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## Men of Style

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Manhattan may have a shortage of rush-hour taxis and 8PM reservations, but if these mold-breakers are any indication, our city is long on style-setting men. Meet some of the most fashionable fixtures on our island.

### The Designer

**The Man:** Chris Benz, 29, Chelsea **Claim to Fame:** CFDA award-winning designer of his eponymous women's fashion line *Where He Shops:* "Comme des Garçons, especially when I'm traveling. I also like Atelier and Patron of the New." **Sartorial Secret:** "My navy blue blazer is my security blanket. I started wearing one in college, and it somehow always looks right." **Hair Apparent:** "I see Michael at Mudhoney, which I discovered when I interned for Marc Jacobs. Right now, my hair is pink, which makes dressing easy. It's like an instant accessory." **Spring Wish List:** "I'm moving into my Saturn return, which happens once every 29-and-a-half years and means I have to grow up. I've been saving up my entire life for some really important watch, like a gold Rolex. The kind of watch people ask, 'Can I touch it?' and I say, 'Actually, no.'" **Can't Live Without:** "My Barbour jacket, which I got recently. I'm not sure how I grew up in rainy Seattle and never owned one." **Style Icon:** "Lauren Hutton. Her style is effortless and her chic gap teeth make me want to get reverse braces."

# Gentlemen's Club



On Benz

Reiss suit  
and U-NI-TY shirt



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## The Tastemaker

**The Man:** Adam Kirsch, 26, East Village **Claim to Fame:** Co-owner of the Blind Barber, a barbershop-slash-bar with speakeasy charm in the East Village and a location in L.A.'s Culver City opening this spring **Where He Shops:** Odin, A.P.C., Saturdays, Robert James, John Varvatos **Sartorial Secret:** "My signature is cardigans—they put an accent on your whole outfit. I have them from Paul Smith, Vince, Reason Clothing, even an Orvis one with suede patches... just don't call me Mister Rogers." **Hair Apparent:** "I'm lucky because I can hop in the barber chair at work every few weeks. Our big look is *Mad Men*-inspired with a hard side part and shaved sides, with our new Blind Barber 60 Proof Hair Wax to hold it in place." **Spring Wish List:** "Checked lightweights shirts from John Varvatos, Rag & Bone button-downs in solids that I'll button to the top, and a Public School baseball jacket." **Can't Live Without:** "My Moscot Lemtosh glasses, Red Wing boots, Falling Whistles necklace and my parents' silver going-steady ring, which I wear around my neck." **Style Icon:** "I don't have a style icon, but I look at Brad Pitt or David Beckham and think, 'Guy knows what he's doing.'"

### On Kirsch

Bottega Veneta blazer,  
Robert James vest,  
vintage Dior tie, DKNY  
button-down shirt,  
Levi's jeans, Frye  
shoes and Vane ring



*The Auctioneer*

**The Man:** CK Swett, 29, Williamsburg **Claim to Fame:** Phillips de Pury & Company senior proposal writer and auctioneer on the national charity circuit **Where He Shops:** "I can't ever be underdressed, so I hunt for high-end vintage at Beacon's Closet and Gentlemen's Resale."

**Fashion Philosophy:** "Business up top, party on the bottom," says Swett, who catches paddle-wielders' attention by pairing a black Armani tuxedo jacket with purple plaid Uniqlo pants, or a white YSL dinner jacket with baby blue chinos and Happy Socks. "The fancier my outfit, the crazier my socks. I'm serious about not taking myself too seriously." **Sartorial Secret:** "I own a Tux Speedo. I'm doing four open-water swims this summer, including Governors Island." **Spring Wish List:** "A Ralph Lauren Purple Label tuxedo, with a cowboy hat and boots. No one does whimsical Americana better." **Can't Live Without:** "I've never done an auction without Warby Parker glasses, which I own in pink, purple, blue, yellow and black. I have 20/15 vision and could've been an Air Force pilot, but they give me confidence in front of 1,800 people." **He'll Never Wear:** "Cargo pants. We're not in the Serengeti. Why do you need all those pockets?"



**On Swett**

Yves Saint Laurent jacket, Brooks Brothers button-down shirt and bow tie, Warby Parker glasses and vintage pocket square



## On Reeve

Emporio Armani suit,  
Reiss button-down  
shirt, Thomas Pink tie,  
Kenneth Cole cufflinks  
and Façonnable shoes

## The Visionary

**The Man:** Matthew Reeve, 32, Long Island City **Claim to Fame:** Award-winning film producer, board member of the Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation **Where He Shops:** "Thomas Pink for suits and ties. I grew up in London and love Jermyn Street tailoring. Reiss, another British brand, is good for casual wear." **Fashion Philosophy:** "I don't wear logos and stick to grays, blacks and blues. I like things that are simple, utilitarian and well-designed." **Hair Apparent:** "I go to Astor Place Hairstylist. It's always a different person, and I'm out in 10 minutes. I keep my hair short because I don't like getting it in my eyes when I'm working out." **Spring Wish List:** "That elusive, lightweight black coat with just enough pockets. I hate long coats that are restrictive since I'm always in motion." **Can't Live Without:** "My Quiksilver wet suit," says the avid kite surfer, who catches air in North Carolina, South Africa and the Dominican Republic and made a documentary on the subject. **He'll Never Wear:** "Sunglasses indoors. Unless you're blind, have a medical condition or are Jack Nicholson, I don't get it." **Style Icon:** "Steve McQueen. He wore jeans and tees without stressing about it; the clothes never wore him."

*The Performer*

**The Man:** Andrew Rannells, 33, East Village **Claim to Fame:** Tony-nominated star of *The Book of Mormon*, star of NBC's upcoming *The New Normal* and cast member of HBO's *Girls*, airing this spring **Style Evolution:** "After doing a long-running show, the costumes bleed into my wardrobe. The *Jersey Boys* suit with a skinny tie, some pocket square action and a tie bar is my dressed-up uniform. But as it turns out, I'm not meant for sacred Mormon undergarments. I feel too *Little House on the Prairie*." **Where He Shops:** "I like Rogue and am a fan of Simon Spurr, which I've worn on loan to awards shows. It hurts when you have to return it." **Sartorial Secret:** "I treat myself constantly. I gave someone a Thomas Pink shirt for Valentine's, and it didn't fit. I said, 'Um, mind if I take it?'" **Spring Wish List:** "The Mormon palette of black and white has been limiting. I'm looking for color—a bright blue suit and royal blue Calvin Klein bucks... but not together." **Can't Live Without:** "My oxfords. I went to Catholic school." **He'll Never Wear:** "Skinny jeans." **Style Icon:** "I flip-flop between James Dean and Robert Redford circa *The Natural*."

**On Rannells**

Club Monaco jacket, Uniqlo button-down shirt and sweater, Rag & Bone jeans, Aldo shoes and J.Crew pocket square





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## The Music Man

**The Man:** Damon DeGraff, 37, Fort Greene **Claim to Fame:** Founder of DGI Management, whose world-class DJs spin for clients like Louis Vuitton and President Obama

**Where He Shops:** Barneys, Jay Kos for shawl-collar sweaters ("Friends tease me for owning 10," he says) and Gilt Groupe's parkandbond.com

**Fashion Moment:** "I was in South Africa for Oprah's school opening and New Year's Eve party and wore a cream YSL suit. When you're surrounded by Sidney Poitier, Quincy Jones and Mary J. Blige, that's when you bring out the YSL." **Sartorial Secret:**

"I have a serious shoe problem. I have two closets of sneakers and dress shoes—I don't even know what's in there. But if your shoe game isn't right, you're not right." **Hair**

**Apparent:** "I see Rudy at Styles New York. It's a women's hair salon, so I get my hair washed and conditioned. I'm very comfortable with my sexuality so that doesn't phase me." **Spring Wish**

**List:** "A Phillip Lim motorcycle jacket." **Can't Live Without:**

"My Valentino houndstooth trench. I get compliments every time I wear it." **Style Icon:** "Kanye West. He can give you jeans, Jordans and a leather, or he can give you high-end Prada. He has versatility."

### On DeGraff

Vintage suit, Thomas Pink button-down shirt, Jay Kos tie, belt and flower lapel pin, vintage Longines watch and the Great Frog NYC ring



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## Men of Style

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### *The Financier*


**The Man:** Euan Rellie, 44, West Village **Claim to Fame:** Co-founder and senior managing director of Business Development Asia, dashing husband of fashionista Lucy Sykes **Style Evolution:** "My wife says I wasn't cool when she met me; now she thinks she might have gone too far." **Where He Shops:** "Thom Browne, Isaia, Zilli, Bergdorf Goodman and Fabrizio Volterra for tailoring at David Chu Bespoke." **Fashion Philosophy:** "When a guy gets dressed he shouldn't look like he spent ages in front of the mirror. His tie can be off-center or a button can be missing. But his trousers should fit properly. I don't want to look like Justin Bieber... though I quite enjoyed his MSG concert with my sons." **Sartorial Secret:** "I own 50 suits. I didn't get fat; I just never threw them out." **Hair Apparent:** "I go to F.S.C. Barber, where the fashion guys go. I like it tidy with a bit of a bedhead situation." **Spring Wish List:** "A car coat from Rag & Bone, Globe-Trotter luggage, and a dark blue summer suit to visit our friends David Flint Wood and India Hicks in Harbour Island." **He'll Never Wear:** "Mandals—too 1970s German porno. And I'm not carrying a damn man purse."



#### On Rellie

Thom Browne suit and button-down shirt, J.Crew tie, Unruly Hair pocket square, Black Fleece by Thom Browne for Brooks Brothers shoes





**On McNamara**

Ralph Lauren jacket,  
Patrik Ervell shirt, Marc  
Jacobs pants, Helmut  
Lang shoes and the  
Great Frog NYC ring

*The Provocateur*

**The Man:** Ryan McNamara, 32, Williamsburg **Claim to Fame:** Performance and video artist shaking up PS1, the Whitney Biennial and Art Basel Miami **Where He Shops:** "Opening Ceremony in Soho. The owners are the creative directors for Kenzo and are really supportive of artists and highlight designers from a different country every season. I also love Robert Geller's clothing. We collaborated at PS1 for the Move! live performance, and it was like a designer-artist blind date." **Sartorial Secret:** "After teaching myself to dance, I learned that good posture is the best fashion accessory." **Fashion Emergency:** "In my 'Trains, Boats & Planes' video, I played a man without legs and had to cut the pants off my Pierre Cardin suit to make it believable. It killed me, but it was so perfect." **Hair Apparent:** "I go to Model Barbers in Williamsburg. After Jack cuts your hair, he whips off your sheath and says, 'Brand-new man!'" **Spring Wish List:** "A Jil Sander clear raincoat, Tim Hamilton shirtless tees and Ann Demeulemeester combat sneakers." **Style Icon:** "David Bowie. He inhabits different personas, but you never think he's in a costume. Even when I'm in an outlandish costume for work, I want to own it like he does." **M**