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One Easy Stop: Get Flowers And Get Married

Banchet Jaigla did not expect her 1,800-square-foot flower shop to become an event space when she opened it in the meatpacking district in 2001, but she soon found herself renting it out for weddings and fashion shoots. So when she expanded the shop into the 900-square-foot space next door, she knew what to plan for. Ms. Jaigla, right, who is known for her orchid arrangements, made sure a mahogany bar was installed in the room, which is lined with plexiglass and gunmetal steel. Completed last month, it has already had its share of parties. There is also a drink counter running along a ribbon of windows that “reveal the activity — and the performance of making flowers — inside,” said Farnaz



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Mansuri, whose New York firm, De-Spec, designed both areas. Banchet Flowers is at 809 Washington Street (Gansevoort Street); (212) 989-1088; banchetflowers.com. **ARIC CHEN**