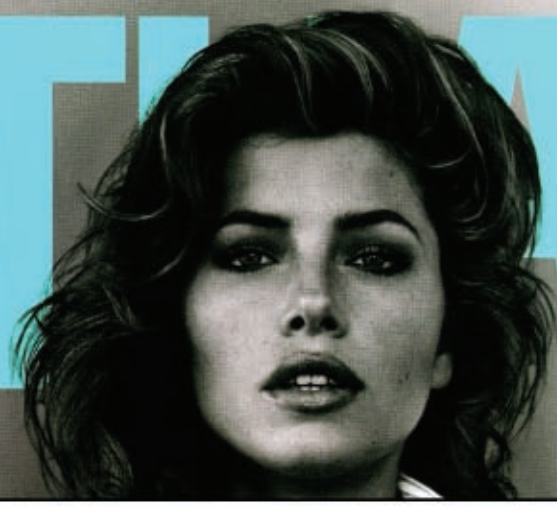


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Joe Campanale and Gabriel Thompson's *L'Artusi* exudes the same refined-rustic atmosphere as their West Village trattoria Dell'anima, while expanding on its casual-bar/dining capacity. A 30-seat marble-topped bar offers diners a chance to sample a crudo and cheese "program" before moving to the dining room to try Thompson's menu, which includes thinly sliced scallops dappled with lemon zest and Espelette pepper, seared monkfish with mushrooms and celery-root purée, and a coconut semifreddo atop almond cake and pooled chocolate ganache. Campanale's wine list is also a major attraction, full of offbeat Italian labels and several biodynamic offerings. *L'Artusi*, 228 West 10th Street, 212-255-5757.

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