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It's a city where anything can happen So what could go wrong or right As I hit up L A unscripted we live in the best city in the world and there is no shortage of things to discover and do and explore So why not do it together Hi everyone I'm Dana Devin and welcome to my chill zone I thought we could just hang out for half an hour So pull up a bean bag because there's a lot I've got to share as self graphics We like to say that art is life It is the food that you eat It's the clothes that you wear It is our culture It is our heritage Self help graphics is a cultural gem here in Boyle Heights in East East L A It's a Chicano Legacy organization that has really been um a part of the story of the Chicano community locally regionally nationally And it is very much a space for uh creative community expression over the last 49 years You know people have got married at self help graphics They there's been quinceaneras there's been baby showers and it's really the kind of place that's a cultural anchor for people You know we are stewards of Day of the Dead for example as a tradition here in Los Angeles but really on a national level Boy Heights as a community is one of the most densely populated in the city of Los Angeles It is a community that is mostly renters and is very much low income Latino a lot of immigrants This is a community that has been historically and systemically under resourced under supported Sister Karen Bolero a rough around the edges Franciscan nun who was an artist co-founded self help graphics with Carlos Bueno Antonio Ibanez and really understood that there was a need for a creative space for the community to have space to create work to work together collaboratively So today let's start off by making a print I have the Ali in scripted logo um kind of matched up with the self help graphics logo and we're gonna go ahead and have you print this for us today So when you come into C graphics there's artists in the studio working on prints there's going to be an exhibition in the gallery space Sometimes we have our youth programs here after school program and of course always artists working on different projects OK So what is the first step in printing The first step is inking the screen So if you could see this this is a polyester screen with the stencil on it and we're going to pour a little bit of water based ink right on it So we'll lift the screen up we'll pull that paper off and we have this scripted printed paper Great job This is so cool When you go through our inventory of prints that are created over the past five decades you really get to see that story told from so many different perspectives and not just through a Chicano or Latinx lens but through the

artists of of L A artists from all over the country who are speaking to their own communities their own lived experiences And that's such an important part when you have a community that is seeing itself visually reflected back to itself Do I really love this Um I think our viewers are really gonna love it So I'm just gonna need maybe like I don't know 1000 more Let's do it unique finds I'd say that's kind of our specialty kind of like this backyard glamping experience by wonder 10 parties And to be honest every show even I learn about something new and love it like this gym from Jasmine Simpkins All right guys I found a new hair salon right here in Santa Monica called Chateau Beauty Bar And they're getting ready to give me a new J Chateau Beauty Bar is an inclusive salon that caters to men women Children You name it just come in here and experience the experience We serve wine snoop Dogg wine A K my dad we got his rose and his 19 crimes So you can come in here and take a little shot whatever you want to do take a sip Have a good time relax and get pampered It's a family business of course So it's my brother his wife Sophia uh me Wayne Carla and our sister in law Lucia My middle brother Cordell brought us he came to our parents' house one day and was like I got it so on I'm like ok congrats you know and he was like it is called Chateau Beauty Bar which is named after my second niece And um he just really loved how me and my business partner Wayne did our our business you know which is called Shock Factor He loved how we branded it and how dedicated we were and he was like y'all should come and sell at our beauty bar I'm like ok cool And and as time went on he was like no forget that Wayne you run in Point Corey you run in point and we just gonna have this family business We pretty much do everything We have the best stylist I think in Santa Monica We definitely do sew ins we do um locks we do silk press Dad's hair is always lady Has he been in here and got his hair He hasn't been in here yet but he needs to come get in here ASAP Yeah it's a high end salon but you if you wanna walk in if you wanna call in we're very inclusive and we love to accommodate to everybody Our slogan is um Chateau Beauty Bar pampering from head to toe So in the spring summer time we're gonna bring in nails we're gonna start bringing in um microblading lashes It's a family business But how does it feel for you having this salon and having something that you can call your own It's a major major blessing And I feel like in life you just kind of have to go for it Like I feel like so many people are like you shouldn't do this you should do that or you should no you should do whatever you want to do because you never know what the outcome may be We love the Santa Monica area People that walk by they love us They

even just say I've been I've been looking at you guys for a minute like congrats it's just the best feeling in the world just getting phone calls People don't even want to book They just wanna congratulate us and welcome us to the city Do you have some secret faves Well you know sharing is carrying so email us and let us know at L A unscripted at KTL A dot com Los Angeles is so spread out and people don't know much about certain areas of the city that are important Boyle Heights It has a great long history of multiculturalism One of the first multicultural neighborhoods in Los Angeles You had African Americans Jewish Americans Mexican Americans They call it the Ellis Island over the west coast What year are we talking This is a turn of the century into the twenties But also there's a rich musical history here When we look around we're at the Paramount I've learned a lot about the Paramount I keep saying if these walls could talk in 1939 the famous uh jazz musician Basie one of the architects of big band jazz played here and he crossed the color barrier African American only played in South Central in the fifties Celia Cruz Tito Puente the salsa stars and the sixties Stevie Wonder the East Side Sound of East Side bands They were very popular in the mid sixties like Cannibal the head hunters What do you think it is about the space and its location in Boyle Heights Well it's right in the center matt and now at Cesar Chavez no other ballrooms like this and how cool to have a building that's nearly 100 years old Still standing and breathing in new energy Right Right Right Right Right And what's downstairs Brooklyn Avenue Pizza Co So how does that come into play Well the owner Drano Seo he wanted to open a restaurant downstairs People could dance up here and party and then go down to have some pizza chef George for you The experience I look behind I see all of this dough I see the big old oven What's the experience like being here It's very fun Actually I always treat my dough as a canvas for making it from scratch It's a four day fermentation It really dedicates to what this building used to be which was just Baker's Union and to be able to make dough from scratch and home it really represents past to the future and the present you were mentioning that in the nineties the Paramount and everything within the Paramount evolved shut down changed Was there a moment that you did not think the Paramount would ever come back to what it was Yeah I wrote an article in the L A Times about Boyle Heights and I wrote about the Paramount Ballroom and its history neighborhood You know the multiculturalism of it and Frank the owner the new owner got a hold of it and called me up and said hey I want you to come on board and if we can resurrect come to the Paramount come check it out

check the website out and come grub with me I'll be here all day every day and we are just getting started We have got a lot more for you to add to your to do list Grab a drink and meet me back here Deal sunshine all year round I'd say we have it pretty good living here in Southern California and sometimes you don't even need to leave your backyard for a good time Take a look at what wonder tip parties did to my backyard Isn't this amazing So you don't have to travel far for this experience Wonder tempt parties will come to you We'll help you get it all set Have a great time and create a memory that lasts a lifetime First we start with our sleepovers which are indoor normally for kids sort of 15 and under outside We do what we call a glamp out which is a glamping tent big wonder dome that you'll see under the stars And we also have a dining experience So the opportunity to actually dine under the stars and that's a movie night under the stars which has been so important during COVID to get back to the movies and see something on a big screen So we sit under the stars really comfy bean bag chairs popcorn and the like But after the glamp if you need to go then check out what's happening in another part of town Liberty You you're saying that you're using mushrooms to create some sort of leather that feels and and looks like leather That's exactly what we do I am David Breslauer and I'm a co founder and Chief Technology Officer of both threads My background is in bioengineering and I became obsessed with natural materials and how to engineer them Ok So let's do a little name dropping Um You've worked with some pretty iconic global brands out there Stella mccartney I have to give Stella mccartney the biggest credit of all as she came and found us first Before we before we found her she has been a huge proponent um of environmentalism and veganism for a long time now But we've been fortunate as well to be working with Adidas um and to have shown their Stan Smith Classic with Milo So you can literally just take this mushroom leather and dye it all different colors and and boss it or you know make it look like a different animal print Absolutely We can do all the same things you can do with uh with normal leather We focus on mushroom roots are called mycelium And we grow those in a way that produce something as durable and aesthetically pleasing as leather without all the environmental destruction people love leather they love the way it feels on their skin They love the way it feels when they move it's durable The problem is the way we make leather now um involves scaling cows we make more land for more cows slaughter more cows make more leather and we can't keep clothing the population and everybody who loves leather by making more cows What

we've done is figure out how to grow these and in days rather than years as it would take to grow livestock you can grow these roots into a structure It's like a mushroom skin almost What's what's the benefit of going with the mushroom leather over the leather pleather It's it's made from plastic made from petroleum It doesn't quite have the same aesthetics and it's also from oil and non biodegradable Is this available on the marketplace Is it just starting to take off And it's just starting to take off You can go to Lululemon's website and buy yoga bags made with Milo We have walked many items in Fashion Week We continue to show demos and expect a lot of launches and a lot of things you can buy in 2022 as we ramp up production Thank you so much for creating such an innovative material that that really will truly help the environment and you know all of humanity interested in fitness food arts or just plain board But when it comes to the long list of must dos in L A unscripted got you covered There's a fun new restaurant in downtown L A but it's more than just a restaurant It's more of an experience I'm taking my bike to get there Well if you go back to the essence of it motorcycles are cool and they've been cool for a very long time which is why they're in films and adverts and pop videos and motorcycle culture is a thing that a lot of people relate to even if they don't ride and it has a community and that community isn't always very well served It you know quite often motorcycle venues are spit and sawdust and you don't get a great experience And so they're not really attracted to people that think bikes are cool but don't ride So we wanted to create a space that celebrated motor culture and motor people The bike shed is a home for people that love bikes and the people that love the people that love bikes to come and meet other like minded people in a beautiful setting L A is arguably the natural cultural home for motorcycle culture You are gonna take us on quite the tour I'm very excited Where are we gonna start We're gonna start right here at the bar That's the best place to start Lovely bar No TV S and then follow me around here at lovely lounge Our sofas are all brought from London We've got a three chair tattoo studio four chair barbershop So you can come and get in get a trim hang out tell me about your back parking So literally the whole place is for bike parking So we're going to have valet for cars But I love the fact that you can rock up park your bike sit here have food have a drink and just see everybody come rolling in and obviously this is Dutch and my husband and I ride in from London to Hollywood biking is just kind of cool So I think it's just relatable It stands for something and and we just want to be the natural home of that And also we want to preserve motorcycle culture for the future There is so

much more to bookmark So stick around going off script in Los Angeles We really try to find something for everyone And I got to say you may be surprised to know about this My mother was known to enjoy a martini at 5 p.m. sharp This ritual was so well known among family and friends They would ask if they could stop by at five o'clock She understood the code and would have nibbles and a martini waiting for them at her home in Studio City Martini Glass collection has been in stored for the last five years I recently made an arrangement with the operators of the Ramp Restaurant in Burbank to display half of her collection About 75 examples on the wall in their pub I'm Bob Paris and I'm about to reveal my mother's Martini glass collection at the Ramp Restaurant and bar in Burbank California Well Bob has been one of our customers for for many years So he came up with the idea of asking us if he can uh place the uh the glasses inside the bar And I think he they look beautiful about half her collection There's 72 glasses out of a little over 140 in the collection That was my daughter's idea to put up the sign above the doorway We put up the sign to acknowledge my mom but I didn't foresee that people when being seated would ask the staff here who who's Muriel My mom enjoyed this one I think she was hoping her grandson would like it This is the kind of place she would love It has a great ambience a great crowd of people but it's a restaurant and the most important thing is the food which is superb The ramp is uh uh Italian and American food You know I have a lot of comments from people the new new customers that they come in and they say well we thought it was just a bar and then they come in and then they see the dining room the the restaurant they have uh lunch or dinner and they say wow dream This is oh yeah my mom is the greatest mom a guy could have oh when you're tired of roaming where the love is all home I told you it would be good But I know you trust me just like I trust Jessica Holmes in the kitchen You know those hot dogs maybe you see them when you're leaving a concert in L A or a nightclub But they smell so good The hot dog with the vendors on the street and they're wrapped in bacon and and I'm gonna make a version of that So what I'm gonna start with it's this simple You take your hot dog you take your piece of bacon and you wrap it and that's it And so I've got my griddle going back here There we go They're ready for it and then we're gonna chop up slice up some onions and peppers I'm gonna slice up this onion pretty thin slices Just gonna get those on there Now to our peppers I like the red and the green for this All right Now on to our red pepper Same steel gorgeous red pepper And sometimes I just cut the white membrane out in the middle while our hot dogs are frying up back

there I'm gonna make a sauce Now if someone you know only wants mustard obviously they can have that But the idea of combining it is actually really yummy and um you'd be surprised if you've never tried it So equal parts maybe a little less on the mustard Now mix it up and see what the color That's how I know if it's right looking right It kind of got the 1000 Island kind of a color These kind of brioche buttery soft rolls and I'm gonna just pop them under the broiler for a second just to toast them up You just want all the bacon crispy So those are time to build our dog Look at that all crispy We're gonna hit it with our sauce Your L A dog This is my new hot dog of choice We hope you had as much fun as I did going off script and rediscovering our incredible city And his wonder t parties has shown us sometimes the most memorable moments can happen right in your own backyard So for now I'm going to stay in my tent but I can't wait to hang out again next time