



faces to watch

Fashion Week is here! Who should you be looking out for? Read on to find out...

Leonardo Salinas

WHAT SORT OF WOMEN DO YOU DESIGN FOR?

I design for discerning, stylish women. The Leonardo Salinas aesthetic is cerebral, sensual and highly technical, but also very wearable.

TELL US ABOUT THE INSPIRATION FOR YOUR NEW COLLECTION.

Joan of Arc-style medieval armour meets Jessica Rabbit.

WHICH CELEBS HAVE GREAT STYLE?

I admire the personal style of Kate Moss, the serene beauty of Christy Turlington and the sensuality of Dita Von Teese.

AND WHOSE LOOK WOULD YOU LIKE TO OVERHAUL?

Britney Spears and Amy Winehouse are two that come to mind. They are both talented and marketable but too trashy and wasted in every sense.

WHO ARE YOUR ALL-TIME FASHION ICONS?

Diana Vreeland, Tina Chow and Vivienne Westwood.



Sexy Dita's vintage style catches Leonardo's eye.

Rachel Gilbert

WHAT'S THE RACHEL GILBERT LOOK?
My signature style is jewelled or embellished evening cocktail dresses and full-length red carpet-worthy crystal gowns.

ARE YOU EXCITED ABOUT AUSTRALIAN FASHION WEEK?

I can't wait, this is the most exciting time of year for me! New collections are always a breath of fresh air and to see it all come together on the catwalk is such a great feeling.

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The collection is called *A Moment in Mumbai* and it is the experience of a stylish woman's adventure to the fast-paced Bollywood capital. It is also inspired by Talitha Getty, a bohemian jet-setting actress from the late '60s.

WHICH CELEBS WOULD YOU LOVE TO DRESS?

I'd love to see Gisele Bündchen in one of my dresses – she's sexy, confident and has legs that never end. Also Victoria Beckham – she carries herself with sophistication.



Rachel would love to see model Gisele wear one of her creations



Daniel admires quirky Chloë's fashion sense.

Daniel Avakian

YOU USED TO BE A TOW-TRUCK DRIVER. HOW DID YOU GET STARTED IN FASHION?

I stumbled into fashion by chance. I'd always been into illustrating and drawing, but it wasn't until I enrolled at the Whitehouse Institute of Design that the penny dropped and I found a career that I was really passionate about.

WHAT'S NEXT FOR YOUR LABEL?

I'm thinking about doing some menswear in the not-so-distant future.

ANY TREND PREDICTIONS FOR SUMMER?

Cropped tailored jackets paired with man-style pleated shorts – the look is slightly androgynous and subtly sexy. Light-as-a-feather silk dresses are another must-have, and stripes and geometric patterns are also on my radar.

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I love Chloë Sevigny's darkly sexy aesthetic and Kate Moss' attitude.

