Who’s who behind the scenes of this issue, plus their favorite California places

Michael Childers
“Assignments like those don’t happen very much any more in the film photography business. How fortunate I was,” says Michael Childers, whose career capturing Hollywood greats is chronicled in “Stars in His Eyes,” p.138. Childers has shot more than 200 magazine covers and received lifetime achievement awards from the Temecula Valley International Film Festival and the Provincetown Film Festival. C SPOTS • Hotel Cheval in Paso Robles is simply divine and elegant • Pappy & Harriet’s in Joshua Tree for blues bands and delicious ribs and corn bread • MOPA in San Diego for its stunning collection of photography

Jenny Cho
Before Jennifer Lawrence and Kirsten Dunst hit the red carpet, it’s a safe bet that Jenny Cho has perfected their tresses. Known for her flawless technique honed at the Sassoon Academy, the Los Angeles-based stylist’s editorial looks have appeared in glossies such as Schön and Harper’s Bazaar. Of working with cover star Carey Mulligan, Cho says, “It was a perfectly dreamy day.” C SPOTS • Cookbook on North Figueroa is my favorite neighborhood green grocery store • The Hunt Vintage is a gem in Highland Park • Highland Park Bowl is a restored bowling alley with amazing Italian food

Sarah Khan
“I always try to stay plugged into the latest hotel openings across the world, but reporting this story gave me some winter wanderlust,” says Sarah Khan, who has lived around the globe from Saudi Arabia to Canada. The award-winning travel writer, who has been published in The New York Times and Condé Nast Traveler, reports on the season’s newest getaways in “Escape Plans,” p.109. She currently enjoys exploring her new hometown, San Diego. C SPOTS • Balboa International Market for freshly baked sangak bread • I start my days with a run along Coronado Central Beach • Logan Avenue’s Por Vida café to break out of the work-from-home slump

Mickey Rapkin
“Carey Mulligan is a massive fan of the ABC series Designated Survivor,” says Mickey Rapkin, who penned “Daydream Believer,” p.146. “This is far from my expectations of what she might be watching—and it delights me.” L.A.-based Rapkin, former GQ senior editor, has written for publications spanning The New York Times to Elle. His book Pitch Perfect inspired the film franchise of the same name. C SPOTS • Wittmore in the Arts District for brands I never knew about, but now covet • Chef Zach Pollack’s Casa Buona in Echo Park. Order the chopped salad, Broccolini and pepperoni pizza • Skylight Books in Los Feliz is the only place I buy books

Joan Behnke
“The uniqueness of the space was both a design challenge and opportunity to think outside the box,” says Joan Behnke, who dreamed up interiors for “Taste Makers,” p.154. With her design firm based in Beverly Hills, Behnke is responsible for projects such as Tom Brady and Gisele Bündchen’s Brentwood estate. C SPOTS • Loqui at the Platform in Culver City for a quick weekend taco • Echo Park Craft Fair for gifts • Chariots on Fire on Abbot Kinney for beautifully crafted hardware from Denmark