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26 BEST ETHNIC RESTAURANTS SEATTLE METROPOLITAN

Sole Sister

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“After living in New York and San Francisco, I missed all the great shoe stores,” says Angela Self, a self-professed shoe aficionado who studied at New York’s Fashion Institute of Technology and the Art Institute of Seattle. She has an obvious taste for the finer things: In the Posh palace she’s built for them in Old Bellevue, shoes are notable pieces of art exhibited in gold framed recessed niches. Petite crystal pendant lights illuminate shoes in the window like delectable treats in a French patisserie.

The centerpiece of the store is a four-square, cocoa-colored mohair ottoman piled with pillows covered in velvet, satin and rabbit fur. A sparkling crystal chandelier hangs above the custom-made carpet, draperies and walls.

Her buying philosophy is simple – she wants to bring designer brands as well as up-and-coming designers to the Seattle area and stock her shop with hard-to-find or exclusive shoes (ranging from \$200 to \$700). Among other treasures; Hollywood’s sexy black satin sling backs embellished with mother-of-pearl, seashells, beads and sequins; Courtney Crawford’s strappy teal leather party pair finished with rhinestones and peacock feathers; and Loeffler Randall’s white summer boots of embossed leather.

For all its sophistication, Self’s sanctuary is as invitingly warm as her mission statement: *“I want this to be a place where women can relax, indulge, have a Perrier and find a fabulous pair of shoes.”* * BY KATHY SCHULTZ

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