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Five Local Pros

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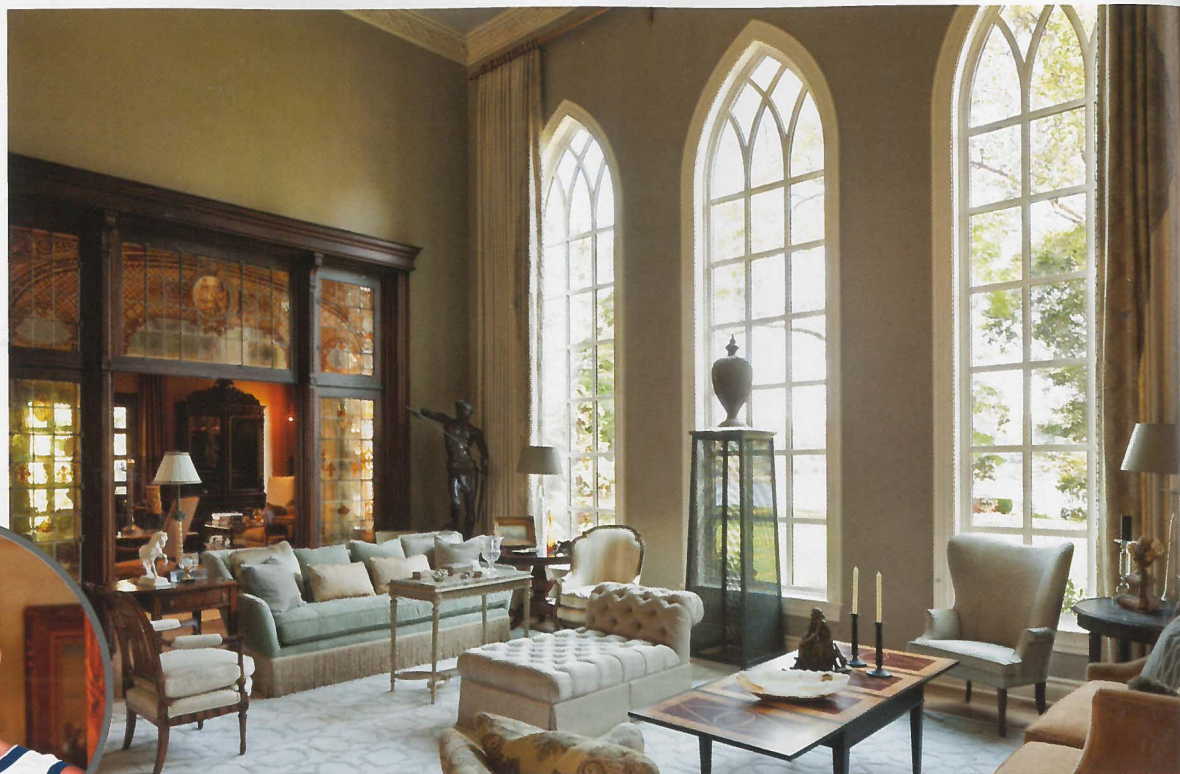
Up-and-Coming Designers

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## ARLENE CRITZOS

*Eclecticism brings a project together and eliminates the feeling of a “decorated” look.*

Founded in 1979, Interior Concepts, Inc. is an award-winning, full-service design firm with 50 employees, a 50,000-square-foot warehouse, a delivery service and a top-tier roster of clients. Founder and principal Arlene Critzos has transformed spaces grand and small in destinations all over the U.S. as well as in the Caribbean, China, Jordan, Spain and England. The firm's approach emphasizes creativity professionalism and careful listening. “Give clients what they want, not what you want,” she advises. “Never begin without understanding their needs, financial scope, quality expectations and timing.

“It is our goal not only to meet our clients' expectations, but exceed them,” she continues. “We take pride in creating what we believe is the most valuable facet of a person's life—their environment.”



**Name one quality you instill in every project.** Every project incorporates several key moments for reviewing and revisiting options as you think the space through. I think these are imperative.

**Favorite part of the job?** I enjoy the diversity of job styles. I love learning and creating different styles.

**Advice you would give your younger self?** I would do everything the same all over again. Work 80 hours a week, and don't be afraid to take risks.

