



WOODY WAVES From top: Carriage House's Harmony buffet and Pyramid buffet



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STEELING THE SHOW

These stunning buffets are a feast for discerning eyes.

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As any good host or hostess knows, the pleasures of a buffet aren't just edible—they're visual. No meal, whether a la carte or spread, can outdo what the meal is served on when the **Harmony buffet** (\$25,000) commands the dining room. Made of rare Brazilian Santos rosewood and seamless, polished stainless steel, and available from the Sherman Designs Collection at Carriage House, this conversation-starter effortlessly juxtaposes organic and man-made materials into one stunning statement piece.

"It was a combination of a very simple design that I wanted to make look more interesting, and a beautiful veneer to place on top of it," says Monroe Sherman, owner and designer at Carriage House. The brilliant result owes to more than the striking veneer; Sherman's technique was equally important. The prized piece, from Sherman's line of bespoke furniture, was enriched when the designer placed strips of thin wood in an

intricate pattern in order to achieve an almost ocean-like motion. Crafted to look as if it's floating, the buffet balances elements both bold (the graphic shape of the steel legs) and delicate (the patterns of the rosewood). Sherman can customize nearly everything about it to fit any decor or functional preference, from laying exotic skins onto the exterior to adding dividers and drawers.

The Harmony's cousin, the **Pyramid buffet**, communicates a similar juxtaposition of strength and delicacy. Constructed from high-gloss Macassar ebony wood with brushed stainless steel details, the Pyramid sports a Starfire glass top. "I love the energy and the contrast of these two buffets," Sherman says. "Most of our clients are looking for bespoke items that are more unusual, and with these pieces, they can have them." *Harmony buffet, \$25,000; Pyramid buffet, \$13,980, Carriage House, DCOTA, 1855 Griffin Road, Dania Beach, elan4ch.com*