



Haute Secrets Boston: Patrick Planeta of Planeta Design Group

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When fine art meets interior design in the residential, retail and hospitality industries, you know Patrick Planeta has his hand in the project. The founder of [Planeta Design Group](#) has been recognized as “the hottest emerging talent in residential design in New England” and serves on the Board of Directors of Artists for Humanity in South Boston where he has been part of the team building the new “Creative Industries EpiCenter” on a land donated by Procter & Gamble.



Providing design assistance to everyone from Winston Flowers and The W Boston to an art collector's home and private residence at the Mandarin Oriental, he has tackled some of the most impressive interior design projects in town.



We caught up with Planeta recently to find out what he loves most about Boston.

Where were you born: Connecticut

How long in Boston: 21 years

Neighborhood: Jamaica Plain, MA

Occupation: Owner of Planeta Design Group: Specializing in Interior Design and Fine Art Curation

Favorite Restaurant: Sorellina: Dominick Minots, the General Manager is the best!

Best Sushi: o ya – All things designed both in the plating and on the palette, a reason behind their genius!

Best Italian: Trattoria Il Panino, North End

Best dessert: Christina's Homemade Ice Cream in Inman Square, Cambridge

Best place for a romantic date: Our dining room table

Best Sunday brunch: Metropolis in the South End – I love their Huevos Rancheros! Café Le Perche in Hudson, NY if I am on the road – great lobster BLT.

Best place for a power business meeting: When and where it needs to happen. It's important in business and life to be fluid.

If you have out of town guests, which hotel would you recommend? XV Beacon. After all these years it still has a sophistication and elegance that is unmatched in Boston; service is also top notch!

Favorite shopping venue/boutique: Alan Bilzerian on Newbury Street. Elena Dawson's use of the unexpected in her jackets, along with the raw linings and hand written contents of the pieces, makes me appreciate every exacting detail

Favorite place to buy jewelry/watches: Hermes – currently loving the Le Temps Suspendu watch. If you need to know all the details of their fine jewelry, ask for the ever wonderful Kyoko.

Best Spa: Exhale, see Debbie – just make sure I can still get my appointments!

Favorite Charity Event: Artists for Humanity's Greatest Party on Earth

Favorite Cultural Event: SHOWA O-Bon festival – love all things Japanese

Favorite Cultural Institution: Isabella Stewart Gardener Museum and the Dexter Southfield Clay Center Observatory – Tuesday evening is their public viewing with their giant telescope.

Best Steakhouse: Not a huge steak fan, but when I am in the mood it's Capital Grille in Chestnut Hill simply because Denise on the staff is terrific!

Best Pizza: Stoked Wood Fired Pizza in Brookline.

Best Lunch: Coppa Boston, the Italian Grinder is hands down the best sandwich in Boston.

Best Gym/Athletic Facility: Equinox on Dartmouth Street, John Sarsfield is my go-to personal trainer and Lauren Barford Vasquez for Pilates.

Best Massage: I love a good massage, but lately I'm getting back to my Reiki practitioner roots and becoming the client. Janet Kessenich at Spiral Energies is a wonderful practitioner and specialist.

Best Limousine/Driving Service: Myself – always love to drive and explore...also my quiet time.

Best Museum/Exhibit: Peabody Essex Museum (PEM) Calder and Abstraction: From Avant-Garde to Iconic and Future Beauty: Avant-Garde Japanese Fashion.

Describe Boston in three words: Academic, History, Home

Favorite historic/legendary place to see or explore: Arnold Arboretum and Mount Auburn Cemetery

All-around favorite spot in Boston: Noanet Woodlands in Dover – great place to hike with our Rhodesian Ridgeback. Check out the Boston look-out on the orange trail!

Best Aspect of Boston: The city offers a manageable scale without being too small; it's both green and urban, along with a newly developing Seaport.