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## The A Team

Behind every great decorator is a skilled craft person (or five). Meet the behind-the-scenes secret weapons of Chicago's A-list digs

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### PAIR WITH FLAIR

Dann Witczak and Natasha Spencer at an installation.

**Spencer-Witczak** Dann Witczak and Natasha Spencer's curatorial approach to displaying art and photo collections has made them A-list contributors to some of Chicago's most carefully executed interiors. "They always offer inventive and creative ideas as to how we should approach hanging the space, and they get the job done without repeating themselves," says designer Joseph Sacco of JS Interiors. Both trained artists with backgrounds in interior design (added to Witczak's work as chief preparatory at a museum in Cleveland before moving to Chicago), they launched Spencer-Witczak Art Installation & Collection Design in 2006. "When people try to do this themselves, they often group too much work together, taking away from the impact of each piece," says Spencer. Collection editing, framing and mount-making are also part of their services. For one recent project, they had to figure out how to hang a pair of 250-pound, 13-foot-high screens around a fireplace. "We custom-designed hardware that incorporates into the hinge system to allow for a secure but aesthetic presentation," says Witczak. "There was no allowance for a shift so the screens had to be perfectly centered. It was a project that required all of our skills and utilized them beautifully." *Spencer-Witczak Art Installation & Collection Design, 773.752.0477, [theartrefixinstallation.com](http://theartrefixinstallation.com).* *continued...*