

/ **BEST LIVING ROOM:**
JOSHUA RICE DESIGN /

When a by-night pianist turned to Dallas designer **Joshua Rice** for a secondary living area and music room “for cocktail parties and lounging,” Rice orchestrated a dynamic floor plan arranged to inspire mingling. Rice designed the black-painted steel and white oak floating staircase to frame the principal piece: the grand piano. A blend of unique and rare furnishings—natural cane lounge chairs by **Poul Kjaerholm**, a leather **BassamFellows** daybed and rare vintage Swedish linen-upholstered lounge chairs by **Kerstin Hörlin-Holmquist**—create a movable ensemble for “more social interaction with the floor plan,” he says. We’ll play musical chairs anytime. **2909 Canton St., Ste. A, Dallas, 214.573.2820, joshuaricedesign.com**



SOCIAL HOUR
Multiple seating options make this living area perfect for parties.



FINE DINING
Lucite and metallic touches lighten up this Dallas dining room.

/ **Best Dining Room:** **Mary Anne Smiley Interiors** /

A Dallas couple called designers **Mary Anne Smiley** and **Dani Burbidge** a month before Thanksgiving in a frenzy: Their dining room needed a face-lift before extended family arrived. Limited time proved to be no limiting factor—Smiley and Burbidge took a less-is-more approach, recognizing that a few small swaps would make a lasting impact. They brought in a creamy cowhide rug from **Truett Fine Carpets and Rugs**, a Lucite console from **Allan Knight & Associates** and a handful of metallic and Lucite accessories. “We wanted more light to be reflected in the space while also keeping pieces the clients had found in their travels,” Burbidge says. **214.522.0705, maryannesmiley.com**

/ **Best Bathroom:**
LaRue Architects /

When Austin architect **James LaRue**’s client asked for a master bath that was simple and serene, LaRue and interior designer **Vickie Mayabb** knew to leave out the bling and concentrate on more meaningful things such as light, space and good design. “There are three simple pieces that make for a perfect sculptural statement,” LaRue says about the **Blu Bathworks** tub, the glass shelf above it and the **EcoSmart** fireplace. Skylights provide a view of the tree canopy and the sky, and three clerestory windows admit morning light, injecting the room with cathedral-like calm. **500 N. Capital of Texas Highway, Building 8, Ste. 110, Austin, 512.347.1688, larue-architects.com**



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This master bath offers peace, quiet and fine design.

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