



Eva Zeisel and grandson Adam

The Designer ... Eva Zeisel

Living design legend Eva Zeisel is known for creating beautiful, and useful, objects. The furniture and ceramic tableware she creates combine sinuous forms with a nod to the handicrafts of her native Hungary. Considered one of the major designers of the 20th century, her work is in the collections of major museums around the world, including the Metropolitan Museum of Art and The Museum of Modern Art. In November, the longtime New Yorker turns 102.

—Heather Corcoran

Eva Zeisel's work is available at Crate and Barrel, Bloomingdale's, Design Within Reach and evazeiseloriginals.com, a Web site run by her grandson, Adam.



What do you love about New York?

It's a metropolis. It seems like it's the center of the world.

What is your only-in-New York moment?

During the last blackout, we were caught at a design event in a midtown hotel. Since the elevator was not working in my apartment building, we borrowed a wheelchair from the hotel and my granddaughter, Talisman, wheeled me down Fifth Ave. to friends in the

Village (who lived on the ground floor). Along the way, New Yorkers smiled and waved and offered us bottles of water. It was very festive!

When do you feel most like a New Yorker?

I always feel totally at home in New York. I belong here.

You've seen the city change a lot since you moved here 70 years ago. Where do you see it headed over the next few years?

It will become more populated.

Columbia University



Metropolitan Museum of Art



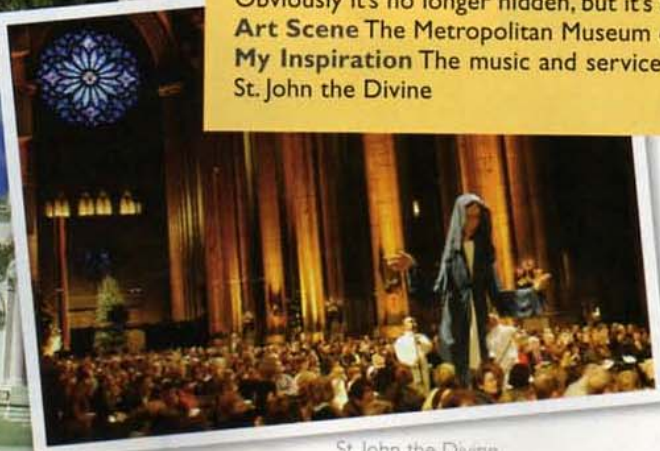
Eva's Picks

Neighborhood Columbia University area. I've lived there since 1941. It is filled with good memories.

Hidden Gem Long ago I used to take visitors to the other side of the Brooklyn Bridge to look back at Manhattan at night. Under the bridge was a small kind of a terrace space. Obviously it's no longer hidden, but it's still a gem.

Art Scene The Metropolitan Museum of Art

My Inspiration The music and services at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine



St. John the Divine