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## A FRESH PERSPECTIVE

Ben Johnston's clients had already updated most of their West University house when they bought it a few years back. There was just one room that confounded them: the master bath. "The bathroom was a dark, cavelike disaster circa the 1980s, when the house was originally built," says the creative director of Houston-based Benjamin Johnston Design ([benjamin-johnston.com](http://benjamin-johnston.com)). "[The homeowners] were at a complete loss as to what to do, so they entrusted us to overhaul the space and turn it into their dream bathroom." The brilliant revamp included swapping out the existing dull flooring with Italian porcelain tile from Thorntree. The same tile appears on the walls in the shower, water closet and behind the bathtub, a freestanding MicroSilk tub by Jason International, which Johnston calls "a veritable fountain of youth." Available at Fixtures & Fittings, the hydrotherapy tub—outfitted here with classic brass plumbing hardware from Newport Brass—oxygenates bathwater with microbubbles that remove impurities from pores, exfoliate skin and improve hydration. Illuminating the space is the Roxanne flush mount chandelier from Arteriors, an otherworldly, starburst-style light fixture that makes bath time in this renovated space even more sportive.

A shower and water closet flank a freestanding hydrotherapy tub in this masterfully renovated master bathroom by Benjamin Johnston. The homeowners' antique Josef Hoffmann chair gives a nod to the past.

# INSIDER / MEET

## Benjamin Johnston

CREATIVE DIRECTOR, BENJAMIN JOHNSTON DESIGN

Houston-based designer, Benjamin Johnston and his career has really taken off this year! Not only is his design studio our choice for 'Best Transitional Interior Design Firm,' but he has garnered national attention and numerous design awards for his classic, curated, and cool spaces. Taking inspirational cues from a variety of cultures and time periods, Ben blends new and vintage pieces to create contemporary spaces that feel curated over a lifetime. He accomplishes this tasteful mix while adhering to the classic design principles of balance and simplicity, through the application of clean lines and tailored details - timeless sensibilities he credits to his previous study and practice of architecture. Perhaps this is why he is currently developing projects in four states and on three coasts!

Ben has spent a lifetime pursuing artistic expression as a designer, artist, teacher and tastemaker. From the cultural hotspot of Houston, Ben has pursued various endeavors focused on bringing beauty to the world around him and enabling others to do the same. Today, Ben Johnston and his team bring tremendous knowledge and experience to designing exceptional spaces - from conception to construction, from styling to decoration.

For more information about Benjamin Johnston Design, visit [benjamin-johnston.com](http://benjamin-johnston.com).



Portrait Photo by Julie Soefer



» *I believe that all good design begins with function, but great design requires quality and exceptional taste that can only come from experience and a finely honed instinct.*

