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Villa Belmonte, the 1925 Mediterranean revival house in the El Cid neighborhood of West Palm Beach, played host to the inaugural Kips Bay Palm Beach Show House. This highly anticipated event served as a showcase for the artistry of 17 of the nation’s most talented interior design firms. “The caliber of this group is truly remarkable — each designer has such an impressive portfolio of work and unique design point of view,” says interior designer Bunny Williams, Honorary Design Chair of the show house. Carrying the tradition of Kips Bay to the Palm Beach resort set, these thoughtfully outfitted rooms were on display for potential clients, editors and fellow designers who visit for inspiration, and in support of youth education and development programs in Palm Beach County.

LEFT: Kips Bay Show House alum and New York-based designer Christopher Maya was inspired by Moroccan influences, opting for bold color, lattice woodwork on the walls, and an upholstered ceiling in his exotic and playful “Tented Breakfast Room.” Photography by Brantley Photography.

LEFT: Designer Ronic Tobin expresses his take on the “Bedroom Suite with a Contemporary Grand Tour,” inspired by a couple who has just returned from a European honeymoon with their 20th-century treasures in tow. Photography by Sargent Photography.

BELOW: Jungle balcony vistas wrap designer Caroline Rafferty’s “Master Library” infused with soft details, custom murals and personal touches drawing inspiration from both the Ottoman Empire and tropical Florida. Photography by Sargent Photography.

FROM KIPS BAY TO PALM BEACH

For the first time in nearly a century, the prestigious Kips Bay Decorator Show House has extended its reach beyond New York to the sunny shores of Palm Beach.

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RIGHT: The “Vestibule” makes a fabulous first impression thanks to Palm Beach-based designer Ellen Kavanaugh. The entry sets the tone for the entire house with a vibrant color palette and unique details. Photography by Brantley Photography.