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defines local design*

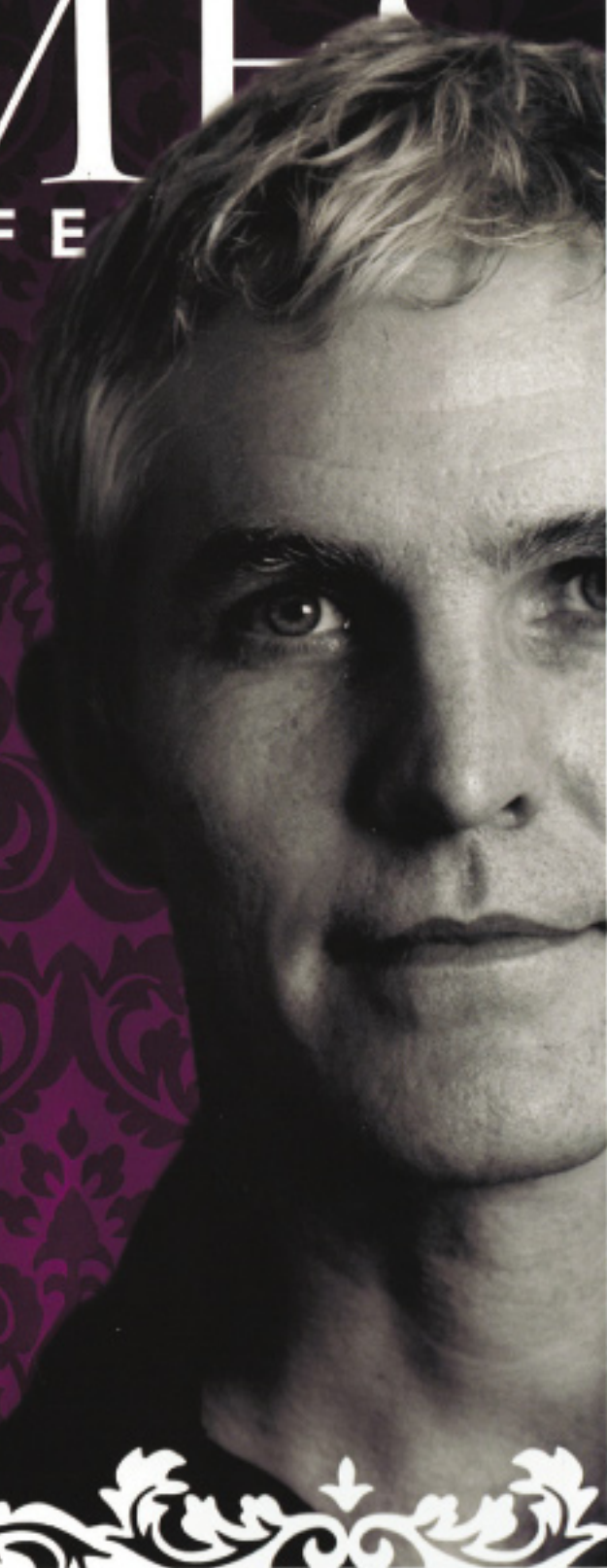
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LIZ DUNN

Liz Dunn defies stereotypes. This high-tech exec turned urban developer is not only—to state the obvious—a female developer, she's also young and not all that preoccupied with making money. For Dunn, what's important is redefining the way urban Seattleites live, and bettering downtown design and the environment in the process.

"I have zero interest in building for building's sake," she says. "This is the city I live in, the city I love. I'm completely focused on making it a more attractive, healthy place to live so people aren't as pressured to sprawl out to the suburbs."

Dunn's first big project was the now highly acclaimed 1310 loft-style condominium building, designed by Miller|Hull in 2001, in Capitol Hill's Pike/Pine neighborhood. The AIA-award

winning building validated the once-defunct neighborhood and was the first of many in-city housing options giving style-savvy Seattleites a good reason to move to the city.

Her current project on 12th Avenue features a highly stylized mix of überchic residential and retail (see right). Developer Ted Schroth is renovating the east side of 12th in a similar residential/retail fashion, and because of their combined efforts this corner of Capitol Hill is the only area in the northwestern United States that achieves residential densities approaching those of East Coast cities—with top-notch design and urban appeal to rival them as well.

Dunn, the environment and downtown design thank you.

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12th and Pike

WHAT: A renovation of the old Piston & Ring Building into retail space, now housing Osteria la Spiga, Café Stellina, and the 12th & Pike Marketplace Lofts (designed by the architecture firm Weinstein A|U), which will feature 24 double-high apartments above 10,000 square feet of retail.

WHERE: 12th Avenue, between East Pike and East Madison streets.

DETAILS: 12thandpike.com

fanfare: "World's greatest landlord" (*Stefan Gulassa, Gulassa & Co., 2006 Seattle Design 100 honoree*); "A local developer with a profound interest in architecture, urbanism and business" (*Nisha Kelen, Fleurish, 2006 Seattle Design 100 honoree*).