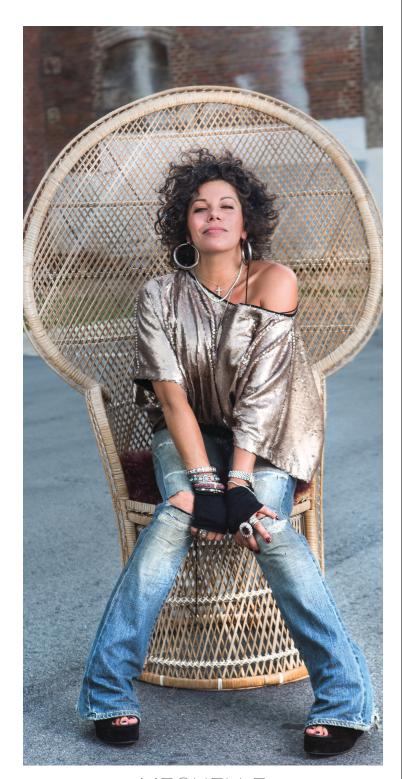




## CHARLOTTE'S MOST STYLISH WOMEN RIGHT NOW

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## MECHELLE DELUCA-MELISSARIS

Mechelle DeLuca, who formerly ran Charlotte institution Our Place Boutique with her mother, Virginia Sumerell, has has a style that's anything but conventional. "I think my style is a little hood, a bit tomboy, a hint of scavenged, sometimes a little Tinker Bell, with a sexy, rock-and-roll edge mixed in," says Deluca-Melissaris, 37. "But always, always authentic." Some of Charlotte's most fashionable were left in mourning when Our Place closed its doors this summer, after 40 years. But Deluca-Melissaris says to stay tuned: She's got a new business endeavor on the horizon.

## LIZ HILLIARD

Hilliard Studio Method creator and owner Liz Hilliard describes her style as "classic with a solid dose of drama." She and her daughter, Clary Hilliard Gray, teach some of the city's most popular mind-body-transformation workout classes, and there's no person (or figure) that could better represent the brand. Whether in post-class workout gear at the grocery store or an assiduously fitted floor-length gown, the 63-year-old former model loves a designer who "knows how to accentuate a woman's body."





## CLARY HILLIARD GRAY

The daughter half of the Hilliard Studio Method duo, Clary Hilliard Gray, 35, spends her days bouncing between workout studios and children's activities, so you can often find her mixing her favorite high-performance leggings with several layers of non-athletic wear. "I tend to draw inspiration from model Karlie Kloss," says Hilliard Gray. "Who doesn't love a strong, beautiful woman who happens to be 6-foot-1-inch, too?"