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Joshua Janson's wall of art is covered with mementos and souvenirs from his world travels, including a *New York Times* article that featured him and an '80s work from Naples by Van Gooeden. "Art speaks to our Mr. All of our art is fun and uninhibited."



His Belgian loafers and Stubbs & Woodson shoes—always called "Joe"—are among Janson's prized possessions. "I have a phobia of men wearing flip-flops in the city" says: An ancient urn picked up during travels in India and repurposed into a wine cooler.

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BON VIVANT Joshua Janson

Whatever should one wear when President Barack Obama extends an invitation to a cocktail reception at the White House? If you're Joshua Janson, you head for the ladies' department for Gant pink pants in size two. They perfectly match his Hermès horse bow tie ("How can you go wrong with this?") and Belgian loafers. Such are the pieces that Janson pulls off his shelves, which also house his Venetian mask by Carta Alta (the *Eyes Wide Shut* designer) and sapphire velvet Del Toro shoes ("I was seated next to him at a dinner party and was one of the first people in Boston to have Del Toro shoes"), along with his pride and joy, a baby-blue Hermès Birkin bag. The Acushnet native-turned-proper Boston philanthropist (Friends of the Park Rangers Mounted Unit is a particular focus), political fundraiser, and avid traveler (India, France, and St. Barth's are favorites) expresses his colorful

personality and joie de vivre through an eclectic assortment of fancy red wines, studded Yohji Yamamoto sneakers, and vintage photographs—including one of his grandmother, naked and elegantly sprawled across the hood of a Cadillac. For anyone related to Joshua Janson, life has always been an adventure.

JANSON LOVES: His chess piece stolen from a Paris hotel ("which shall remain nameless"), an Indian meditation bowl, Prada satchels from Italy, Harvard classic books, a custom-made needlepoint belt from Needlepont Boston, Warby Parker glasses (his husband's), a Rodin sketch, Frette pajamas, his dog Bernard, and husband Ben McGuire. **SECRET WEAPON:** "I wear almost exclusively Old Navy kids' shorts that I have tapered and shortened."

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