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# In Living Color: Elizabeth Banks & Co. Turn Out to Support Pilotto

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Christopher De Vos and Peter Pilotto Photo: Courtesy of Peter Pilotto



aking the most of their stateside trip, Peter Pilotto and Christopher De Vos followed a few New York appearances with an L.A. showing. For the occasion, longtime fan and friend Irene Neuwirth hosted an intimate dinner in her new Melrose Place store—which conveniently includes a custom kitchen for such affairs. With guests including Elizabeth Banks, Busy Philipps, and Gillian Jacobs clad in Pilotto and Neuwirth, the synergy of color and craft was in full effect. "Their use of color is very similar to my aesthetic of jewelry," Neuwirth explained of the complement, while De Vos admired mannequins they'd dressed that seemed innate to the store's decor.

With stylists like Petra Flannery, Karla Welch, and Tara Swennen on hand, the designers made the case for celebrity dressing and red-carpet culture. "Being in L.A. is such an amazing experience for us, because from London we don't necessarily understand what it all means," De Vos admitted, in between courses catered by Animal. "And once you're here in L.A. and you get to meet all the stylists, you get to understand what women expect from the brand, and it's such a great learning curve." Following their visit, the pair head back to London to get back to design, some of which just may be informed by their trip out West. "Like always, when you do these kinds of trips, they are theoretically purely relaxing and for fresh air," Pilotto explained of the time they stole away in Big Sur. "But there is always some inspiration that lingers and has an impact one way or the other."

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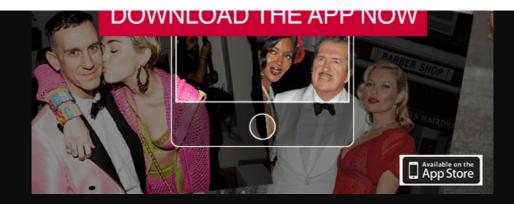
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