

the Academy raised them." Lumelsky's stark but glam womenswear is inspired by black-and-white cinema; like her favorite designer, Azzedine Alaïa, she creates fastidious, made-to-measure designs. Her line, Gettliffe's menswear (street-inspired jackets and jumpsuits of richly woven fabrics), and Tanudiredja's hand-made costume jewelry (including Tim Burton heroine-style goth necklaces) can be found at **Ra**, one of three new concept stores. "It's a special time



for Antwerp," confirmed Ra's co-owner Romain Brau. "The city is getting back on track as a shopping capital" (13 Kloosterstr.; 32-32-923780). **Graanmarkt 13** attracts a more tailored crowd and has a sophisticated all-white restaurant in addition to global fashion brands (13 Graanmarkt; 32-33-377992; entrées, \$20-\$34), while **Your** has almost 12,000 square feet of space over two floors and an eccentric mix of offerings, from 15 brands of jeans to a \$545,000 Alfa Romeo 8C (88-100 Kloosterstr.; 32-33-377110).



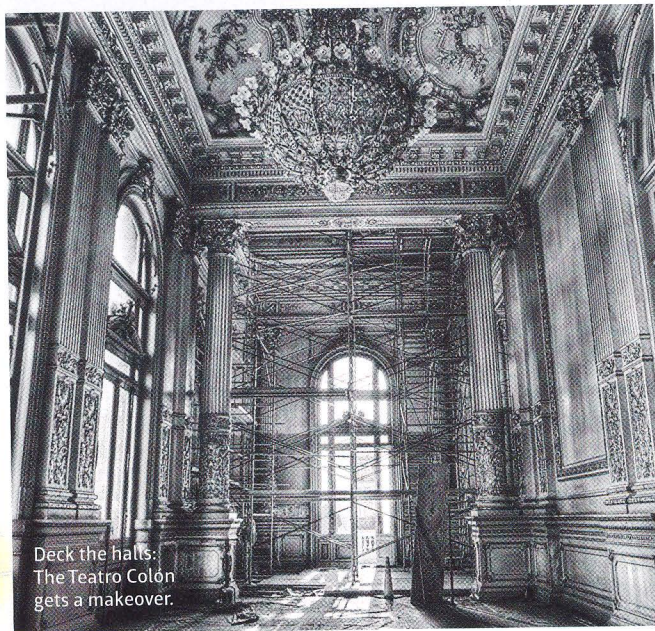
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## Cynthia Rowley, Fashion Designer

*The 411 on a recent trip from a globe-trotting tastemaker*

**JUST BACK FROM** "Cabrera, a sleepy surf town in the Dominican Republic." **STAYED** "At the tropical hilltop **Hotel La Catalina** [809-589-7700; doubles, \$76-\$145]." **ATE** "Fresh fish and crispy plantains at **Manny's** [1 Malecón de Cabrera; 829-446-6025; entrées, \$4-\$22]." **SWAM** "Through a stalactite-filled cave and freshwater lagoons at **Dudu Lake**." **SURFED** "At **Playa Grande**, where casitas serve fish you eat right on the beach—they'll even bring you a table and chair." **SAW** "Frost! At the top of the Caribbean's highest mountain, **Pico Duarte**." *Cynthia Rowley's surf-inspired line for Roxy is in stores now.*

**THOMPSON TORONTO** is the first non-U.S. addition to the boutique hotel chain ([thompsonhotels.com](http://thompsonhotels.com)).



Deck the halls: The Teatro Colón gets a makeover.

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## Stage Might

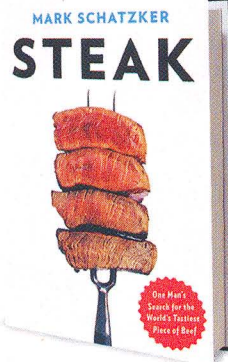
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Argentina's biggest party this month is at the capital's stunning **TEATRO COLÓN**, which just completed a three-year primping. The 720-lightbulb cupola chandelier and the brace of Félix Gaudin stained glass windows that illuminate the foyer and its burgundy-carpeted marble staircase will be glittering anew when the building is unveiled for the two hundredth anniversary of the country's May revolution. Luminaries such as Igor Stravinsky and Maria Callas appeared on the stage back in the day; bicentenary events include a gala performance of Puccini's *La Bohème* and a concert by Grammy-winning cellist Yo-Yo Ma (54-11-5533-5599).

## Meat and Greet

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book

What makes a steak great? To answer this vexing question, *Condé Nast Traveler* contributor Mark Schatzker embarked on a year-and-a-half-long, high-cholesterol, multi-continent quest, with stops in beef-loving Argentina, Scotland, Japan, Italy, France, and Texas. The witty result, **STEAK: ONE MAN'S SEARCH FOR THE WORLD'S TASTIEST PIECE OF BEEF**, is as much cultural anthropology as it is unapologetic food porn. Just don't read it on an empty stomach (Viking, \$26).



*Fancy a quick kayak? Going plane-to-paddle is a cinch with the sporting Citiböt, a full-size DIY boat that weighs just 24 pounds and folds into a backpack. White water, here we come!*



Orange Citiböt, \$1,300.