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Six issues deep and one year later, but we're just getting warmed up. Actually, CONTRA is nearly a decade in the making. It began as a simple idea that took on many forms and evolved into where it is today. And, it will continue to change.

ThinkCONTRA has always been about like-minded, creative individuals exchanging and sharing experiences without aversion. A collective group of thoughts from different places brought together through ideas, people and culture. Today, it's easier to have a voice, if you choose to. Technology has bridged gaps and opened doors for those who have decided to have their voices heard. We, all choose to say something.

In this issue we profile some past and present contributors and introduce you to the Think CONTRA team. Thank you, come again!

- Trung Hoang, FOUNDER



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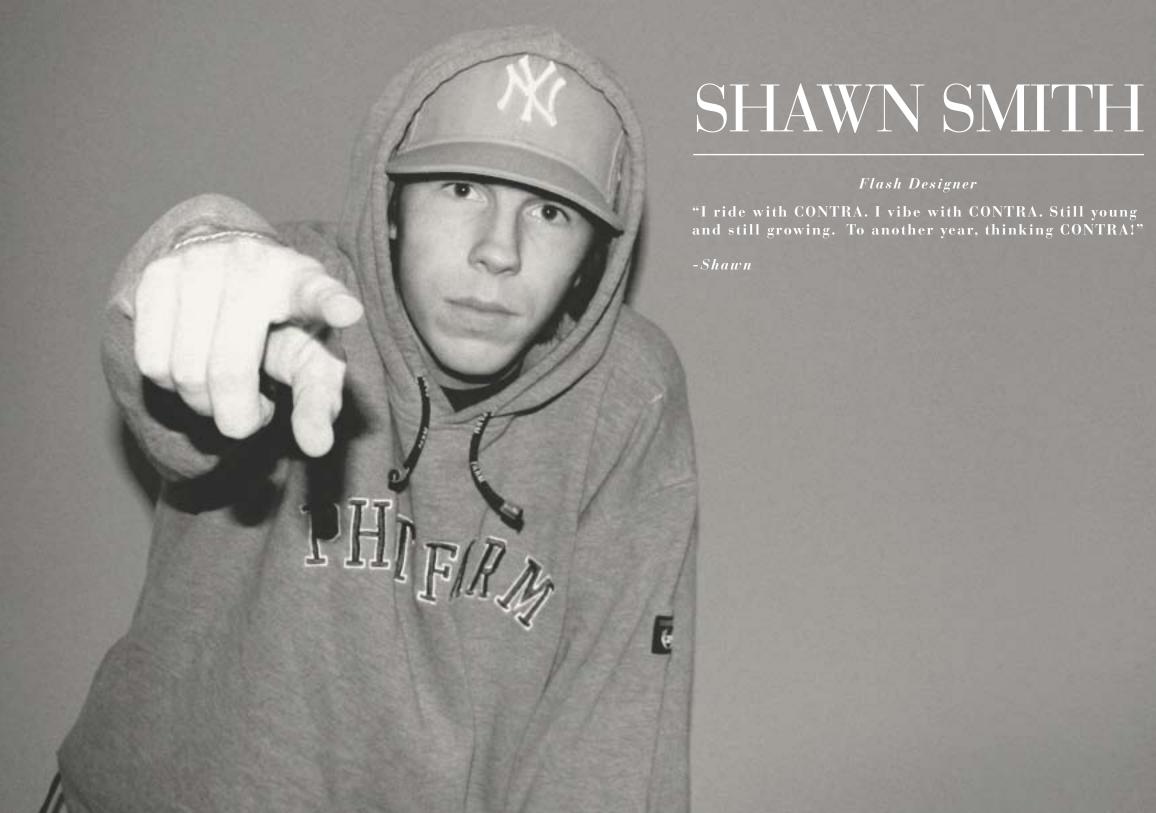
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"I love ice cream and am lactose-intolerant.
Weddings always make me cry.
In my parallel life, I am a drag queen.
I have more lipstick than shoes.
Salt 'n Pepa's "push it" is my calling.
I'm gonna be the hottest 50 year old you've ever seen."

-Mila



FUNKY SWISS Graphic Designer / Illustrator "I'm surrounded by endless white space. There's a madness to my simplicity. Up up down down left right left right start. Trying to live 30 lives in one. Keep them thought bubbles up, homies!" -Funky



"I ride with CONTRA. I vibe with CONTRA. Still young and still growing. To another year, thinking CONTRA!"

CLAUDINE BALTAZAR Makeup Artist / Contributing Editor "I do what I do because there are no rules! My Mantra - NEVER LIE TO ONES SELF My Ehlife - PAYUP! Daily Dues - LOVE & RESPECT The hustles become the obssession" -Claudine CONTRA I 009

SINA MANOUCHEHRI 1 Man Street Team / Blogger "Think beyond. Think positive. Think ahead. Think fast. Think Contra." -Sina Ghost

Blogger / Beau Tie Killa

"We love it so we live it. We were born to inspire the next. And we do it because we know we're priviledged to be able to."

-J!



STACIE BROCKMAN Intern / Fashion Blogger "It's not where you're from, it's where you're going. Don't let destiny define you. As John Galliano put it, 'Be reckless enough to gamble all or nothing to follow your dream." -Stacie

WE ARE THE SUPERFUTURE Eat Rich Poo Looks >> WALK THE WALK-CHALK THE CHALK A HARD WAY, Spend It IV A FAST WAY.

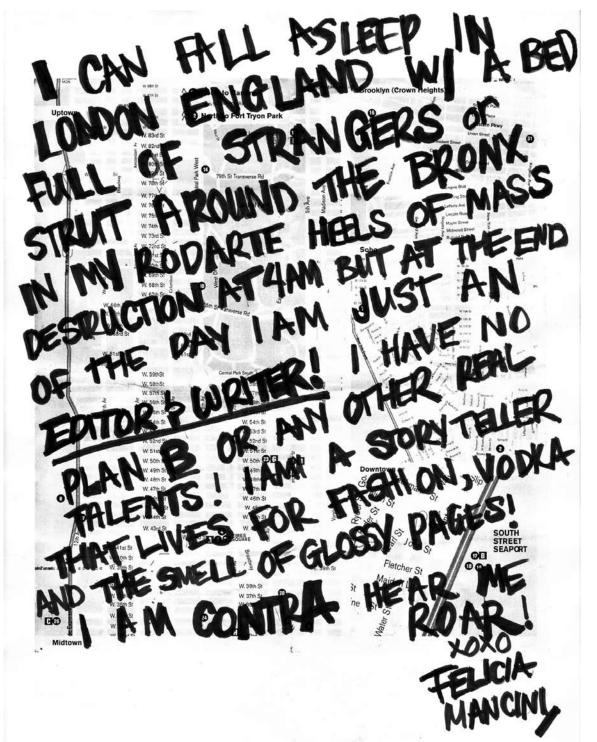
PAST & PRESENT



FELICIA MANCINI

Writer.

Issue #001: Western Girl Issue #003: Jade Howe Interview Issue #004: Dan Skye Interview





LUIS MORA

Photographer.
Issue #002: Something Is Better Than Nothing
Issue #003: Creep's Come Out At Night



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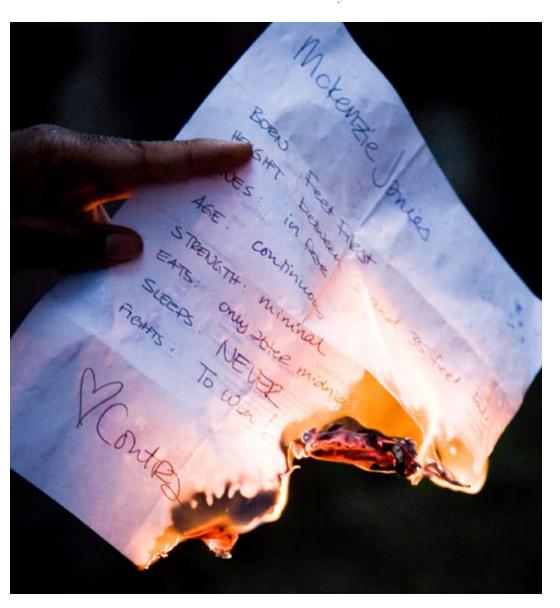


I believe that in order +- "Think CONTRA" yoursed to be willing to Look outside the Lox & see things in - new perspective. As i continue to grow as a substitute the sis What i strive For in my work. 9/ KANEN Roge



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Issue #005: Out of the Blue
Issue #006: B-Boy



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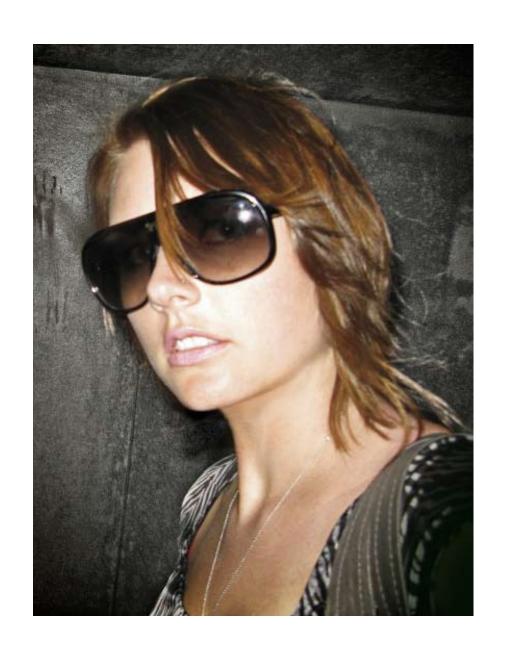
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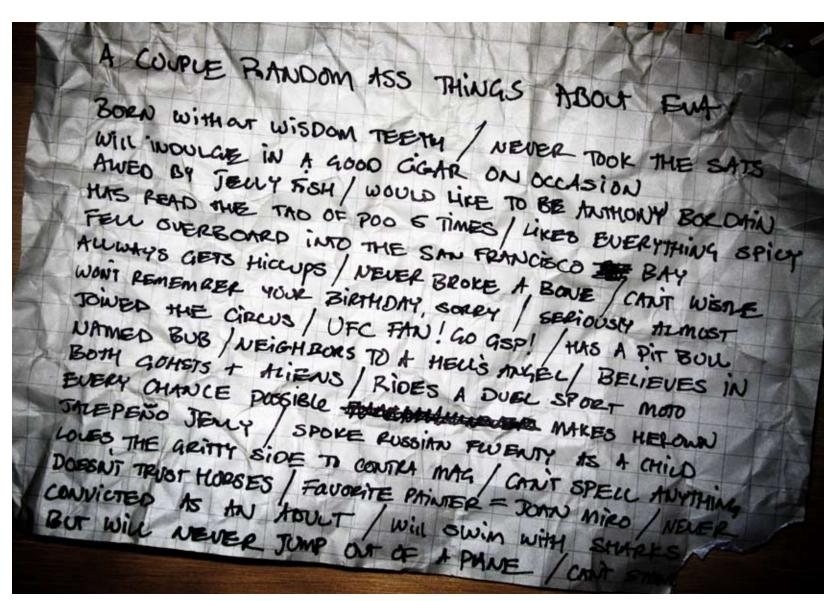
confidence IN Simplicity.



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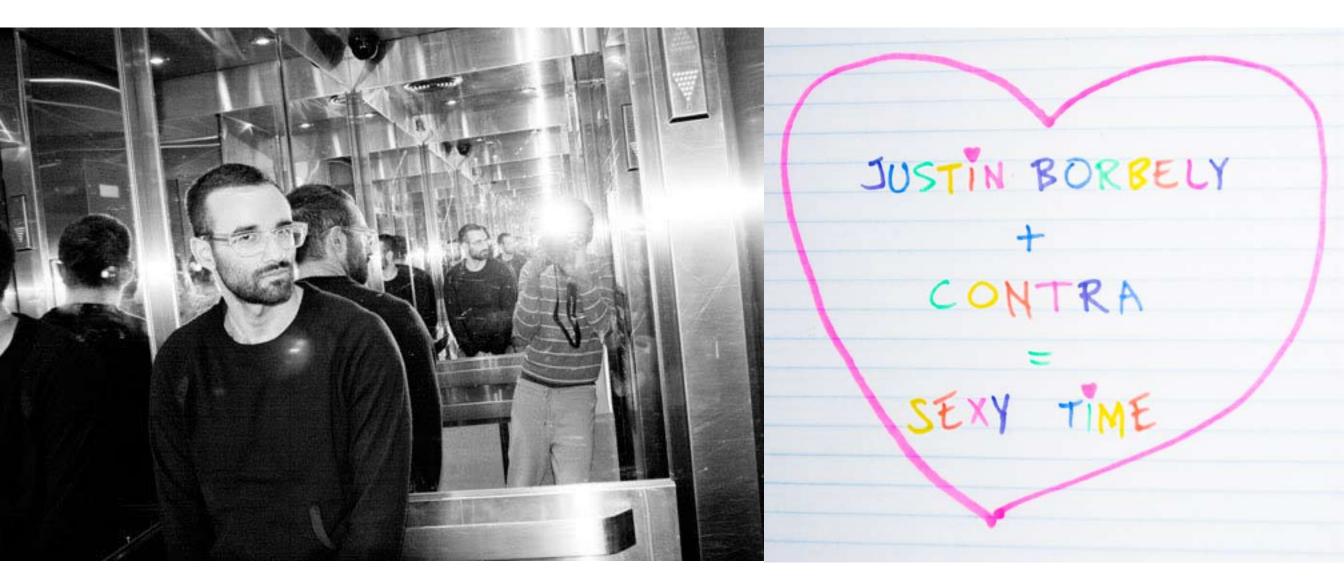
Photographer. Issue #005: NYX





JUSTIN BORBELY

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ABDUL SMITH

Photographer. Issue #004: Instant Vintage Issue #003: The World We Live In

WHY DO I DO WHAT I DO?

- I LOVE LIGHT OH YEAR I LOVE
 I LOVE FASHION CAMERAS
 - I LOVE BEAUTIEN WOMEN

THE PURSUET OF MY CREATEVE PASSIONS ARE WHAT DRIVE ME DAZLY ...

> Now MORE THAN EVER, THINK CONTER YALL!



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ROBERUTSU

Illustrator.
Issue #001: Trinketts
Issue #002: Night Girls
Issue #006: Elements



I grew up in a junkyard and then moved to the core, surrounded by Vagabonds, prostitutes and addicts. Everyone was looking to get out - to find their riches.

Being on the outside looking in, I've come to observe that the thing that truly separates the rich from the poor is ART.

for giving me the opportunity to share my joy.

TATSURO NISHIMURA

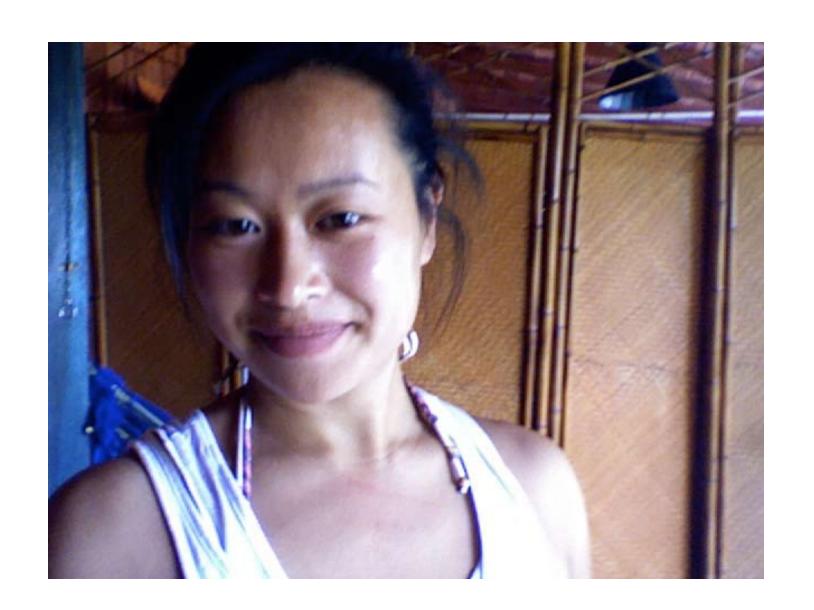
Photographer. Issue #004: Nouveau Trash

My name is Tatsuro Nishimura. I am a Japanese photographer/Ink Collecton based in the NawYork Tri-State over I do taking portlaits, Still-like, and Street photos, I do sometimes clinkry beens and printing BEW Photos in my little datkroom. So much famil



OUXU CHENG

Photographer. Issue #004: New York Summer



Livin' La Vida Loca and always thinking Cantra P Love, Ouxu 2009

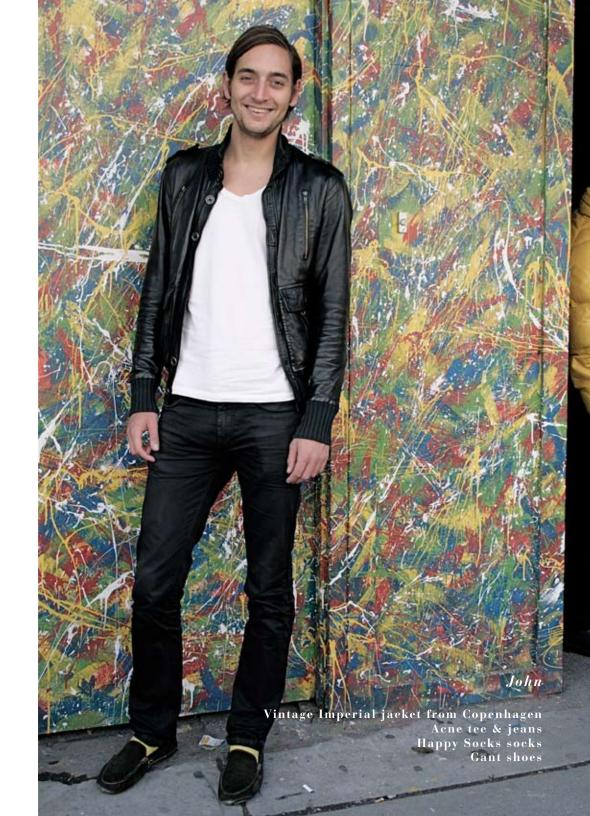


TORONTO

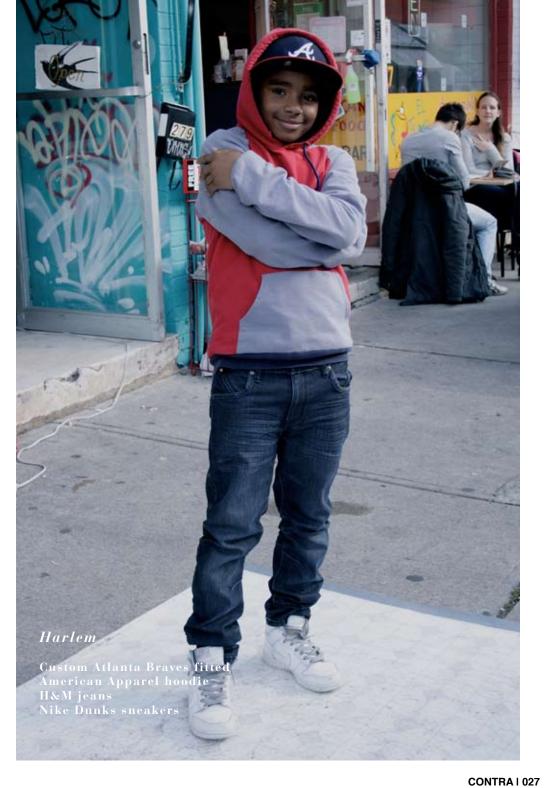
"From the downtown-cool hipsters at Queen West to the ultratrendy elite of Yorkville, Toronto street fashion is a prominent influential force in the world of fashion. The streets of Toronto have earned their place on the map as a fashion capital of the world. Toronto street style represents all that city has to offera fresh, eclectic idea of cool that is truly a brand of their own. And although it may not have that certain "je ne sais quois" that Paris has, Torontonian's have found a way to turn their urban sidewalks into their own runway."

- Stacie Brockman

(p.026-031 shot by Alex Brown | p.032-038 shot by Naphtali McKenly)















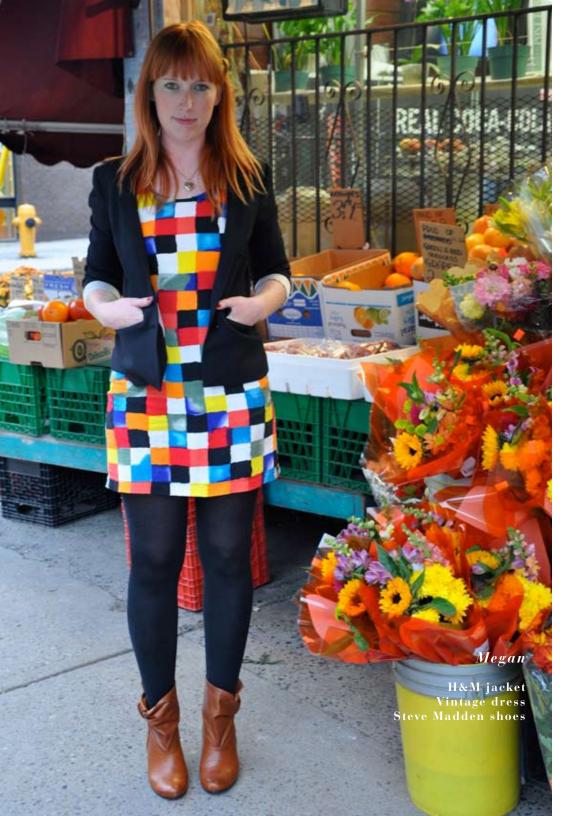












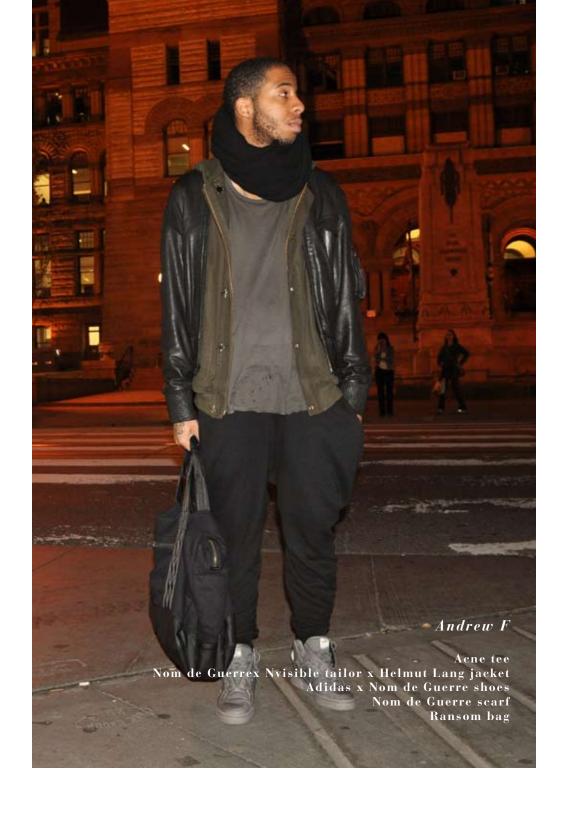










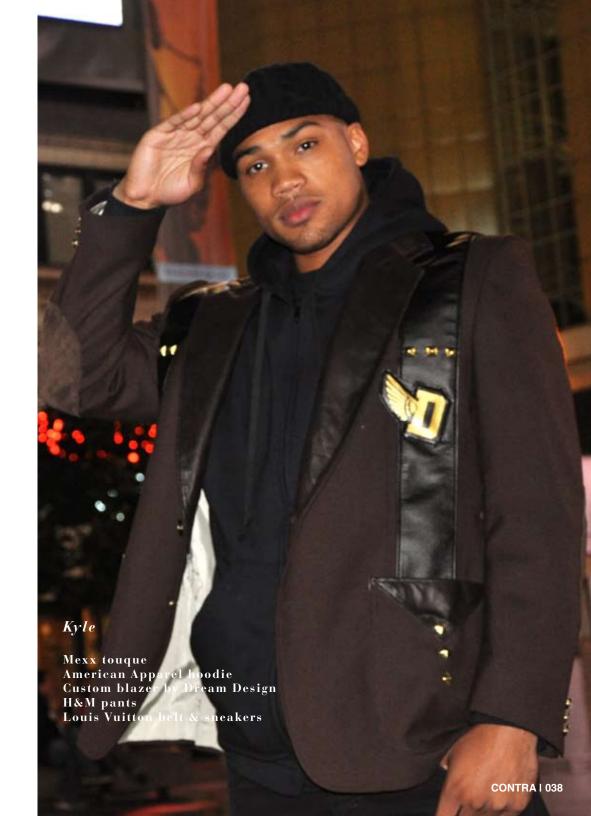














MIKHEAL KALE FECKS WITH CONTRA

Photography: Francisco Garcia
Designer: Mikhael Kale
Styling: Juliana Schiavinatto (Plutino Group)
Hair & Makeup: Claudine Baltazar (The Artist Group Limited)
Model: Nicole (Spot 6 Management)
All makeup provided by Mac Cosmetics
All jewelry by Rita Tesolin
Shoes by Burberry















HOT MESS

Photographer: Justin Borbely Styling: Claire Edmondson Hair/Makeup: Robert Weir Model: Eva Shaw (Next Models)











MONTREAL

"Montreal is always about good taste. It's decorated with charmed characters who look as good as they are interesting. Like any big little-city, you have to know where to go to really find those gems. First off, avoid downtown. Head to one of it's better dressed neighbors like the Plateau, Mile-End or the Old Port. I've been shooting street fashion lately to showcase how and what people are wearing. I've always had a fixation on aesthetics and people, and hunting here with my Nikon proves fruitful every time. It's high-end, eclectic, attractive and very clever."

- Daniel Harwood-Farkas / Photographer

Nastassia Location: Plateau

Deena & Ozzy hat & bag Urban Outfitters top / Vintage jacket BDG pants / Seychelles boots





Keme Location: Plateau

Vintage glasses
Surface to Air necklace
Standard Cloth top
Cheap Monday pants
Urban Outfitters shoes

Aeva Location: Plateau

Francois Beauregard top Value Village scarf & suspenders American Apparel pants Vintage bag Sally Ann shoes





Andrew
Location: Downtown

Vide glasses
Vintage Dior top
Saiia jacket
Vintage shorts
Spring Court shoes

Isabelle Location: Downtown

NOVO Collection dress Made by Isabelle jacket Vintage belt / Value Village bag Inner City Kitty shoes





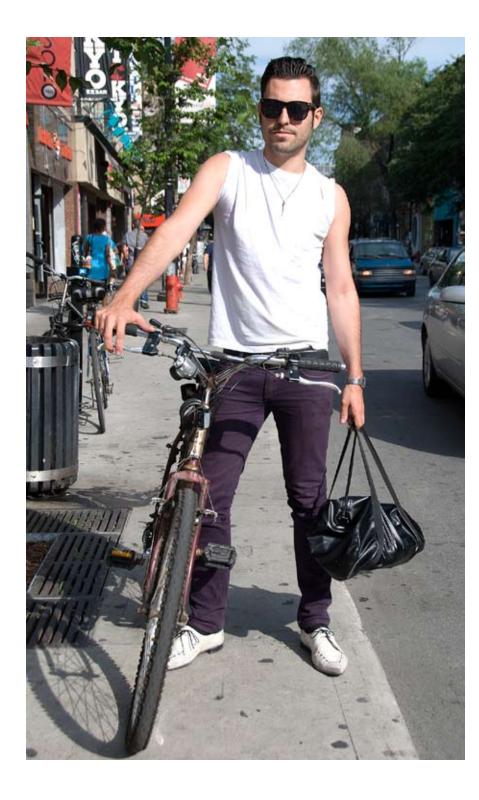
Elisa Location: Plateau

OldgOld Boutique top & earrings Laboratory shorts Casio watch Vintage shoes

> Claudia Location: Lionel-Groulx Metro

> > Urban Outfitters hat
> > M & Ela Designs necklace
> > Canal Street bag
> > American Apparel top
> > H&M pants
> > Malin Landeus Vintage shoes





Sylvain
Location: Downtown

Vintage top, sunglasses, & shoes H&M jeans American Apparel bag

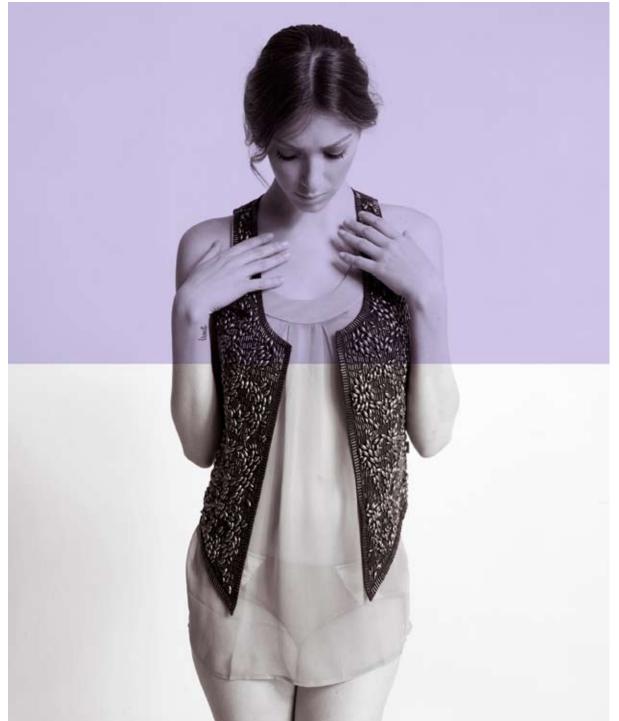
> Jonah Location: Plateau

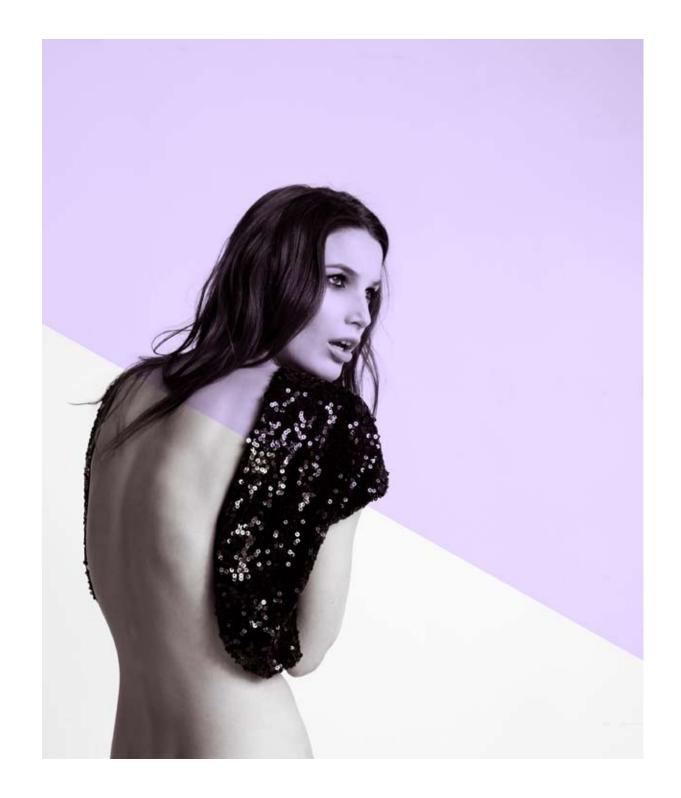
Stetson hat / James Dean glasses Vintage Polo top / Wesc jeans Casio watch / Vintage Adidas shoes

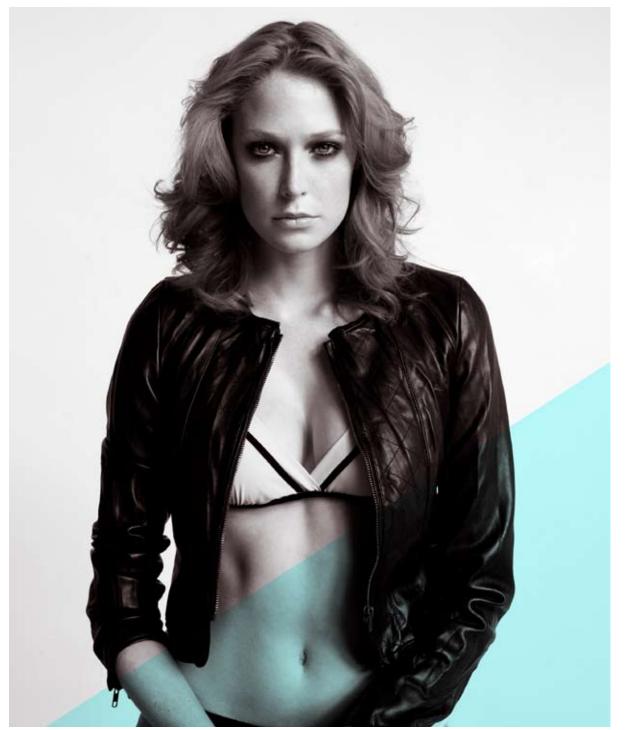






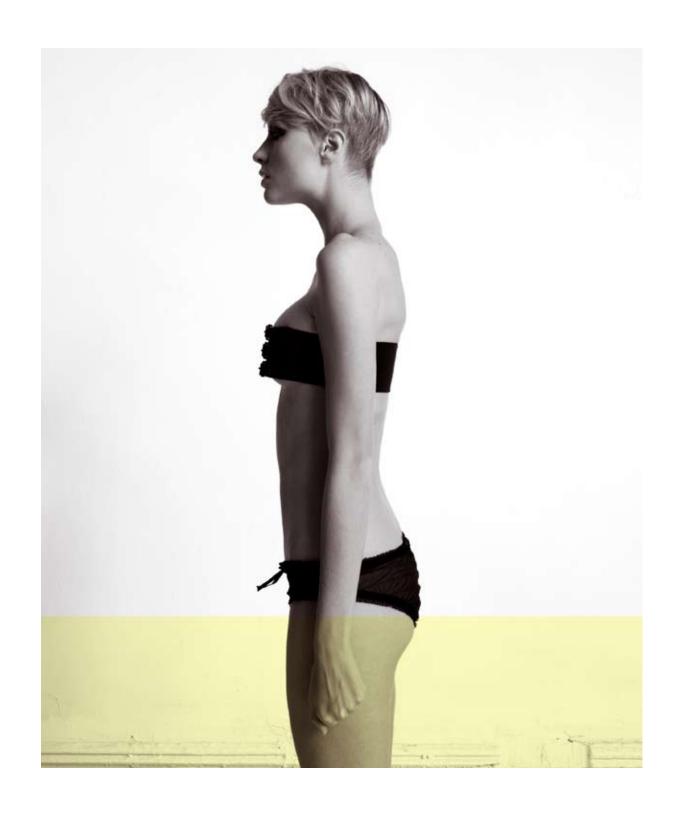












Models (Wilhelmina NY):
Alise Shoemaker
Renni K.
Katie Ball
Mariana Marcki













VANCOUVER

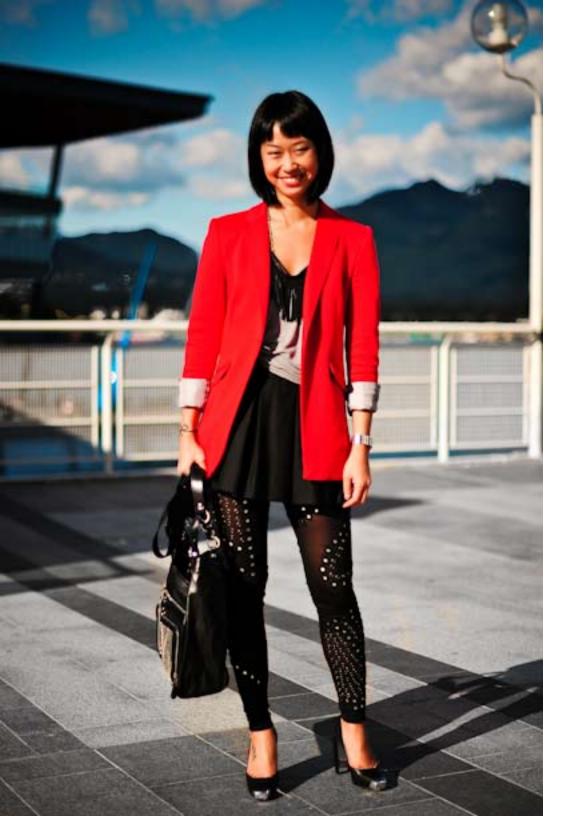
Vancouver Style... an eclectic mix of fashion and unique personality. Still a young and growing city, it's most stylish residents tend to mix off-the-rack, chain-store pieces with one-of-a-kind vintage, designer labels, as well as incorporating locally-designed elements. Not yet couture, but definitely getting more fashionable by the minute.

- Paul Melo / Photographer & Founder - StyleQuotient.ca

Sunny Shum Shoe Buyer & Style Blogger partlySunny.ca

H&M Blazer / Forever 21 dress Vintage Chanel handbag Vianni Collection shoes Michael Kors Gold watch





Rebecca Tay
Western Editor of FASHION Magazine & Writer
rebeccatay.com

Christian Dior Chrome tipped heels Christopher Kane for TopShop leggings Rag & Bone Blazer / H&M belt & skirt Kane Tank top / Balenciaga bag 'A Farmers Daughter' Fringe necklace Lily Nguyen Gucci Rep & Style Blogger bleedforfashion.blogspot.com

Zara thigh high boots Citizens of Humanity jeans Alexander Wang tee H&M faux fur coat Louis Vuitton scarf & handbag





Peter T. Hoang
Fashion Mister & Style Blogger
thestarvingstylist.com

H&M Blazer
McQ by Alexander McQueen shirt
ACNE jeans / Browns ID boots
Diesel Black Gold scarf / Wilfred gloves
Tom Ford glasses / Miu Miu bag

Kelsey Dundon Associate Creative Director (Traction Creative) & Style Blogger the-anthology.com

Calvin Klein coat / Banana Republic belt Vintage sequin sweater / Gap jeans / Loita boots Custom-made t-shirt by illustrator Michael Doehle (Vancouver)





Nicole Soon Witty Misanthropic Fashionista & Style Blogger lemodedujour.blogspot.com

LeChateau Scarf / Vintage Vest / Talulah Boyfriend shirt Urban Outfitters Tweed blazer & liquid leggings Zara Platform boots / Betsy Johnson bag Jewelry mix of Aldo, Urban Outfitters, Pyrrah Design Craig David Long
Assistant Editor @ Montecristo Magazine & Blogger
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Oliver Peoples Tortoise glasses H&M Coat & pants Zara Plaid Button-down Vintage shoes & wallet



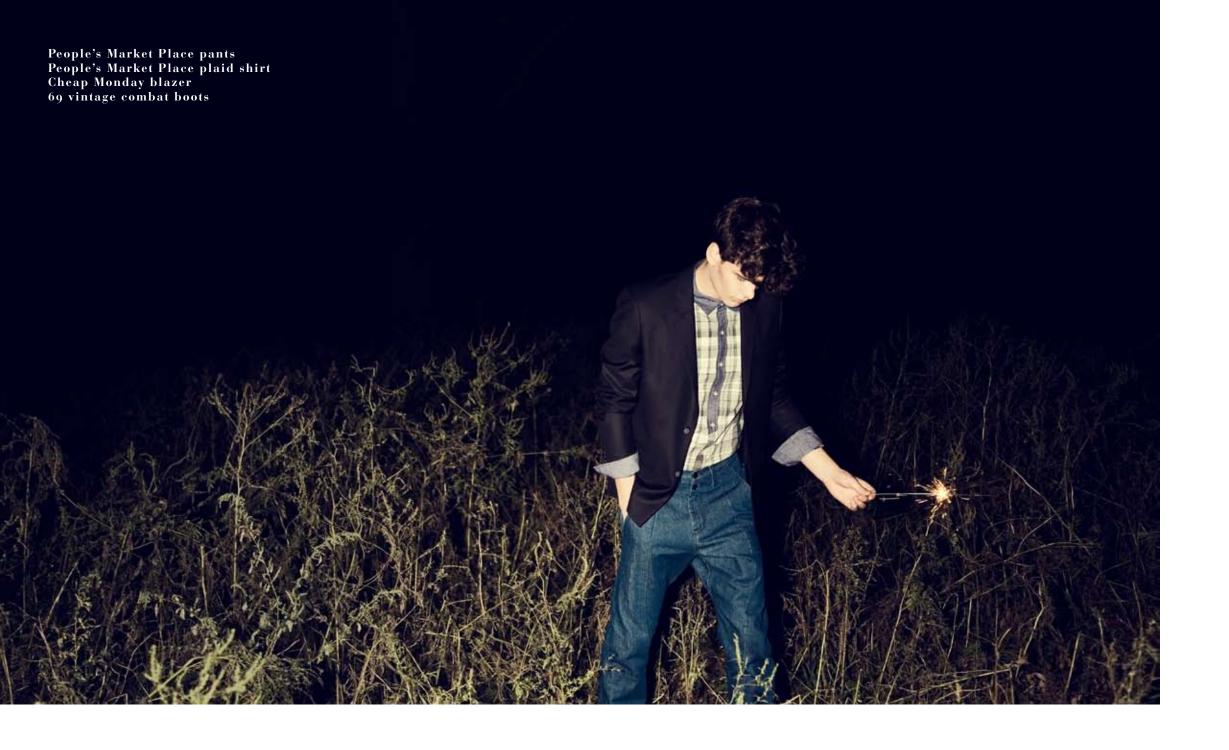








Julian Red grey shirt Fifth Avenue Shoe Repair sweater Kvostym by Cheap Monday pants 69 vintage boot







North Photographer: Andrea Vailetti Stylist: Dominique Eijsberg & Elena Vazintaris Makeup: Clio Zammatteo Hair: Christine Herback Model: Maren Stavinoha





Top photo

Manthey Collection blouse See by Chloe pants Betsey Johnson earrings Marc by Marc Jacobs bracelet YSL shoes

Bottom photo

Manthey Collection blouse American Apparel pants Zara jacket Christian Dior shoes



Top photo

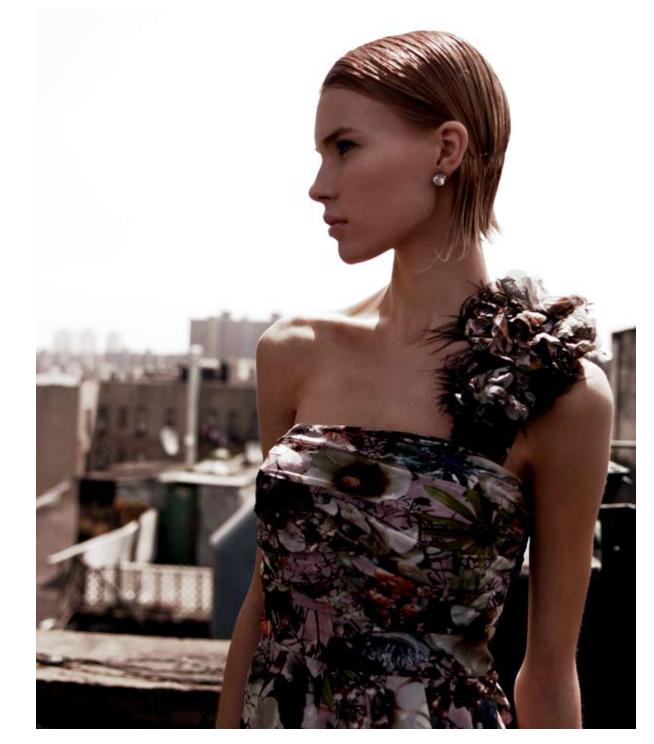
Manthey Collection dress Betsey Johnson purse YSL shoes

Bottom photo

Manthey Collection blouse Zara shorts Dirty Librarian Chains "Annex" earrings Givenchy shoes







Manthey Collection blouse Betsey Johnson earrings







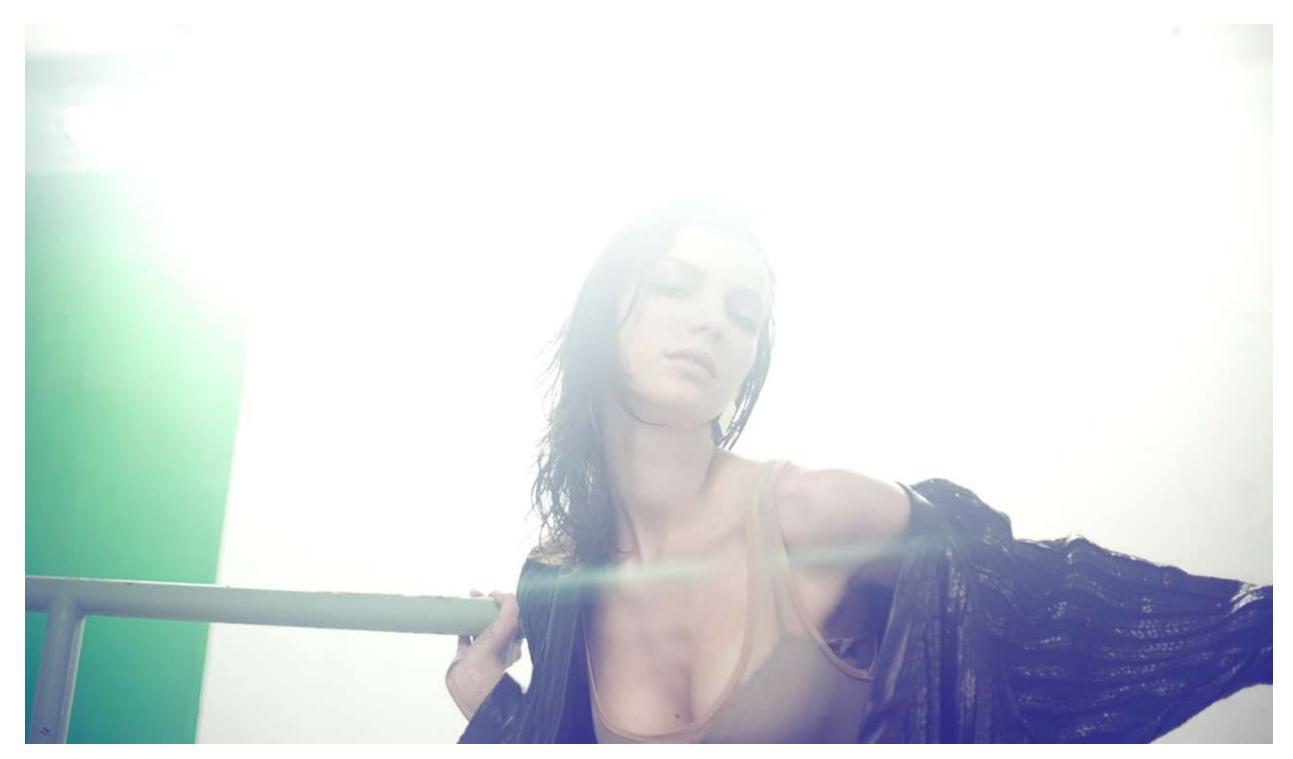






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Erin Kleinberg sequined dress Coat by Nada Fluevog boots Model Citizen earrings



NEW YORK

"New York style is very difficult to define. Unlike cities like London, which has a definite and quintessential style, NYC style tends to differ depending on the borough or time of year. Styles are diverse and organic, but always well put together and thoughtful."

- Chris Leung / Photographer

(p.088-092 shot by Chris Leung | p.093-096 shot by Andre Pitt)

Coco + Breezy sunglasses Barney's tights Steve Madden shoes Gucci bag





Dres Van Noten glasses Propr blazer Uniqlo pants Esquivel shoes

> Harputs three hole dress Forever 21 skirt Vintage bag & shoes





Dorothy Perkins necklace H&M jacket / Zara shirt Dr. Martens boots Maurizio Taiuti bag

> Helmut Lang jacket Uniqlo shirt BDG jeans APC loafers





All clothing Vintage Converse Chuck Taylor shoes

> Oliver Peoples sunglasses Sybarite necklace Narciso Rodriguez jacket Due Farina shoes





All clothing Vintage Converse Chuck Taylor shoes

> Oliver Peoples sunglasses Sybarite necklace Narciso Rodriguez jacket Due Farina shoes





Gucci Gold Frame Aviators Zara orange blouse H&M bubble skirt Aldo eggshell pumps Tod's tote bag

> H&M blazer & tights Vintage plaid shirt w/ bow Urban Outfitters skirt Jeffery Campbell boots





The Hundreds cap Vintage plaid shirt Urban Outfitters jeans Vans boat shoes Stussy belt GShock watch

> Polo Rugby cardigan Vintage Bob Marley tee Vintage jeans & wingtips Marc Jacobs bag Coach watch





American Apparel hoodie H&M jeans Steve Madden boots GShock watch

> H&M cardigan American Apparel shirt Forever 21 jeans Topshop shoes Gshock watch Urban Outfitters jewelry

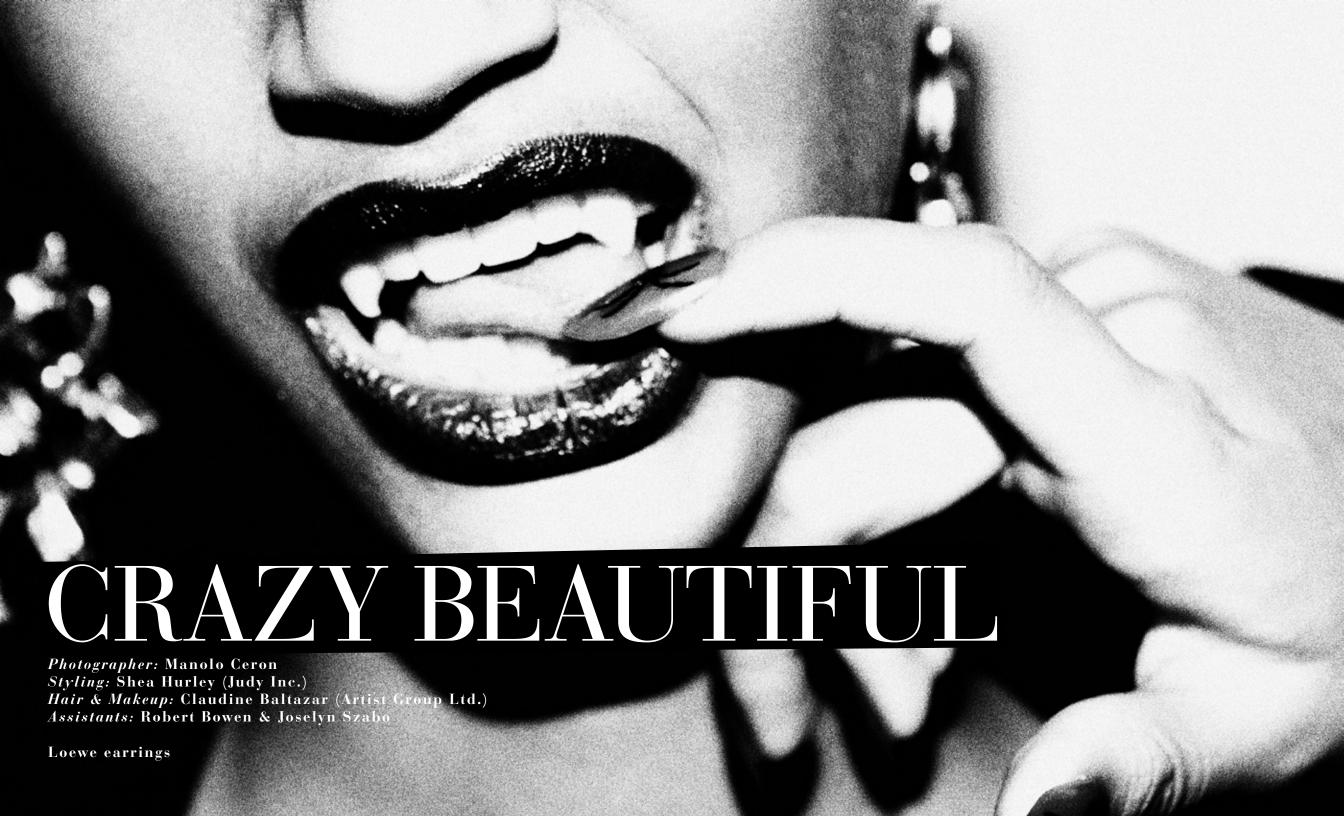




Kid Robot cap & tee G Star denim jacket Levi's jeans Nike Dunk sneakers GShock watch Homemade jewlery

> Vintage hat Opening Ceremony cardigan Canal St. v-neck Nom de Guerre jeans Surplus store tote bag









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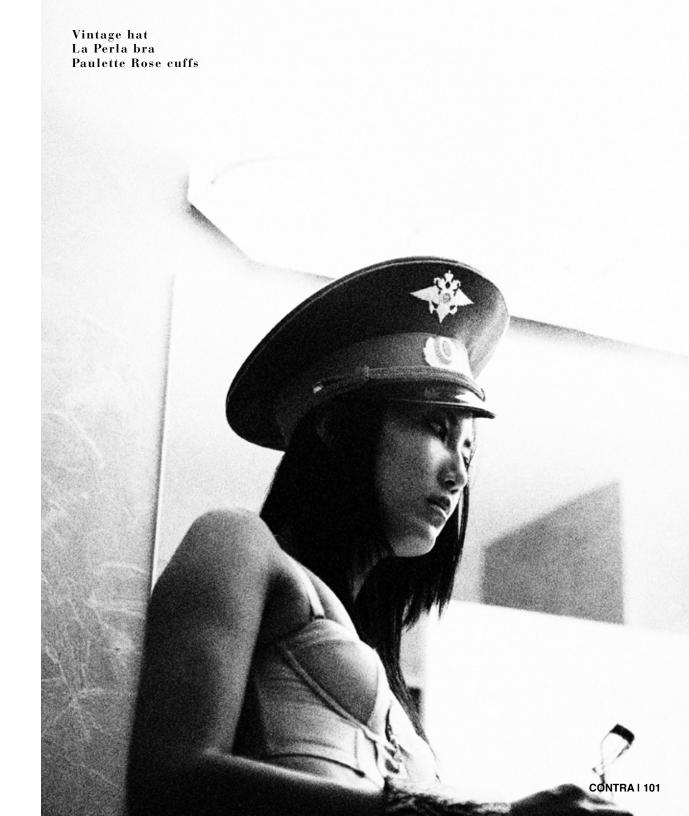


Lily:

D Squared leather jacket Free Peoplelace top Fidelity tie dye jeans Brave belt



L - Rock & Republic jeans, Christian Louboutin shoes R- Cheap Monday jeans, Jeffery Campbell shoes



Tsana:

Alythea denim blazer La Perla lace body suit Religion leather shorts Over The Rainbow necklace as g-string Vintage belt



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Tsana:

Line leather jacket Calvin Klein bra Ksubi jeans

Lily:

Religion dress Patricia Fields mesh corset & leggings Brave belt Mackage leather gloves

Tsana: Diesel denim vest, Calvin Kelin bustier, Fidelity jeans, Tomas Sabo rings & necklaces, Rita Tesolin bracelet Lily: Diesel lace blouse, Rita Tesolin feather necklace, Tomas Sabo rings, Over The Rainbow cuff, Patricia Fields fishnet gloves







Hibebe "Bow" headband
Dolce & Gabbana two toned rushed dress
Divided Exclusive at H&M velvet puff sleeve dress
Mango leather studded bib
American Apparel lime green tights
Divided Exclusive at H&M platform buckle sandals
Dean Davidson sliver cresent hoop earrings

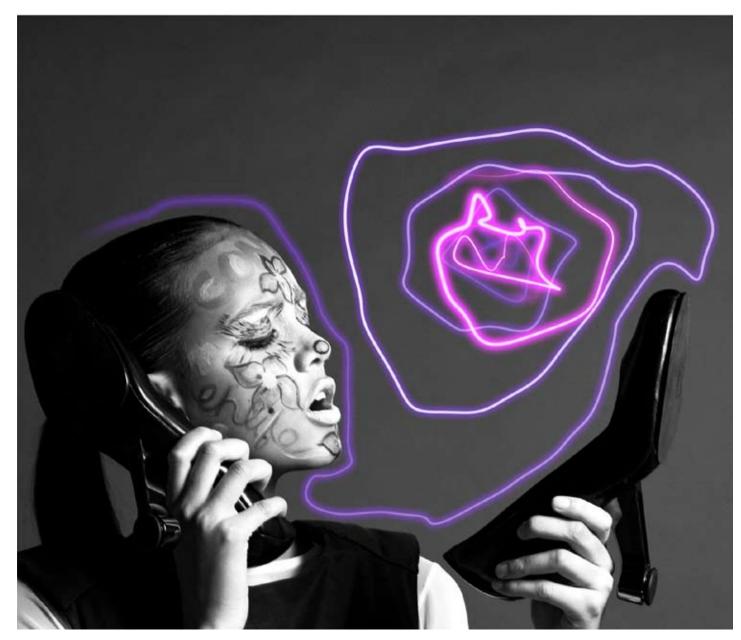




Proenza Schouler circle disc bubble skirt American Apparel shirt







United Nude Eamz Pump







Pink Cobra at Carte Blanche draped jumpsuit American Apparel pink sheer top Divided Exclusive high waist buckle belt Evan Biddell chunky knit collar Northbound Leather PVC gloves Carte Blanche spinke earrings United Nude elastic band rainbow boots

EASTLONDON

'East London, Shoreditch area is where they house all the cool kids in suits and badass artsy types in disguise. There's really no place like it. Vintage shops are the choice of preference when it comes fashion. Nothing better than trekking back in time to find your perfect Burberry trench coat hanging off the racks just waiting for the perfect owner to snatch it, leaving the next person in line in tears. Mixing new fashion with the old seems to be the reoccuring theme for Londoners. And who can blame them, a city with such rich and dark history and yet being one of the most mulitcultural cities in the world presently, it's a blessing that they mix it up and kick it up a knotch.

Brick Lane is where all the 'authentic' hipsters hangout as one passing pedestrian said to me while I was on the hunt for LDN street fashion. Just gearing off South of Brick Lane is Liverpool Street, home to some of the major banks like Barclays, Lloyds TSB and Nationwide but hey, bankers know how to have fun too. When it comes to matters of fashion there are no bounds for Londoners. Especially if you're based in the East!'

- Katy Chan / Photographer

Comme de Garcons jacket Vintage tee Zara jeans Adidas shoes





Zara cardigan H&M v-neck Forest Green Trousers, Vintage Hugo Boss boots Vintage bag Vintage plaid shirt & scarf American Apparel t-shirt dress & tights Keds shoes





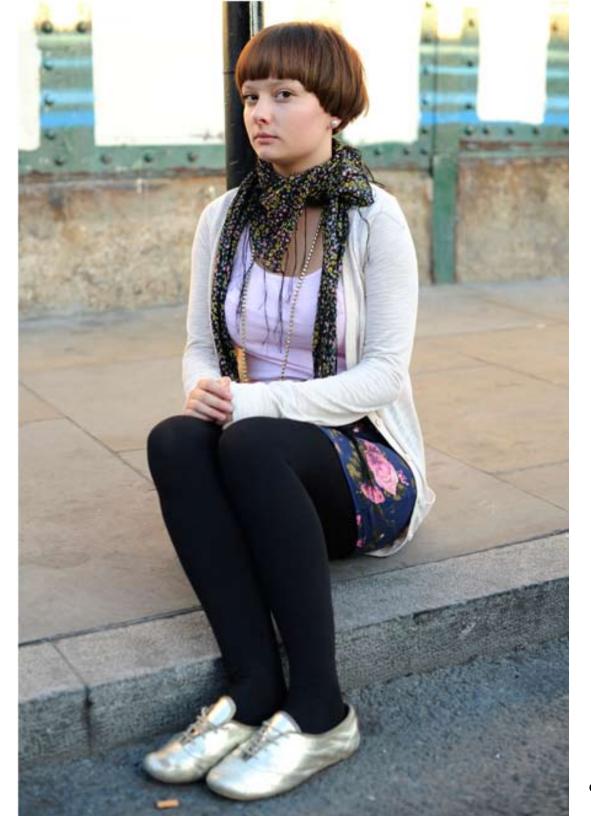
Zara blazer
H&M button down & jeans
Tim Hamilton ties
Jeans, H&M
Bed Stu oxford shoes

Vintage bluse H&M belt 7 for all Mankind jeans





Vintage blazer & dress H&M tights Urban Outfitters shoes H&M tank top & tights Silence & Noise cardigan Urban Renewal floral skirt Candela NYC shoes



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"Baby dos"

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"Flowers of Steel"



"Gypsy Eyes"



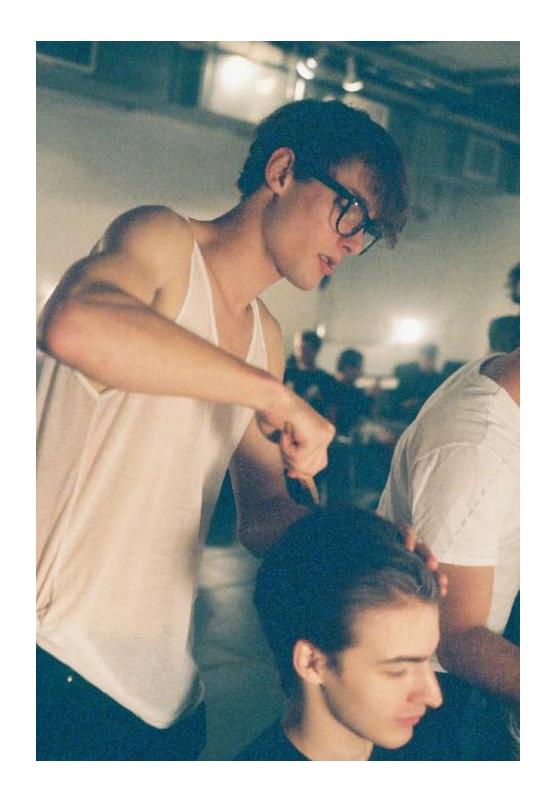
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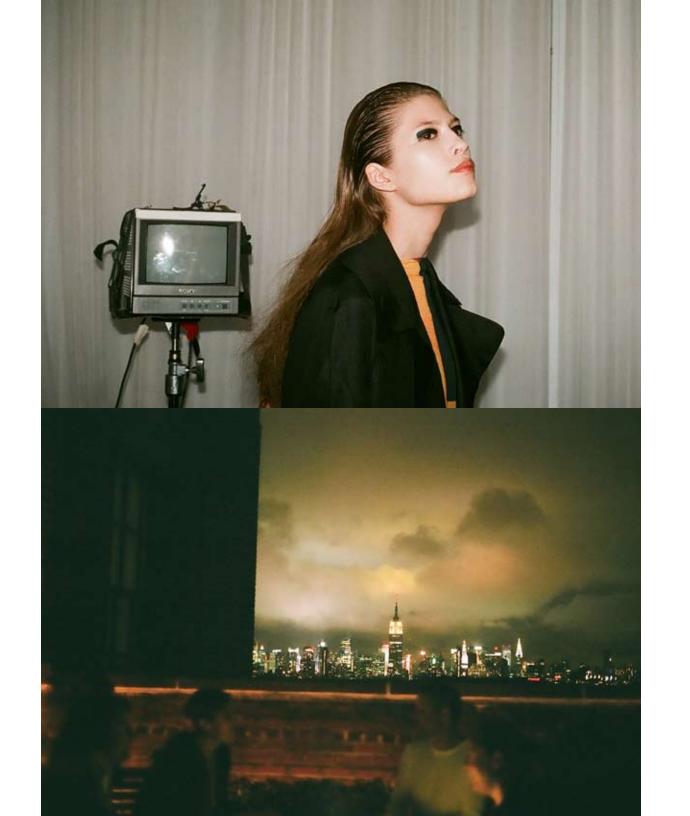


















SHINE KINGDOM RADICALLY UPLIFTED MIGHTY PRAISE

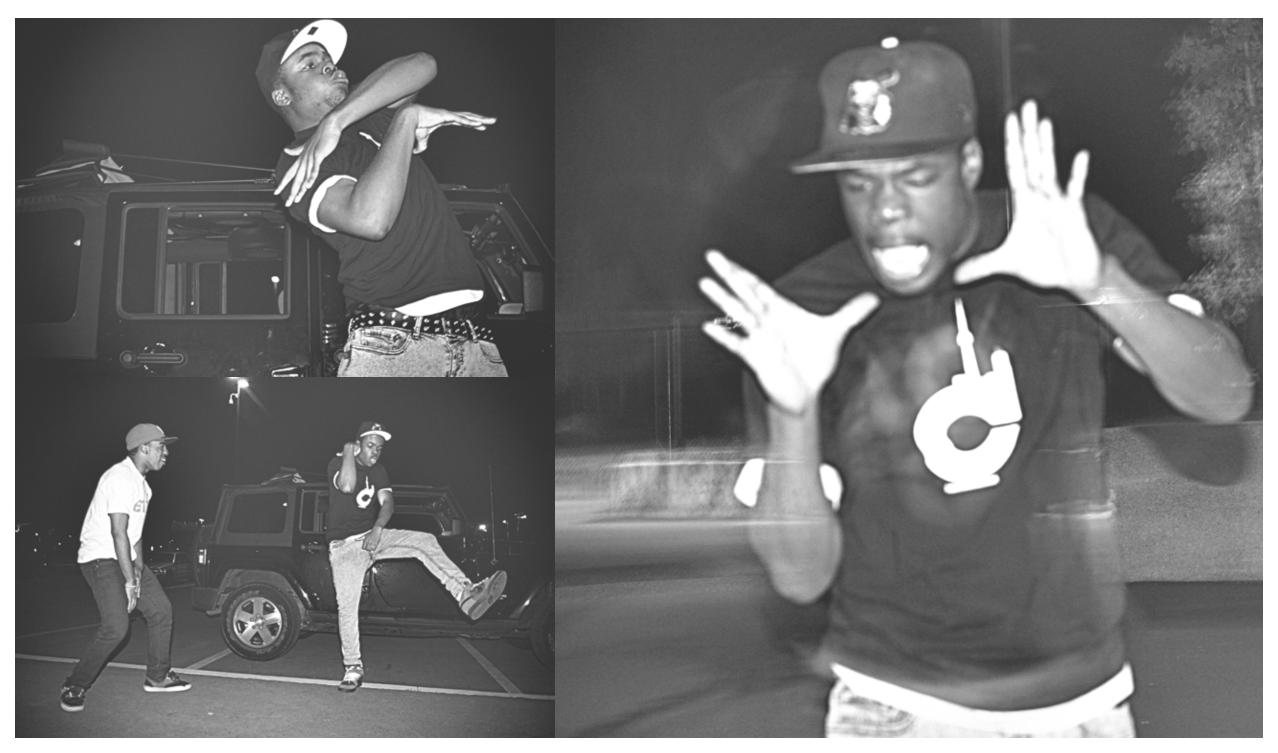
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