

# Aria Personals

## New Team Members

- Katie Draz
- Martin Kurdaliev
- Samantha Pancewicz
- Miguel Sanchez
- Alicia Flores
- Ana Hernandez
- Cole Rutstein
- Maitri Desai
- Sarah Abu-Taleb
- Leslie Schamber
- Adam Tregoning
- Stephanie Cole
- Alexus Brewer
- Tim Lee
- David Flores
- Lauren Oldenburg
- Samuel Cardenas
- Ernesto Zuniga

## Promotions

### PROJECT COORDINATOR

- David Horabik
- Jennifer Hernandez
- Sean Irish
- Guillermo Gomez
- Jennifer Bach
- Miry Kim

### SENIOR ARCHITECTURAL DESIGNER

- Caitlin Hubbs
- Sarah Medcalf

### INTERIOR DESIGNER

- Karla Erraez

## Architecture License

- Matt Shoener
- Bryon Krebs

## LEED Accreditation

- Jennifer Bach



## News

September saw the launch of our new branding. Thanks to our clients, our business has seen tremendous growth since our founding. Our success in assembling an amazing staff inspired us to examine what we do and how we do it. We had great partners in Design Scout and Total Dish Marketing who helped clarify what makes us unique. No prototypes, no templates. A focus on people and the timelessness of warm welcomes. We design spaces and places with soul.

### WEDDINGS

- Violeta Malolepsza & her husband, Alex, were married on August 5th.
- Liz Neuffer & her husband, Scott, were married on August 11th.
- Jasmine Herrera & her husband, Jose, were married on September 3rd.
- Martika Bertucci & her husband, Anthony, were married on November 3rd.
- Elisabeth Lacey & her husband, Brian, were married on November 11th.

### BIRTHS

- Liz Neuffer & her husband, Scott, welcomed their daughter, Blythe Elise Rooney.
- Neal Thompson & his wife, Tiffany, welcomed their daughter, Grace Catherine.
- Priyanka Rao & her husband, Prasanna, welcomed their son, Milan.

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Larkspur, CA  
Rendering credit: Eric Thompson



Hudson Yards, NY  
Rendering credit: Lisa Miotti

## Shake Shack

"Shake Shack is committed to extending hospitality beyond the walls of the Shack and into the community. Every Shack is architecturally designed with its surrounding neighborhood in mind. Aria Group is incredibly dedicated to ensuring that Shake Shack plays an active role in its community and proves a vibrant addition to its fabric and culture."  
- **Chris Palac**, Shake Shack's Design Manager



Dallas, TX  
Rendering credit: Eric Thompson

**Seats:** 31  
**Square footage:** 1,383 sf  
**Contractor:** Rafferty Construction, Inc.

*Bonci*  
Chicago, IL

This al taglio (meaning "by the cut") pizza concept from namesake chef, Gabriele Bonci, opened its first location outside of Italy right here in Chicago. With a rotating menu of 1,500 topping combinations and a focaccia-style crust, slices are hand cut and sold by weight. The design focus accents the unique culinary experience while showcasing the existing industrial integrity of the surrounding neighborhood. The custom painted floor pattern reflects Bonci's roots, history and process.



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*Topolobampo*  
Chicago, IL

**Seats:** 75  
**Square footage:** 900 sf  
**Contractor:** Kern Konstruktion

"Our special piece of art. Sumptuous, elegant, and wondrous. The team at Aria got right away what we were looking for and their work here was a contributing factor of our restaurant winning the James Beard Award this year."  
- **Rick Bayless**, Frontera Restaurant Group

# Tupelo Honey

Denver, CO

**Seats:** 230  
**Square footage:** 6,330 sf  
**Contractor:** Story Construction

"The space has an overall feeling of elevated southern comfort. Our favorite design elements are the ornate and eclectic floor tiles, sculpted wire chandeliers, rustic table tops and antebellum molding accents. These combine to make guests feel comfortable yet elegant with a true feeling of southern charm."

- **Christin Prince**, *Tupelo Honey's SVP of Marketing*



Photo credit: Adam Larkey



Photo credit: Tony Soluri

**Seats:** 193  
**Square footage:** 4,800 sf  
**Contractor:** Kern Konstruktion

# La Barra

Riverside, IL

"The project team at Aria was attentive to the space program and budget from initial concepts and schematic design milestones through completion of the construction documents, permitting, final commissioning, and start-up at LaBarra Restaurant in downtown Riverside."

- **Pat Leone**, *La Barra's Owner*



Photo credit: Tony Soluri

**Seats:** 565  
**Square footage:** 14,441 sf  
**Contractor:** Crane Construction Company LLC

# Giordano's

Chicago, IL

"I was most impressed with how the Design Team at Aria could take a 40+ year old brand and completely refresh it for 2017 without losing the original heart and soul of the Giordano's dining experience. Design is only as good as how it functions."

- **Andy Baker**, *Giordano's Director of Design, Construction, Facilities, New Store Openings and Special Projects*



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# Nando's

Hyde Park, IL

**Seats:** 126  
**Square footage:** 4,858 sf  
**Contractor:** Kern Konstruktion

"It was a pleasure working with Aria Group on our most recent restaurant opening in Hyde Park. The team had a vision for the space that perfectly captured the heart and soul of our brand. They collaborated closely with both southern African and local artisans to bring many unique, bespoke elements together. It's this level of design detail, paired with their seamless project management, that helped us hand over a beautiful restaurant ahead of schedule and under budget."

- **Melinda Nettelbeck**, *Nando's Design Director*



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