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*The bench  
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street lamp  
designed by  
Minas.*



## The new face of Gialos

### MINAS

You hold the image of Mykonos in your heart for ever. It's picturesque alleys that are full of the aroma of blooming flowers in the yards, the deep blue of the Aegean flirting with the absolute white of the houses, the unique architecture that balances between Cycladic and minimal styles, its ability to constantly renew and innovate, its rich cultural heritage and its history that spans centuries. The talented designer Minas wanted to showcase all these aspects, with great love for this land, so he managed to project an even more authentic image of Mykonos through two unique creations. Accepting the invitation of the local authorities, to take part without compensation in the restructuring of the historic seafront, one of the island's most beautiful spots, Minas designed a bench and a street lamp, inspired by the nautical tradition, creating a wonderful corner, where you can sit, deep in thought and gaze at the endless Aegean.

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Creating  
the new  
authentic  
Mykonos.





THIS PAGE: ROUSOUNELOS, MINAS, ELENA MAKRI, ACTIPS, LALAOUNIS, RING FROM D.S. GOLD JEWELLERY  
OPPOSITE PAGE: BEIT MATTA, GOFAS JEWELRY, HARRY JWS.



us on the island, you can wear it, in the form of the most bohemian necklaces and bracelets made from semiprecious stones. This year's highlights, the Skull and Septer Pendants, as well as the sterling silver oxidized bracelet from the exclusive Primitive collection. **11 Aghiou Gerasimou Str., +30 22890 27837**

**KESSARIS - ORA KESSARIS** The art of jewellery has a date with haute horlogerie, at the same place that the rest of the island does: at Kessaris. The difference is that the great jewellery and the incredible watches meet inside the shop and not outside. Next time you're at that focal point, go in to admire the creations of the firms BVLGARI, De Grisogono, Loree Rodkin, Aaron Basha, Pippo Perez, Roberto Demeglio, Rolex, A. Lange & Sohne, Harry Winston, Richard Mille, Panerai, IWC, Jaeger-LeCoultre, Zenith, Tudor, Longines, Tissot, Tag Heuer, U-Boat, GaGa Milano, OMEGA and Wintex, as well as the finest office supplies and watch accessories. **58 M. Andronikou Str., +30 22890 22880, kessaris.gr**

**LALAOUNIS** Whether on the red carpet or in exclusive advertising campaigns, the jewellery of Lalaounis has become an indispensable addition to celebrity style. With an unquenchable passion for history and art, the firm one of the oldest jewellery brands, transmutes historic finds and museum exhibits that date back 4,000 years, to masterpieces for your jewellery box. The connection of every jewel to your past, the preservation of its symbolic meanings, as well as its unmatched, timeless beauty, make every piece really unique. **14, N. Polykandrioti Str., +30 22890 22444, iliaslalaounis.eu**

**MINAS** If the island was a jewel, it would have been a masterpiece created by Minas. From the Jolly Roger and the Girl from Rio, to the double star (if you're going past the Astra bar, look up - does it remind you of something?), every design by the talented Minas is, literally, a small work of art. Fortunately, his sons seem to have inherited his talent - which means that the shop that looks like a gallery, is expected to be a reference point on the island, for many years to come. **Aghias Kyriakis Sq., +30 22890 27320, shop.minastudio.com**

**ROUSOUNELOS** Come here to have a taste of the Rolex and the Cartier new collections. But first of all, this is the place where the loyal fans of Patek Philippe resort to the official representative on the island for the new collections of their favourite watches. The fully renovated store also hosts more world-class treasures including Vacheron Constantin, Audemars Piguet, Breitling, Tudor and TechnoMarine. **32 Matoyianni Str., +30 22890 22797, rousounelos.com**

## Deco

**BEIT MATTA** The homegrown brand that launched in El Gouna made it all the way to Mykonos. It found its place in the exquisite home decor showroom, DECOR, and as we expected, Matta's elegant yet simple collection fit the Mykonos bohemian aesthetic. Highlight, the Candy Collection that reflects Peter Matta's (the creator) love for colourful items and comfortable designs that transforms a house into a home. **Decord, Skalado**





## A BOHEMIAN RHAPSODY



on the island that makes him feel free and ageless. Peretti channels his energies into writing, and much more. He relishes the gift of living on that sacred land, discovering things that time has not touched and colouring his days with red, white, orange and purple poppies.

*"The light, the sea and its incredible flowers make me consider Mykonos unique. Nowhere else in the world will you find so many poppies!"*

## BRIAN PICCINI

He was born in Canada, studied at the Douglas College of Fine Arts and after graduating, travelled throughout Europe following the trail of Contemporary Art. He stayed for a while in Italy and has been living permanently in Mykonos for many years.

## BABIS ROUMELIOTIS

He descended on Mykonos in 1993, holding an ace up his sleeve: the Koukos restaurant, which led the Athenian glory days in the '90s. Its Mykonian twin wrote its own history, but Appaloosa was the joint that sealed it. Known as "Little Babis", to distinguish him from "Big Babis" (Pasaoglou, owner of Astra), he has been involved in a series of innovations in his field. First of all, he recruited Michalis Chairetis to decorate the space with bold ethnic touches, which were unique at the time. He was also one of the first to apply the concept of resto-music-bar on the island with a huge success and, most importantly, full tables. Finally, he was one of the first to keep Appaloosa open through the winter as well, offering Mykonians a decent all-season hangout. Meanwhile, he married the daughter of the late Fouskis and became a naturalised Mykonian. He also has a say in music, whenever he gets possessed by his old DJing demons, whatever this may mean.

## GEORGE SAKLARAS

A man with a long history in the island's summer scene, Giorgos Saklaras, was for many years the owner of the Panormos Beach Bar Restaurant and watersports on the beach. From 1990 he stays permanently and he is naturalised Mykonian. He is in love with the island and its serenity. He is the man behind the new project of Sardelaki in Aghia Anna.

## JEAN SEBERG

One of the era's beauties, she became connected with Mykonos at the beginning of the '60s. She even bought a house there. The star of "Bonjour tristesse" and "Breathless" participated in the cult wave of lighthearted and unprecedented freedom.

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**Jeffrey Siger**

## JEFFREY SIGER

Jeffrey Siger is a writer of mystery books and the creator of the best seller "Murder in Mykonos". He also serves as Adjunct Professor of English at Washington & Jefferson College, teaching mystery writing. "When they ask me what do I like about Mykonos exactly, what made me listen to my heart and make this island my home for seven months every year, the answer is simple: its people. Every day I wake up with a schedule that I've made the day before. It never works. Life here is less about keeping your schedules and more about answering telephone calls from friends... They're also responsible for the countless sleepless nights, the endless feasts, the innumerable festivals and above all, for making the departure in November such a difficult affair. Although I wasn't born here and have no Greek roots, Mykonos is the place that I would say was my home, more than any other. It's paradise on Earth and the cause of my pride when I say 'my heart is in Mykonos'."

*"It is the essence of Mykonos hospitality: an appreciation of people."*

## MINAS SPYRIDIS

Ever since the '70s he has been blazing his signature jewellery trail, expressing a timeless character with iconic creations. Eternal artist, jewellery sculptor, radiant ambassador of Greek simplicity in his forms. Owner of Minas jewellery stores. He recognises Mykonos' power and reciprocates by his sheer presence—not every island features a Minas. The store he opened in 1998 is quite distinctive with its signature wooden seats, bearing testament to his love for all things mouldable. Minas is an ambassador for Mykonos, one of those who has attracted influential people to the island, boosting its cosmopolitan profile. Last year the mayor of Mykonos, Konstantinos Koukas approached Minas, in order to involve him in the ambitious plan of the renovation of the historical promenade of the island and its further emergence on an international level, through the designers eyes. He accepted wholeheartedly and with his only condition being that he received no remuneration for his work. He wanted this to be his gift to Mykonos. Minas envisioned his designs harmoniously combining modern engineering with classic cycladic aesthetics.

## CARSTEN STEHR

Born in Berlin, Germany, Carsten Stehr received his BFA in Painting from the Rhode Island School of Design. After spending 13 years in New Hampshire, Massachusetts, California and France, he is living on the island of Mykonos. Hard as it may be to tame the nature of a globetrotter artist, Mykonos has captured the creative code of Carsten. He created with Michalis Sigkounas the Jackie O' Bar-

*Left page:  
Minas, Keith  
Richards, his  
wife Patti  
Hansen  
and Babis  
Pasaoglou at  
the sundial,  
created in 1992  
by Minas.*



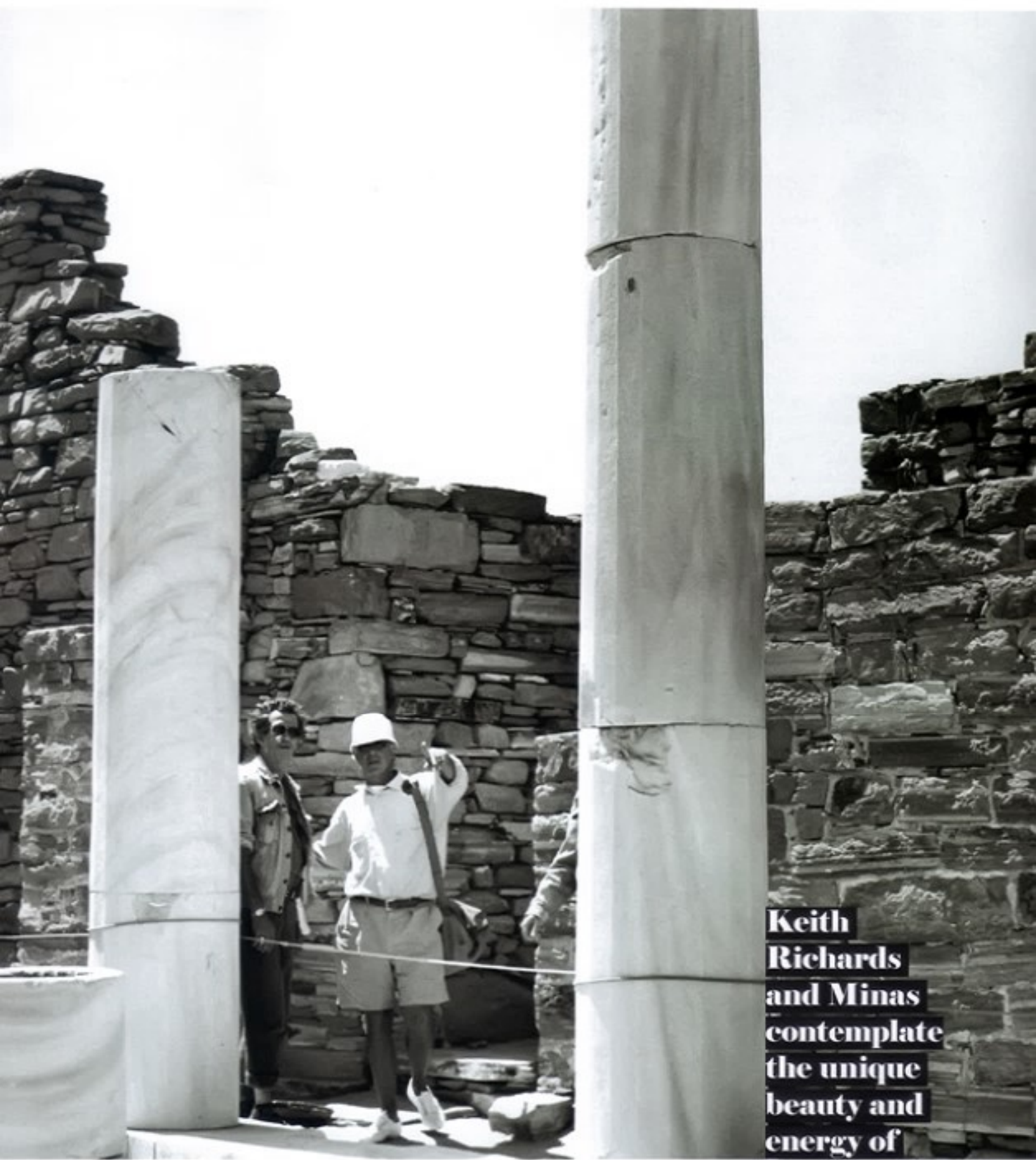


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*The evolution  
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of modern  
techniques.*







**Keith Richards and Minas contemplate the unique beauty and energy of the island.**