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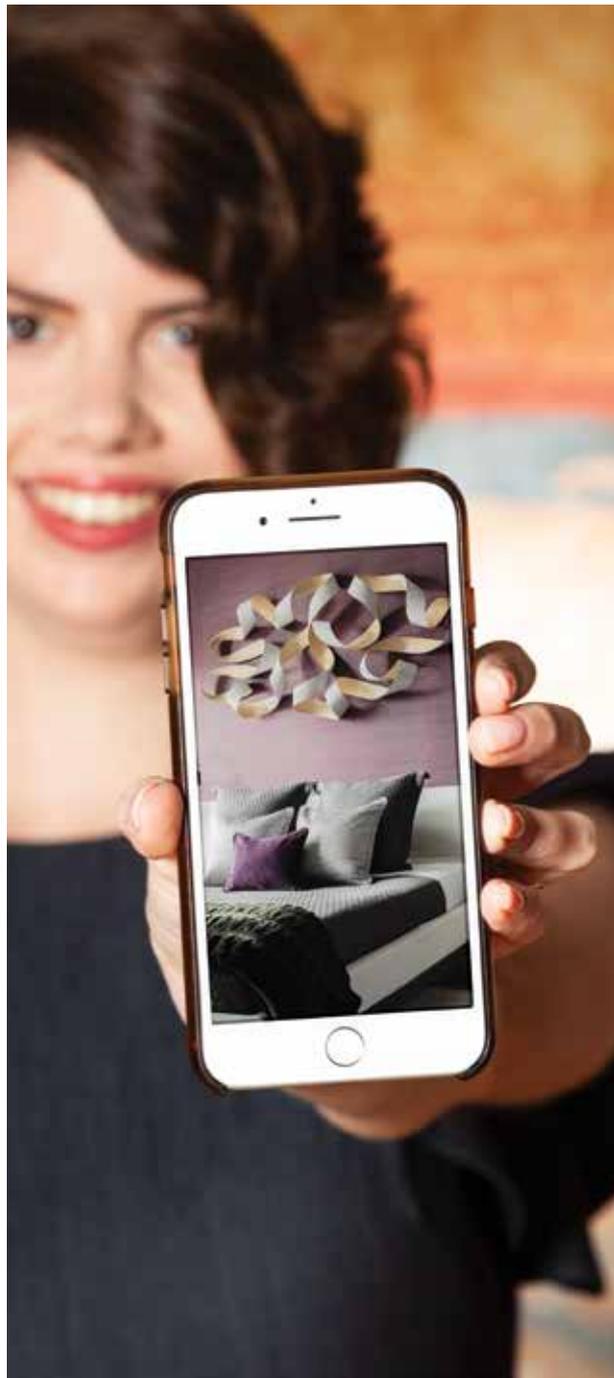


The 2021 5 Under

For a dozen years now, we've been celebrating our area's abundance of young design talent with *New England Home's* 5 Under 40 Awards. The annual program honors excellence in interior design, architecture, and landscape design. The 2021 awardees exemplify that excellence in their rich and varied portfolios as well as in their commitment to

New England's design community.

This year, we're especially excited because we're returning to an in-person awards celebration. The party, on September 16 at 5:30 p.m. at the SoWa Power Station in Boston's SoWa Art + Design District, will be twice the fun as we honor our 2020 winners along with this year's talented group.



40 Awards

The festivities will include the auction of five custom rugs designed by our 2021 winners and produced by Landry & Arcari Rugs and Carpeting, with proceeds going to the nonprofit Barakat. We can't wait to see you again!

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The winners give us a glimpse of their designs. **FROM LEFT:** Heather Souza, Flavin Architects; Mika Durrell, Able Moraine; Meaghan Moynahan, Venegas and Company; Gabrielle Pitocco Bove, Eleven Interiors; and Heather Harris, James Doyle Design Associates.

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Architecture: HEATHER SOUZA

Never underestimate the power of a nudge from a high school teacher. When Heather Souza (then Heather Card) was a student at New Hampshire's Portsmouth High School, her drafting teacher pulled her aside and told her he saw real potential in her work. "He asked me if I'd ever thought of being an architect," she recalls. In fact, it had not occurred to her. "The women in my family were all nurses or teachers." The teacher, Steve Jones, arranged to have her do a job shadow at a local architecture firm, and the young woman's fate was sealed. "I was adamant about going to



ABOVE: Heather Souza, junior principal at Boston's Flavin Architects. **LEFT:** "As the only granddaughter out of five grandchildren, I spent a lot of time learning from my Nana how to create with my hands," recalls Souza. "For my rug, I wanted to create something in honor of her." A blanket her grandmother crocheted for her inspired the pattern. And the color? "In the spirit of inspiring the next generation to create, I chose pink—my daughter's favorite," she explains.

architecture school," she says.

She chose Northeastern University. "It was a big enough city to make me feel like I was getting away, but it was close enough to home. I loved it," says Souza.

If Jones gave her the idea, and Northeastern gave her the tools, her first job,

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THE 2021 WINNERS

at the Barrington, Rhode Island-based firm Andreozzi Architecture, was the springboard to her successful career. "I owe them everything," she says about principal David Andreozzi and senior associate David Rizzolo. "They were such great mentors to have as a young professional."



In 2013, Souza joined Boston-based Flavin Architects, where she now holds the position of junior principal.

At Flavin, she feels she has the creative freedom to meld her own personality with the company's vision. That vision focuses on contemporary design, and Souza says

the term "natural modernism" is a guiding principle. "It's evolved to a warm modernism," she says. "We use materials that are common for New England architecture, such as natural wood, but with a more modern application, clean detailing, for homes that really sit in nature."

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The Process: HOW IT'S DONE



Designing a rug isn't a regular part of the job for our 5 Under 40 winners. In fact, they all confess it was a bit daunting. Fortunately, the experts at Landry & Arcari Rugs and Carpeting were there to shepherd the young designers through the process of bringing their beautiful creations into being, a task the team has happily undertaken for twelve years now. "This year, the rug designs were very personal,"



says Eric Brissette, who heads up custom rug production and inventory management at Landry & Arcari. "They related directly to the winner's profession in some cases, and in others, were inspired by family relationships."

While the pandemic continued to make life difficult in Nepal, where Tibetan weavers craft the rugs, Brissette says the process went smoothly this year—a good thing, since it can

take two weavers several months to bring each of the five-by-eight-foot beauties to life. Wool and silk make up the majority of the materials used, but every now and then an unusual fiber, like the hemp in Mika Durrell's graphic rug, is added.

The rugs will be auctioned off at the September 16 awards celebration, and as always, benefits will go to the nonprofit Barakat.

Making a Difference

Like so many students across the globe, the children and women who attend Barakat's schools in Pakistan and Afghanistan struggled to surmount the challenges of COVID-19. "The schools would be open for a week, then we'd have to close them again," says the Cambridge, Massachusetts-based organization's executive director Arti Pandey. "It was a rough year."

We at *New England Home* are proud of our long association with Barakat. Since the inception of the 5 Under 40 Awards, with the help of New England's generous design community, we've raised \$240,000 and counting for the nonprofit. By auctioning off the stunning rugs designed by our 5 Under 40 winners, we've helped 75,000-plus boys, girls, and women get an education.



With the pandemic on the wane, Barakat has big plans on the drawing board, says Pandey, including opening a school in Pakistan that is strictly for girls. "We need to reinforce the value of girls' education because the past year was rougher for girls than boys," Pandey says.

She's optimistic that the return to an in-person auction will help swell the organization's coffers. "There is a real sense of joyousness when people are able to get together again," she says. She hopes that joy will translate to generosity. For more information about Barakat, visit barakatworld.org.



5 Under 40 Awards | THANK YOU!

In Person!

Join us to honor the winners of the twelfth annual 5 Under 40 Awards, raise a glass to exceptional design at the season's best cocktail party, and bid on five one-of-a-kind rugs—designed by the winners—as they are auctioned off for a great cause.*

The Judges:



The judging panel for this year's 5 Under 40 Awards consisted of a group of seasoned design pros. We are grateful for their time, expertise, and dedication to the vetting process.

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP RIGHT:

Dee Elms, principal, Elms Interior Design, Boston

Keith Wagner, founding partner, Wagner Hodgson Landscape Architecture, Burlington, Vermont

Dell Mitchell, principal, Dell Mitchell Architects, Boston

DATE: September 16, 2021

TIME: 5:30 p.m.

LOCATION: SoWa Power Station, 550 Harrison Ave., Boston

SCHEDULE: Rug Preview 5:30 p.m.

Awards Ceremony & Rug Auction 6:00 p.m.

Cocktail Party 7:30 p.m.

TICKETS: \$90 online

\$110 at the door (cash only)

For tickets, visit nehomemag.com/5-under-40/tickets



*All proceeds from the auction will benefit Barakat, a Cambridge, Massachusetts-based charity that works to strengthen education and literacy in Central and South Asia.

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