

Contributors

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Amalie Drury

When writer Amalie Drury first landed in Chicago in 2001, her tried-and-true method for combating homesickness was to leave the city behind and take a Sunday drive up Sheridan Road to enjoy the verdant beauty of the North Shore. She still loves exploring the area and getting to know its inhabitants, including the globe-trotting family that lives in the beautiful Winnetka house Drury writes about for the Lake Effect Design page. “The way their designer, Tom Stringer, was able to weave their adventures into their new home is lovely.” Drury is the Chicago editor of *PureWow*.



Selena Fragassi

Selena Fragassi is an Evanston-based rock critic and journalist, formerly the music editor of women’s culture publication *Venus Zine*. Her work has appeared in *Nylon*, the *A.V. Club* and *Under the Radar* magazines. In this issue, Selena covers The Shed, a new musician’s club in Highland Park, which she found inspiring for the opportunity it provides adults to connect with their inner rock star. Fragassi is hard at work on her to-be-launched music website Boxx Magazine.



Jessica Radloff

Glamour.com’s West Coast entertainment writer, Jessica Radloff, is thrilled to be contributing to the inaugural issue of *NS*. “Growing up in the Midwest myself, I love talking to others from Chicago and its surrounding areas,” she says. In this premiere issue, Jessica interviewed ABC’s *Happy Endings* creator and Glencoe native David Caspe about his amazing rise to success, and also chatted with Wilmette native Julia Allison (daughter of Peter and Robin Baugher) on life after her reality series, *Miss Advised*, on Bravo.



Kiki Luthringshausen

Kiki Luthringshausen is a freelance food and lifestyle writer who grew up in the northwest suburbs. After 15 years as an interior designer and shop owner, Luthringshausen pursued her true passion by starting *beautyandherfeast.com*, which features restaurant reviews, chef profiles, recipe testing and gastronomic adventures. She wrote the Food Drink Bites news column for this issue.

Lauren Viera

A California native, Lauren Viera marked 10 years in Chicago this past summer, where she has contributed to nearly every publication in town. She was a senior editor on the launch staff of *Time Out Chicago*, then joined the *Tribune’s* Travel desk before moving to Arts & Entertainment. Now a full-time freelance writer, Viera reviewed new restaurant In The Raw for our Food Drink Deal page and also wrote our Home Design feature story on a Winnetka ranch home.



Kristyna Archer

For Chicago-based photographer Kristyna Archer, a love for fashion and design runs deep. So it’s no surprise that when she headed up to the North Shore to photograph Ellen Stirling in her elegant boutique The Lake Forest Shop for this issue, the most difficult part of the shoot was stopping. “This was such an ideal shoot for many reasons— lovely subject, beautiful space, glorious natural light.” Archer, whose photography emphasizes storytelling, was drawn to Stirling’s poise and confidence as well as her outfit. “I really love the jacket she chose for the shoot. I would wear that in a heartbeat.”