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PARTIED FOR SUPER BOWL
WEEK IN H-TOWN

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MFA'S LATEST EXHIBIT

BEN FOLDS ROCKS OUT WITH
THE HOUSTON SYMPHONY

KIRAN VERMA SPICES IT UP

WINNING the WEST

Crepe de Chine blouse, \$750, and tulle Grid-Inset skirt, \$2,500, both by Fendi at Saks Fifth Avenue, in the Galleria.

Kristina Somerville knows the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo (hlsr.com) well—this year alone, she’s serving on the International Committee, the Corporate Development Committee and the Mutton Busting Committee. Her husband, Paul, also happens to be a member of the Rodeo’s prestigious executive committee. Together, their schedules are packed with events. At the top of her list is the annual scholarship dinner, which will award more than \$14.2 million in college scholarships this year. “Sitting down with your recipient and their parents makes it very real,” she says. “It’s one of my favorite of the year.” Another on the agenda is the glam Champion Wine Auction and Dinner, March 5. Dressing for all the festivities requires many looks, and each event calls for its own style. “Don’t worry about going all cowboy; make it your own. Take a fun sundress, a cute boot and a bag with fringe, and you’re done!” For the more formal events, Somerville says you can’t go wrong with Ralph Lauren. Here, she shares a look that nails Western chic and blends her top three style icons: Grace Kelly and Audrey Hepburn, meet Reba McEntire!

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THE BLING
Local jewelry designer Christina Greene, an officer on the Mutton Busting Committee this year, makes pieces that incorporate large statement stones but switch out traditional silver for gold. Squash Blossom necklace with 18K gold plating and Arizona turquoise, \$1,100, Pinto Ranch, 1717 Post Oak Blvd.

THE HAT
Somerville has three hats from The Hat Store—a family business that started with owner Gary Cohen’s grandfather in 1915. She covers the basics and keeps it simple with one in white, one in Silver Belly and one in black. Style is important, but so is a perfect fit. “If you’re in the parade and the wind blows, you’re in trouble.” Custom felt hats from \$298, 5587 Richmond Ave.

THE SHOES
Lucchese wins for beautiful boots, but for barrel racing, a good pair of Justin Ropers is perfect. For the more formal events, Somerville suggests heels with fringe, which aren’t hard to find given current trends. When asked why she opted for studded Valentinos this year, she matter-of-factly replied, “Because I’m from the South, and they sparkle.” Rockstud patent leather Gladiator sandals, \$1,045, by Valentino at Saks Fifth Avenue, in the Galleria

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