

SASKIA HAVEKES WAS SHOT EXCLUSIVELY FOR BELLE AT GRANDIFLORA. SASKIA WEARS TOP AND SKIRT BY TONI MATICEVSKI.

GILDING THE LILY

Floral artist *Saskia Havekes* picks a bunch of her top indulgences.

ARTISTS WHO HAVE BEEN AN ENDURING INFLUENCE? Cy Twombly, Miró, Brâncuși, Irving Penn and Karl Blossfeldt.

CONTEMPORARY ART YOU MOST ADMIRE? James Turrell [1], Jean-Michel Basquiat, Richard Serra, Bill Viola.

DO YOU COLLECT ANYTHING? Vases with beautiful shapes that give the flowers character. FASHION MUST-HAVES? Scanlan Theodore or Aje leather biker jacket, RM Williams and Acne pistol boots, well-fitting jeans by April77 or Acne, Scanlan Theodore tailored black pants, a denim shirt, a Tome white shirt [8], a Christopher Kane floral print silk scarf. FAVOURITE WATCH? Rolex.

FRAGRANCE OF CHOICE? Grandiflora 'Magnolia Grandiflora' [7].

BOOKS - WHAT ARE YOU READING NOW - FICTION AND ART/DESIGN? *A Touch of Style* by Carlos Mota. *H is for Hawk* by Helen Macdonald. *The Baron in the Trees* by Italo Calvino. *Kafka on the Shore* by Haruki Murakami.

MUSIC - WHAT'S ON ROTATION AT OFFICE AND HOME? Elena Kats-Chernin, Nils Frahm, Philip Glass, Lubomyr Melnyk [3], Luke Howard, Rodríguez, Schubert. Classical music most of the time.

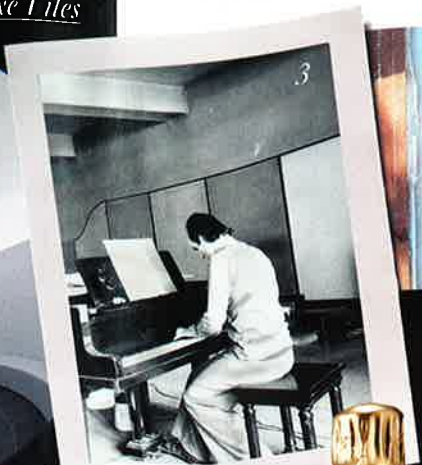
FAVOURITE FLOWERS? Magnolia, night flowering cactus, Darwin's orchid (*Angraecum sesquipedale*), gardenias, black calla lilies, coral and cream peonies, Japonica blossom, Japanese windflower, *Banksia robur*... the list goes on forever.

BEST DOWNTIME (IF YOU EVER HAVE ANY) PURSUIT? Pilates, meditation, cooking, horse riding with my girls, weekends at my sister's in the Southern Highlands or at Mark Phillips Acupuncture in Double Bay.



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This page, clockwise from right Saskia's floral arrangements graced the tables at a HHT Foundation dinner at Government House. Saskia's book *Flower Addict*. Frozen floral installations decorated the Gold Dinner in Sydney. Colourful blooms for a Belle Reader Art dinner with Del Kathryn Barton.



ENTERTAINING - AT HOME - AND RESTAURANT OF CHOICE? Home with family and friends, keeping it very honest, simple and relaxed. This is for the inner circle as my home is like something out of a Todd Selby photo shoot - urban chaos! Restaurants I like are Billy Kwong, Kepos & Co, Apollo, Monopole, Fratelli Paradiso.

HOW DO YOU START THE DAY BEFORE HEADING TO THE MARKETS OR THE SHOP? I have a coffee first thing. I love my DeLonghi Nespresso 'Lattissima Touch' [6] - it's stylish and very easy to use!

PREFERRED TIPPLE? Perrier-Jouët Champagne [5], Cloudburst Cabernet 2011, Tolpuddle Pinot Noir, Sullivans Cove single malt whisky from Tasmania.

FILMS THAT HAVE INSPIRED YOU? *Wild Tales*, *Melancholia*, Visconti's *The Leopard*, *Death in Venice*, *Gone with the Wind*, *Wild at Heart* [4], *Jiro Dreams of Sushi*.

SHOPS AND ONLINE STORES YOU FREQUENT? theline.com, mytheresa.com, Scanlan Theodore, My Chameleon, Acne, Bassike, Poepke, E&M Greenfield, April77, marquesalmeida.com, Loquet London, amara.com for Tom Dixon vases [2].

MAGAZINES YOU READ REGULARLY? *Russh*, *Artforum*, *World of Interiors*, *Belle*, *Bloom*.

TRAVEL - FAVOURITE REGULAR HAUNT AND WHERE IS ON YOUR MUST-SEE LIST? Coqui Coqui, Qualia, Grasse, Huka Lodge, La Colombe d'Or, Pavillon de Madame, MONA, any of the COMO properties.

LIST SOME OBJECTS OF DESIRE YOU WOULD BUY RIGHT NOW? Jordan Askill for Georg Jensen jewellery, vases in ceramic and brass/copper, artwork by Laura Jones and James Drinkwater [9].



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