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Foreign Settings

For the bride who wants to inject some global flair into her home soirees, Jacqueline Cambata's newly launched lines of porcelain dinnerware can be just such a hostess' dream.

Now stationed in Vienna, Va., artist and designer Cambata's porcelain inspirations came from a piece of Mughal artwork that hung on her parents' bedroom wall — and years of research since then. "I have had it in my heart my whole life," Cambata says of her porcelain, adding, "I wanted to find an expression for the Mughal art that had not been done before, and I love tableware and the creation of something that brings people together in a very nurturing environment."

To help her fulfill this vision, Cambata turned to Mary Garner-Mitchell, an Ashland-based illustrator and designer, who rendered Cambata's ideas into the colorful Shangri-La pattern and the Elephant Shantih pattern, accented with gold elephants and shades of blue. The patterns are designed electronically in Ashland, and the porcelain is manufactured in Limoges, France. Both patterns are available for purchase online at gearys.com and also can be viewed at cambatadesigns.com.

Cambata reminds brides that a portion of the proceeds support microfinance programs in India, providing jobs for poverty-level women in villages. —*Bethany Emerson*



Top: Shangri-La pattern
Bottom: Elephant Shantih

Calendar

1/11 RICHMOND BRIDAL SHOWCASE

Fashions, exhibits of products and services, gifts and prizes. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door. Greater Richmond Convention Center, 403 N. Third St. (866) BRIDE-44 or richmondbridalshowcase.com.

1/16-17 JAMES CLIFFORD TRUNK SHOW

Bridal couture by James Clifford. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Appointments suggested. Jingles, 11739 W. Broad St. 364-4009 or jinglesbridal.com.

1/23-25 PATTIS BRIDAL TRUNK SHOW

Reservations requested. 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tiffany's, Ridge Shopping Center, 1517-D N. Parham Road (a new location). 273-6303 or tiffanysbridal.com.

1/25 WEDDING EXPO

Fashion shows and giveaways, plus wedding vendors. Noon to 6 p.m. \$8. Marriott, 500 E. Broad St. 789-9110 or richmondweddings.com.

1/30-31 LEA-ANN BELTER TRUNK SHOW

Bridal gowns by Lea-Ann Belter. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Appointments suggested. Jingles, 11739 W. Broad St. 364-4009 or jinglesbridal.com.

2/6-7 RENELLA DE FINA TRUNK SHOW

Bridal couture by Renella De Fina. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Appointments suggested. Jingles, 11739 W. Broad St. 364-4009 or jinglesbridal.com.

2/6-8 ESSENCE OF AUSTRALIA TRUNK SHOW

Reservations requested. 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tiffany's, Ridge Shopping Center, 1517-D N. Parham Road. 273-6303 or tiffanysbridal.com.

2/15 FOREVER YOURS DREAM WEDDING

SHOWCASE Fashion shows, exhibitors, giveaways and more. Noon to 4 p.m. \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door. Science Museum of Virginia, 2500 W. Broad St. 675-2900 or dreamweddingva.com.

2/24 AN ARTFUL WEDDING

Richmond Bride magazine once again brings you an evening of high-end gowns by Bella Rosa. 7 p.m. Individual tickets are \$25, \$40 for two. At the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts. 355-0111, ext. 324.

2/27-28 ALVINA VALENTA TRUNK SHOW

Bridal couture by Alvina Valenta. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Appointments suggested. Jingles, 11739 W. Broad St. 364-4009 or jinglesbridal.com.