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THE INSIDER

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Landscape architect Janice Parker has been greening New York City since the 1970s, when she did the nightly floral arrangements at Studio 54. Now she's president of the Chairman's Council at Bette Midler's New York Restoration Project, helping to refresh the concrete jungle with several lush oases. *Luxe* spoke with Parker about the flowering of New York. janiceparker.com

How did you connect with the NYRP? I met Bette Midler through members of her original band in 1976. When she came back to live in New York in 1995, the city was really a mess. She started by cleaning up garbage, and the idea clicked with me completely.

What project are you most proud of? We planted a million trees in New York City. It was an ambitious rollout to figure out where to

acquire them, where to put them, and how to make sure it didn't end up being a million *dead* trees.

Are there any tips you can offer about landscaping in the city? You have to know the path of the sun and which plants thrive in that sun. For rooftops, you want tough specimens that grow well in exposed locations, like the seashore, so they can handle dehydration and wind.

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SHOPS + SHOWROOMS

Denmark's design-forward speaker company **Bang & Olufsen** tapped Tokyo-based Simplicity to create its new 2,200-square-foot flagship in SoHo (121 Spring St.). Blonde wood features almost exclusively throughout the various listening stations, resulting in Scandinavian minimalism crossed with New York's monochrome industrialism. There's also an enhanced listening room for experiencing new products like the Beosound Stage or the Beoplay E8 3rd Generation. Uptown, the **Jonathan Adler** flagship (135 E. 65th St. and Lexington Ave.) encompasses 5,500 square feet of the furniture brand's signature whimsy: funky lighting, curvaceous seating in bold colors (bottom), idiosyncratic ceramics, candles and pillows. The bi-level showroom features themed residential vignettes to provide inspiration and will roll out new merchandise before it lands in the brand's eight other boutiques nationwide. **Temple Studio** (51 E. 12th St.) is the hot newcomer for fabric, wallpaper and rug designs (below). Launched by Studio Four co-founder Kate Temple Reynolds, its airy 3,500-square-foot showroom in Greenwich Village artfully displays the works of the 19 designers it represents.

