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THE HAMPTONS INFLUENCERS

WHO'S WHO 2024

The who's who of the Hamptons are getting ready for another spectacular season out east.

Notables in the crowd include philanthropists, medical professionals, leading entrepreneurs, and even world leaders.

Gathering in villages from Southampton to Montauk, these individuals host the starry events and attend the galas, all while finding time to give back to society and volunteer in the local community. Some live full-time in the region, while others are jet-setters. Collectively, they make for the biggest set of influencers in one of the most desirable areas on the globe.



Claire Florence

Artist Claire Florence's work in the creation of luxury jewelry has bridged into a modern design realm with her pioneering techniques using AI. With an established reputation in the fashion and media industries, Florence has been a leading authority for years on how art can shape the

world as a cultural touchstone. Innovative and inspirational, she is now focused on trailblazing methods to produce jewelry that exceeds mere fashion statement. She is breaking barriers to make unique works with her vibe and passion that double as fine-art sculpture. This summer, her latest collaboration is on display with Fierce Grace at their East Hampton Studio. claireflorence.com



Ian Duke

Dedicated to making a difference in Southampton's social and culinary scene, Duke is a partner in a number of well-known restaurants, including Prohibition on the Upper West Side, Lucky's Famous Burgers in Hell's Kitchen, the Baylander at West Harlem piers, the Hamptons glam destination Southampton

Social Club, and Union Burger Bar in Southampton. Catering to a very diverse clientele, Duke's restaurants are designed to be friendly for families, groups, and events. southamptonclub.com



Soren White, M.D.

An internationally recognized expert in noninvasive, state-of-the-art skin rejuvenation, Dr. White has won a following as an under-the-radar doctor to know. Offices in Manhattan, Aspen, and Greenwich. sorenwhiteMD.com



Kenneth and Maria Fishel

One of the essential invitation lists to be on this summer, aside from exclusive events around the two weekends of Polo Hamptons, Kenneth and Maria will be hosting charity and other events including the Samuel Waxman Hamptons Happening event on July 4th weekend.



Dede Gotthelf

As the owner of the beautiful Southampton Inn, Gotthelf manages the team that has seen to the desires, wants, needs, and comfort of guests for decades. Well-known and respected among her peers in the hospitality and business communities, she is a linchpin who has always graciously given her time,

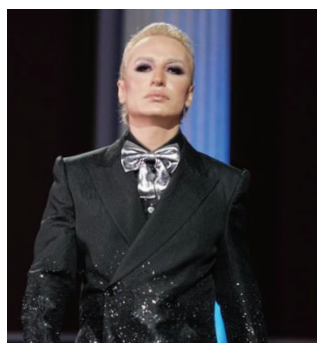
attention, and resources to a myriad of local causes and worthy charities, serving as an active supporter on the executive board of Pianofest, among others. southamptoninn.com



Çağrı Kanver

Kanver's initiation into the world of real estate was rooted in his architectural-consulting career. Designing large-scale campuses across emerging markets, including universities, oil-and-gas compounds, and expansive hospitals, he discovered a fundamental truth: Numbers matter. The fusion of

his Turkish roots and global perspective allowed him to understand the efficiency and effectiveness required to prevent unnecessary project costs, and that space analysis is pivotal to aligning design aspirations with practical realities. watermark-investments.com



Elton Ilirjani

Fashion icon Elton Ilirjani has become a guru in the industry and the face of the genderless- modeling movement. Known around the world as a high-ranking social media influencer and fashion model, Ilirjani boasts a following of more than 11 million fans dedicated to listening to and learning from his message of gender equality. As a philanthropist in the community for years, he has helped promote a genderless movement in the fashion industry. Looking to invest and build a healthy agenda on the topic of equality, the activist and entrepreneur has extended his platform throughout the world to forward the narrative of equal rights among all humanity. [instagram.com/eilirjani](https://www.instagram.com/eilirjani)



Melissa Polo Landau

Landau is part of the revolution of fashion experts who comeingle styling with trailblazing ways of leveling up a client's social media and networking presence. An expert in marketing, social media, and brand identity, she proves that you don't need to be a celebrity to need a stylist. Known as the Closet Therapist, she has for years honed her craft of curating looks for women and men in need of a wardrobe update, providing an equally standout presence for networking both online and IRL. Through her keen techniques and with an eye for what is *en vogue*, she takes clothes off the rack and from the runway to develop selects for clients across the east coast. Clients end up looking fantastic at board meetings and work seminars and achieve an equally fresh and bold new look online. [melissapololandau.com](https://www.melissapololandau.com)



Leesa Rowland

Actress, philanthropist, and author Rowland grew up in Texas, where she studied broadcast journalism. Later she became a classically trained actress at the world-renowned Stella Adler Studio in Los Angeles. Beyond her career as an actress, she is also well-known for her work as a philanthropist and animal rights activist. Her book *The Charisma Factor* is the ultimate handbook for unlocking the mysterious formula for charm and influence — improving how you communicate and interact with others, with useful lessons and personal tips. [leesarowland.net](https://www.leesarowland.net)



Ann Liguori

Sports media maven and author of *Life on the Green: Lessons and Wisdom From Legends of Golf*. Her recent honors include induction into the Suffolk Sports Hall of Fame, a 2023 Gracie Award for Best Sports Radio Show in a Major Market; a dozen Best Radio Show awards from the International Network of Golf, and the prestigious Winnie Palmer Award in 2022. The Ann Liguori Foundation Charity Golf Classic, hosted annually at a prestigious course in the Hamptons, has raised more than \$1.8 million over the past 25 years for a variety of organizations that focus on cancer research and care. Liguori is also a global brand ambassador for IBKÜL and has a collaboration with Dune Jewelry. [annliguori.com](https://www.annliguori.com)



Lawrence Scott

From the ridiculous to the sublime, Scott's parties bring families and friends together for life's most memorable moments and milestones. While known for his nonstop innovation and ahead-of-the-trends approach, he is equally known for his philanthropic efforts. His commitment to community has spanned decades of support for charitable causes, including the Northwell Health Foundation's Summer Hamptons Evening event, the Feinstein Institute, and Southampton Hospital, to name a few. Scott's reputation is that of a generous and charismatic man who considers his employees and clients like family. They return to him time and again to celebrate all of life's important occasions, knowing their party will be like no other — one that they will never, ever forget! [instagram.com/lawrencescottevents](https://www.instagram.com/lawrencescottevents)



Dr. Barry Weintraub

As a board-certified plastic surgeon, he shares a philosophy of compassionate care with all his patients, as well as his staff, who provide an atmosphere of respect, warmth, and professionalism. Every patient admitted to his surgical facility experiences not just a personalized interaction but also a personalized plan for their overall aesthetic. With more than 30 years of experience, he has earned a reputation for his exceptionally natural-looking results. Named one of America's Best Plastic Surgeons in 2023 for facelift surgery by *Newsweek*. [drbarryweintraub.com](https://www.drbarryweintraub.com)



Patricia Silverstein

For the summer season in the Hamptons, philanthropist Patricia Silverstein concentrates on raising funds for the Diabetes Research Institute Foundation. She hosts the foundation's annual Hamptons Garden Gala at her home along with her husband, Roger Silverstein, executive vice president of Silverstein Properties. Born in Spain, Patricia came to America with her husband, and her mission in life began with a focus on philanthropic work. When her younger sister was diagnosed with diabetes, Patricia decided to act, spending her efforts to help raise awareness along with funds to find a cure. silversteindreamfoundation.com



Kathleen Rice

The recently appointed chief strategy and transformation officer for the Southampton Animal Shelter Foundation, Rice was the district attorney for Nassau County for nine years. Under her leadership, the Nassau County District Attorney's Office established one of the first dedicated animal crimes units in the country and the first in New York — a reflection of her passion for helping animals. Following her success as D.A., Rice was elected to serve four terms in the U.S. House of Representatives from 2015 to 2023, representing much of Long Island's South Shore. She earned the distinction of being one of the most bipartisan members of Congress during her eight years in the House. southamptonanimalshelter.com



Kathleen Mulcahy

The Evelyn Alexander Wildlife Rescue Center's new executive director knows the importance of charity to making a difference for the wildlife of the East End. She and the staff work daily to rescue, rehabilitate, and release native wildlife and educate the community on the importance of our local flora and fauna. The former mayor of Sag Harbor, Mulcahy created the first environmental advisory committee in the history of the village. Her experience with Fighting Chance, a cancer-support nonprofit, and the Guild Hall of East Hampton gives her in-depth knowledge of the nonprofit landscape on the East End. wildliferescuecenter.org



Jean Shafiroff

As a philanthropic leader, TV host, and the author of *Successful Philanthropy: How to Make a Life by What You Give*, Shafiroff defines the art of giving back. She spends countless hours working to promote causes and, at the same, works to motivate others to get involved. She serves on more than seven charity boards and is known for her leadership and generosity, often spending days in front of the computer and on calls to promote organizations and boost their representation. Her main areas of focus are women's rights, the rights of underserved populations, health care, and animal rights. Shafiroff is involved in motivating the next generation and aims to instill in them hope as they follow her on the pathway to successful philanthropy. jeanshafiroff.com



Joseph DeCristofaro

A born-and-raised Southampton local, DeCristofaro believes in supporting the community and providing the best in service and quality. An avid foodie, DeCristofaro is a world traveler who has been involved in every capacity in the restaurant industry since he was a teenager and has extensive knowledge of cuisines from around the world. He and his wife, Maria, are at the helm of Old Stove Pub, which celebrates its 55th anniversary this season. oldstovepub.com



Don Hershman

Hershman leads a dual life as an accomplished podiatric surgeon and fine-art painter. As a child, he was profoundly influenced by his trips to world-class museums like the Metropolitan Museum of Art. When it came time to choose a career, he felt compelled to lock in a secure path in medicine. However, Hershman's passion for art became a parallel career. His works have twice been jury-selected for a group show at the DeYoung Museum in San Francisco. Other shows, including *Under the Influence* (2021) and *The Art of Code Switching* (2023), *I Am a Barn* (2024) in New York, at Art Basel, and in Provincetown have brought his work to a national and international audience. donhershman.com