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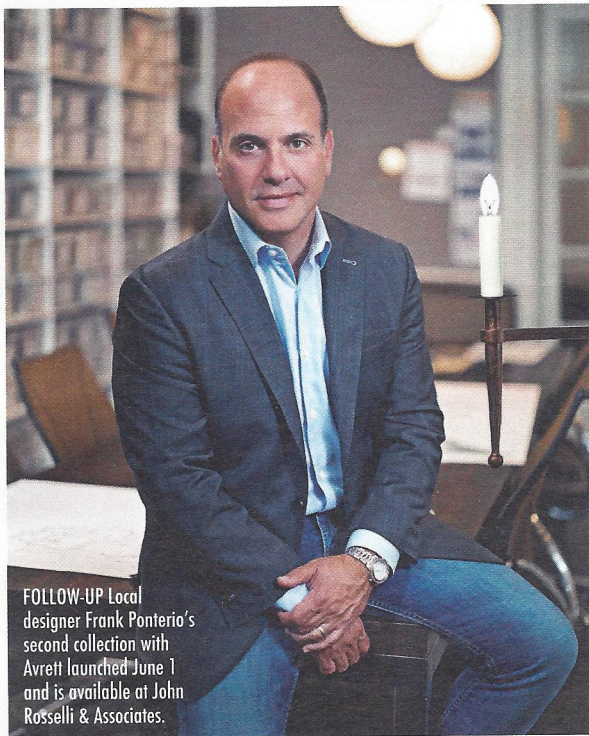
CHICAGO'S DESIGN-CENTRIC OFFERINGS & NEWS TO KNOW

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SPECTACULAR FAMILY-FRIENDLY DESIGN  
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**FOLLOW-UP** Local designer Frank Ponterio's second collection with Avrett launched June 1 and is available at John Rosselli & Associates.



**BRIGHT LIGHT** The Kate chandelier features mercury glass orbs and light gilt bronze.



**FIRED UP** The Isabella andirons are made of brushed steel and satin brass.

PRODUCT LAUNCH

# ENCORE!

Hot on the heels of their successful first collaboration, designer Frank Ponterio and Avrett launch their next wave of luxury home furnishings.

This summer will see the debut of **Frank Ponterio's** ([frankponterio.com](http://frankponterio.com)) new collection of handmade iron furnishings from Avrett—a follow-up to their successful first collaboration. “Like two pieces of artwork, every piece is a little different,” Ponterio explains. “Iron was being forged thousands of years ago. It’s timeless, and that’s an important part of every design that we take on.”

Designed with an urban sensibility in size and scale, the versatile line includes an elegant *étagère* with antique mirrored doors, dazzling lighting adorned with handblown glass spheres and andirons that are clad with cut brass. “Over years, the brass will patina to a living finish, and it will keep getting better and better,” Ponterio says. “I’m always interested in mixing materials and the relationship between them.”

In that spirit, designers are encouraged to customize the designs by size, shape and material selection. “Because of the artisan group at Avrett, every piece is fully customizable,” Ponterio explains. “Nothing leaves the shop without being something that we’re all very proud of.” *To the trade, John Rosselli & Associates, 222 W. Merchandise Mart Plaza, Ste. 6-158, 312.822.0760, [johnrosselli.com](http://johnrosselli.com) —Tate Gunnerson*