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Design Chicago 2020 Virtual Programming Kicks Off Next Week, October 6-8
The three-day virtual event will feature presentations and CEU seminars from industry experts

Chicago, IL (September 28, 2020) – Design Chicago 2020 celebrates three full days of virtual programming Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, October 6-8, 2020. Hosted by [Design Center at theMART](#) and [LuxeHome](#), virtual programming for Design Chicago 2020 will feature more than 40 presentations and CEUs from industry experts, along with strategic media partners and well-respected editors representing: *Business of Home, Elle Décor, Interior Design, Luxe Interiors + Design, Modern Luxury Interiors Chicago, Traditional Home* and theMART's own *Design Chicago Magazine*.

[Virtual Program registration is open; to attend live online events, individually register using links provided.](#)

Programming highlights include:

Tuesday, October 6:

- **Roaring Twenties to 2020: Restoring the Home that Inspired the Great Gatsby**
Gaggenau, Thermador, Bosch Experience & Design Center
Featuring Jeanette Hodgkinson, Belle Design LLC, and Design Chicago Magazine
9-10AM CT
- **An Exploration of Naturally Luxurious Design with Elle Décor & Kara Mann**
Baker Furniture
Featuring Ingrid Abramovitch, Elle Décor & Kara Mann, Kara Mann Design
12-1PM CT
- **COVID Conundrum: Designing during a Global Pandemic (CEU)**
Carlisle Wide Plank Floors
Featuring Christina Gallo, AIA, Via Chicago Architects + Diseñadores Chicago; Gregory Williams, AIA, Gregory Ramón Design Studio, Inc; Julie Hacker, FAIA, Architect, Stuart Cohen and Julie Hacker Architects; Manuel Hernandez, AIA, Design Seed, Inc.; Miriam Neet, Neet Architecture, LLC; and Scott Cook, Carlisle. Partnering with AIA Chicago CRAN
3-4PM CT

Wednesday, October 7, 2020:

- **The Rich History (and Future) of Liberty of London**
Fabricut
Featuring Genevieve Bennet, Liberty of London
9-10AM CT
- **Innovative Home Office Design Solutions**
Studio Snidero Chicago
Featuring J.P. Anderson, Modern Luxury Interiors Chicago and Rama Dandamudi, Snidero Chicago
11-12PM CT
- **De-Construction of the Chair**
Century Furniture
Featuring Alex Shuford III, President RHF Brands, Century Furniture
12-1PM CT

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Thursday, October 8, 2020:

- **Practical Guide to Outdoor Furniture & Fabrics (CEU)**
JANUS et Cie
Featuring Jarred Simons and Patty Fox O'Connell, JANUS et Cie
9-10AM CT
- **How to Stand Out in a Virtual World**
Monogram Design Center
Featuring Shannon Sharpe, Luxe Interiors + Design Chicago; Richard Anuskiewicz, Design Galleria; Young Huh, Young Huh Interior Design; Monet Masters, Forbes Masters; Tavia Forbes, Forbes Masters; Executive Chef Jon Liddell, Chicago Monogram Design Center.
12-1PM CT
- **Passports Please: Celebrating Travel and How It Feeds Our Creativity**
Samuel & Sons
Featuring Laura Kirar, Laura Kirar Design; Lori Weitzner, Weitzner Limited; Patti Carpenter, Carpenter & Co; Roger Thomas, Wynn Hotels, and Timothy Corrigan, Timothy Corrigan Inc.
3-4PM CT

For more information, and to register for virtual programming, please visit www.designchicagoevent.com.

Design Chicago 2020 welcomes trade professionals from across the country, including members of trade organizations; such as, The American Institute of Architects (AIA), American Society of Interior Designers (ASID), Home Builders Association of Greater Chicago (HBAGC), Institute of Classical Architecture & Art (ICAA), International Interior Design Association (IIDA), National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) and National Kitchen & Bath Association (NKBA).

About the Design Center at The Merchandise Mart (theMART)

The Design Center, located in Chicago's historic Merchandise Mart, is home to four floors constituting the world's largest and finest design center. As a leader in the \$65 billion residential home furnishings market, the Design Center offers the largest presentation of high-end, customizable, residential and outdoor home furnishings worldwide, all under one roof. Encompassing 750,000 square feet, boasting more than 125 showrooms and featuring more than 2,500 product lines, it is the ultimate resource for designers and design enthusiasts of luxury furniture, fabrics, floor coverings, wall coverings, lighting and much more. For more information, visit designcenter.com. Visit Design Center on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

About LuxeHome®

LuxeHome is the world's largest collection of premier boutiques for home building and renovation located on the first floor of the Merchandise Mart in Chicago. With more than 125,000 square feet of showroom space featured in over 45 boutiques, LuxeHome is host to the finest products for home building and renovation from the most recognized and respected manufacturers worldwide.

LuxeHome offers discerning homeowners and trade professionals one-stop shopping convenience with access to the finest kitchen, bath, tile, lighting, cabinetry, appliances, countertops and much more. LuxeHome displays the widest selection of products to suit all upscale design styles, from modern European to classic American to traditional English. In addition to the extensive lineup of premier brands, each boutique offers knowledgeable designers who are available to assist with all phases of each design project. For more information, visit luxehome.com. Follow LuxeHome on [Facebook](#), [Houzz](#), [Instagram](#) or [Twitter](#).

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About theMART

theMART (formerly The Merchandise Mart), located in the center of the sought-after River North submarket, is interwoven into the fabric of Chicago as an innovator in culture, art, business, fashion, media and more. As the largest privately held commercial building in the United States, it is one of the world's leading commercial buildings, wholesale design centers and the preeminent international business location in Chicago.

Encompassing 4.2 million gross square feet, theMART spans two city blocks, rises 25 stories, and is visited by an average of 30,000 people each business day and nearly 10 million people annually. Offering continuous innovation and creativity from leading manufacturers and showrooms, theMART serves as a business hub for interior designers, architects, contractors, business owners and buyers, and recently has become home to Chicago's most creative and technologically innovative companies including Motorola Mobility, 1871, Yelp, PayPal and MATTER, as well as Fortune 500 companies Conagra, Allstate, Kellogg, Beam Suntory, and Grainger.

theMART was awarded LEED Silver Certification in 2007 and LEED Gold Certification in 2013 and in 2018.

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