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## SPOTLIGHT }

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As  
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nder and CEO of Michelle Durpetti Event, Michelle Durpetti plans a variety of corporate, social and non-profit events. She's put her stylish stamp on such notable fetes as the Green Tie Ball (which was at the top of Biz Bash's Top 100 Chicago Events list) and the 65th anniversary of Gene & Georgetti's. (Fun fact? Founder Gene Michelotti is her grandfather.) Between events, Durpetti finds time to serve on the board of Wish Upon a Wedding, a non-profit wedding wish-granting organization, and indulge her love of all things Italian. Durpetti is also uber-equestrain, jetting off to ride her beloved horse Otherwise when her to-do list is complete. Thanks to her life-long obsession with horses, she's got the ultimate cure for hat/helmet hair—and she's happy to pass her wisdom along.



Michelle's favorite...

Scent:

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Premier Figuier Extreme by L'Artisan Parfumeur. I LOVE this scent, reminds me of summers spent in Italy as a child.

Eye cream:

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Prevage eye anti-aging moisturizer

Mascara:

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DiorShow mascara in black

{ michelle's  
must haves }



Concealer:

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Benefit Erase Paste

Moisturizer:

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It's a tie: Prevage anti-aging night cream & Crème de la Mer moisturizing gel creme Body Lotion:

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La Mer body crème and Fresh Sugar Acai age delay body creme

Which lip gloss are you addicted to this month?

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MAC crèmesheen glass in Boy Bait. Obsessed!  
MUST HAVE...cannot live without...

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Rene Furterer Naturia dry shampoo – MOST obsessed with this and will not leave my house without it. I have long thick hair, and I love how when I wake up in the morning and don't have time to wash and blow-dry my hair I can use this instead. Especially with driving back and forth between the city and the barn (after wearing a helmet during lessons, my hair needs help!), the dry shampoo can really help put me back together.

I feel prettiest when...

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I feel confident/happy, be it in a fabulous pair of Louboutin shoes, winning a competition or because we have signed a new client at the company, when you feel confident and happy on the inside you radiate that same energy on the outside.

If I were a magazine, I would be...

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It depends on the day. *Michigan Avenue*, *Time* or *Chronicle of the Horse*.

I am always searching for ...

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more knowledge and experience in life—and the highest heel I can find!

The first thing I do when I wake up is...

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want to go back to sleep!

The last thing I do before I go to bed is...

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run over my to-do list for the next day (I have to leave a notebook next to my bed!).

I could never live without...

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my horse Otherwise and my dog Gigi (not to mention loved ones, etc.) The list is too long!



I will splurge on...

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shoes and purses – or really just about anything for my horse

Favorite fashion trend of all time...

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anything remnant of Italian films in the 1960's—big hair, lots of eyeliner, great dresses – picture Sophia Loren or Anita Ekberg.

Currently obsessed with...

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my Jimmy Choo 'Marble' booties

Most played song on your iPod right now? -

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Monster by Lady Gaga, Indietro by Tiziano Ferro

The best part of my day is...

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ANYTIME I get to ride my horse Otherwise

I would love to meet...

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(this will probably be the most random collection of names you have ever seen!) Jennifer Lopez, Dante, Coco Chanel, Martha Stewart, Nancy Pelosi, My great grandmother, and on a completely superficial note, David Boreanz – SUPER cute.

Best advice you have ever received...

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My dad – “surround yourself with good people”

Favorite vacation spot...

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Florence, Italy

The last thing someone said that made you laugh?

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In our office we laugh about every 3 to 5 minutes...between breaking into random song and dance moves and everyone's abilities to tell stories I laugh until I cry about 5 times a day. Humor gets us through the high stress moments of our job.

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