

MY CITY

COOL KAT

The Line Hotel, which opens this month in Adams Morgan, brings an early 20th-century church back to life with a combo of a stunning renovation (an old pipe-organ-turned-chandelier and a soaring atrium) and DC touches (oodles local art and restaurants from Erik Bruner-Yang and Spike Gjerde). One of the prime forces behind the transformation is **Kat Bangs**, creative director of special projects for the Sydell Group (sydellgroup.com), the edgy hospitality company behind the historic hotel.

"This used to be a gathering place where rituals happened, so I think it's nice it's returning to that," says Bangs. "Plus, coming to this neighborhood, I feel like visitors are getting dropped off in the real DC." Here are spots where Bangs feels the District mojo the most. 1770 Euclid St. NW, 202.588.0525, thelinehoteldc.com
—Jennifer Barger



LET IT BLOOM ↑
"Sefika Kurthe, the owner of **Little Shop of Flowers** (2421 18th St. NW, littleshopofflowersdc.com), has a freehand, whimsical style. I love her arrangements, and she knows all of Adams Morgan's secrets."



DINE ← "**Little Serow** (1511 17th St. NW, littleserow.com) perfectly combines adventure and comfort. It's a sensory experience and such exciting cuisine."

SHOP → "**Redeem's** (1810 14th St. NW, redeemus.com) owner Lori Parkerson has a strong point of view with her men's and women's fashion. Her longevity in DC proves it's risky not to be risky."



HUNT FOR ANTIQUE GOLD ← "**GoodWood** (1428 U St. NW, goodwooddc.com) is a gem! I'm a big fan of the rug selection, and they have huge paintings which have rescued my sad, empty walls."



From left: The back of the Shinola dive watch showcases the legendary Lake Erie Monster; Super Luminova promotes readability in water.

WATCH THIS

MONSTER TIME

Whether or not the new year magically allows for a revitalized appreciation of time's passage, one thing is certain: **Shinola's** new first-ever dive watch, the Lake Erie Monster, will make time pass more beautifully. The timepiece is part of a limited-edition release—only 500 produced—and features stainless-steel construction with lines reminiscent of classic sailing ships. The watch is rated for depths up to 1,000 feet and is engineered with Super Luminova indexes, which means the owner of this wrist marvel also gets a gorgeous lesson on functionality. \$2,250, 1631 14th St. NW, shinola.com —Michael McCarthy

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