



## **PERSONALITY**

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# The Recommended List 2015: Vicki Horne

*Vicki Horne, Community Volunteer/Retired Small Business Owner Nonprofit Involvement: Board President of the Nashville Repertory Theatre, The Nashville Food Project Board of Directors, Girl Scouts of America Nominating Committee*

Nashville was lucky the day the Hearn family moved in and began to leave their indelible mark on our philanthropic community. When the charismatic Vicki Hearn Horne isn't taking in a play at the theater or concerto at the Schermerhorn, she is busy making a difference serving on several boards from the

Nashville Rep to the Nashville Food Project and chairing events like the Symphony Spring Fashion Show, Symphony Ball, Heart Gala and Steeplechase, among many others. She also hopes the one thing that never changes about Nashville is her living here—and we couldn't agree more!

**The best shop to buy a gift is** Corzine & Co., The Beveled Edge, Sassafras Shop, Absolution, Hot Pink and my wine cellar for gifts for others and myself. But I love to take photographs, so usually I give a framed picture of the recipient doing something fun with or without me.

**When I have out-of-town guests visiting, I love taking them to** the Nashville Repertory Theatre's productions, Nashville Symphony, Cheekwood and The Doyle and Debbie Show.

**My favorite restaurant for dinner is** a tie: 360 Bistro, Josephine or Rolf and Daughters (if I can get a reservation!).

**My favorite restaurant for lunch is** Midtown Café and 1808 Grille.

**The best new Nashville restaurant is** changing every week for me once I go to the next new one. The restaurant scene in Nashville is one of the biggest changes in this town in the past 25 years and a welcome one, too.

**The best place for cocktails is** Sinema or Pinewood Social.

**My favorite hairdresser is** super stylist and friend Sherry Atkinson at Elan!

**My go-to local boutique to purchase a last-minute outfit is** my closet—the best boutique in town for me! I try never to buy an outfit last minute! Be prepared. But I would trust Janice Elliott and Nancy McGuirk at Gus Mayer for help if I needed it.

**The best place to buy jewelry is...** Rick, my husband, buys all my jewelry, so I don't know. But Nashville has some young artisans making great contemporary jewelry. I love to buy from Seraphine Design, Gemme Jewels and Margaret Ellis. But Rick buys the big stuff!

**My favorite locally made product is** Bang Candy Company marshmallows!

**My favorite florist is** Steve McLellan at Garden Delights.

**My favorite landscape architect is** Ben Page. (Of course this is wishful thinking. I have never been fortunate enough to work with him, but he is who I would choose if I had some fabulous place for him to work his magic.)

**My favorite interior designer or decorator is** Marjorie Feltus Hawkins and Jonathan Savage. They are both the best!

**For a quiet getaway, I like to go to** our log cabin at Center Hill Lake.

**The annual fundraising event I look most forward to every year is** the Symphony Ball. Christmas is such a festive and joyous time. I love to get all dressed up and go to the most beautiful building in Nashville and celebrate our magnificent symphony.

**The best place in town to bike, hike or picnic is** the sculpture trail at Cheekwood, which is one of my absolute favorite places in this town. If you have never been there, stop reading this and go right now!

**The best place to see a concert is** the symphony's [Laura Turner Concert] Hall and the Ryman.

**What brought me to Nashville was** that my family moved here. I have lived in Nashville for 24 years! I can't believe it!

**A Nashvillian that has great personal style is** Michael Shane Neal.

**My biggest fashion faux pas was...**I'm sure the staff at *Nfocus* can answer this one much better than I can.

**As a kid, I always wanted to be** an actress or the president of the United States when I grew up...sort of the same thing if you think about it.

**The person who has influenced my life the most is** my father, Billy Ray Hearn. He loved life and lived it with great generosity, passion and enthusiasm; I try to do the same.

**If I had \$1 million to donate to a local nonprofit, I would give it to** the Nashville Repertory Theatre. I believe that the arts are what make this community great. A first-class city is a city that has a first-class theater. For 30 years, the Rep has given Nashville top-notch professional theater [presented] by the city's local actors and artists. I want to be sure that it continues.

**Other than my family and God, the people I'd love to have as guests at a dinner party would be** hometown girls Nicole Kidman and Reese Witherspoon. We could swap stories about chairing galas and winning Oscars!

**The thing I hope never changes in Nashville is** me living here!

*Photograph by Eric England at Vicki's home*