). Their stuff is young and kind of edgy. My secret shopping source is **theoutnet.com**: It sells after-season designer clothes from its sister site, **netaporter.com**. A beautiful Calvin Klein black jersey dress, originally \$3,000, was on sale for \$300. **VINTAGE FURNISHINGS** I go to **Anna's Mostly Mahogany** (531 Bank Ln., Highwood; 847-432-9151), which is a huge antique consignment store. It's so reasonably priced, it's crazy. **The Find** (9 Highwood Ave., Highwood; 847-266-1700) is a little higher end.

## ERWIN HELFER

JAZZ AND BLUES PIANIST AND INSTRUCTOR

**SHEET MUSIC** Coulsons Music Matters (75-77 E. Van Buren St.; 312-461-1989) for jazz and classical. **Performers Music** (410 S. Michigan Ave., Ste. 904; 312-987-1196) for classical sheet music and books. **PIANOS** The sellers that I know personally are very fair: **Family Piano Co.** (114 S. Genesee St., Waukegan; 847-775-1988) and **Kurt Saphir Pianos** (123 Green Bay Rd., Wilmette; 847-256-5225). Kurt Saphir is terrific; I've known him for ages. **BIKE MAINTENANCE** I still have a license but no car. And I am not a good driver, so I stick to the bike—currently a vintage Schwinn. At **Quick Release Bike Shop** (1527 N. Ashland Ave.; 773-871-3110), Joe is my guy—for bikes and bike repair, this guy couldn't be greater.

## AMY TRAGER

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZER

**ORGANIZING AND STORAGE SUPPLIES** U-HAUL (**uhaul.com**) has the best deals for boxes and packing material. **CLOSET ORGANIZER** For a built-in unit, I recommend CLOSET WORKS (2000 N. Clybourn Ave.; 773-244-9700). **HOSTESS GIFTS** 1730 OUTLET COMPANY (1730 W. Wrightwood Ave.; 773-871-4331) is a great little outlet store that sells designer home décor and furniture.

**VINTAGE** I love **Designer Resale** (658 N. Dearborn St.; 312-587-3312) for vintage Hermès and Chanel. I also love the **Broadway Antique Market** (6130 N. Broadway; 773-743-5444) and **Edgewater Antique Mall** (6314 N. Broadway; 773-262-2525) and usually make an afternoon out of scouting around there. The highlights are amazing one-of-a-kind gifts. I like finding vintage coffee-table books there, too. Other recent finds include a vintage Gucci dice cup that I use for pens, '30s brass photo frames, and beautiful pottery. **STATIONERY** I just ordered custom stationery from **Kneen & Co.** (400 W. Erie St., Ste. 503; 312-787-7003). **MEN'S ACCESSORIES** Charvet knit silk ties—the skinny, preppy ones—from **Neiman Marcus** (737 N. Michigan Ave.; 312-642-5900) are a recent obsession.

