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ED'S PICKS STYLE LIST Editor-in-chief Laura deCarufel shares her her ultimate fall shopping picks

I've always loved fall—the changing leaves, the scent of woodsmoke and cinnamon, pumpkin pie. It's also my favourite shopping season, partly because I feel completely justified in making a few major purchases. These are the pieces and products I'll buy now and love forever.



These Aquazzura heels are my ideal LBS (little black shoe). The lace-ups make them super chic, while the heel height ensures everyday wear

AQUAZZURA SHOE, \$750, THESEPTEMBER.COM



I recently started using this cleansing oil packed with conditioning apricot oil, and my skin has never felt softer.

ELIZABETH ARDEN CERAMIDE REPLENISHING CLEANSING OIL, \$45, THEBAY.COM



MOST WANTED Shine on

Finally, the 3-D printer is being used for good. Toronto line Daniel Christian Tang-named after its three founders (science and architecture majors), Luca Daniel, Mario Christian and Heng Tanguses 3-D printing technology to create intricate fine jewellery. "Our foray into the world of fashion has definitely woken up some dormant beast," says Christian. Call it an appetite for construction. -Vanessa Taylor. Photography by Adrian Armstrong

FROM TOP: CUFF, \$299, NECKLACE, \$500, BANGLE, \$800, DANIELCHRISTIANTANG.COM





This year, Toronto fashion label Preloved celebrates two decades of

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For all the fun that World MasterCard Fashion Week brings to Toronto, the week of October 19 to 25 also plays host to another style-related—albeit less glaminitiative: Waste Reduction Week. (According to the Office of Solid Waste Americans throw than 68 pounds of clothing per person each year.) Here, three smart and stylish ways to reduce your fashion and beauty footprint.

sustainable Canadian-made designs. To celebrate, founder Julia Grieve created three Spring 2016 capsule collections inspired by nature's elements, which hit the runway this week at World MasterCard Fashion Week. "Every time we show our collections, I go back to 1995, before our very first fashion show," says Grieve. "We were in a parking lot on the corner of Queen West and Portland, and I still get the same nerves." We asked Grieve to reflect on 20 years of sustainable style.

What are you most proud of?

"It's pretty amazing to think we've been able to flourish for two decades in an industry that is at times quite fickle. We've kept our entire production here in Canada, which is another incredible accomplishment. We keep our manufacturing local, so we know the people who make our clothes.'

Why did you make three different collections for Spring 2016?

"It's another benefit of having local manufacturing-it gives us the ability

to ship our spring line out over time, which we've split into three collections. What sells well in February may not be so popular by the end of March, so we can be more targeted."

"We keep our manufacturing local, so we know

How do you plan to keep growing?

"By continuing to be flexible and open-minded. The world is always changing, and if you're not changing with it, you'll be left behind. My

quote that I live by is 'If you're not busy growing, then you're busy dying.' I think I heard it in a Bob Dylan song, or saw it on a bathroom wall, but it has stuck with me!" -Veronica Saroli GETPRELOVED.COM

1. Clean skin, clean conscience

Clarisonic has changed the way millions of women wash their faces since its oscillating arrival on the market in 2004. Now the company is pioneering a program with Terracycle, where for every three brush heads you return to Hudson's Bay in Vancouver (Granville Street), Montreal (rue Ste-Catherine Ouest) and Toronto (Yonge Street), you'll receive a new brush head (worth \$30).

2. More than lip service

Beloved Canadian cosmetics brand M.A.C has long been known for being socially responsible because of its Viva Glam collections (the company donates 100 per cent of proceeds to the M.A.C Aids Fund). The company is also making environmental efforts, courtesy of its Back to M.A.C recycling program. Return six used M.A.C cosmetic products to the store and receive a free lipstick (worth \$20)

3. Old threads for new

H&M's global garment-collecting initiative is taking steps to offset the disposable nature of fast-fashion. For every bag of used clothing you drop off in-store, you get a \$5 voucher redeemable on purchases over \$30. Fabrics collected will be reused, repurposed or recycled, and some will appear in the annual Conscious Collectionmade of at least 50 per cent sustainable fibres—and in select items available year-round.



Canadian winters demand fashion armour. This cozy, textural coat makes everything better, including waiting for the streetcar in -20 temps.

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I'll wear this delicate bangle by Toronto jewellery designer Nelle Han during the week with dresses and heels and on the weekend paired with jeans and a tee.

NELLE HAN BANGLE, \$186, THECHICCANUCK.COM

RETROSPECTIVE As we mark our anniversary, we select pop culture moments of the past five years that made a major impression

The birth of Instagram, October 6, 2010

Five years ago (starting with this pooch photo), along came the addictive app that delivers streams of perfect meals/shoes/ anything and is practically responsible for the selfie. Today 80 million photos are shared daily.



The Royal Wedding, April 29, 2011 Prince William married Kate

Middleton, who was dressed in Alexander McQueen, in the biggest royal wedding since Charles and Di. The pair has since added George and Charlotte to the line-up for the throne.



Hedi Slimane joined Saint Laurent, September 30, 2012

When enfant terrible Hedi Slimane took the design reins at Saint Laurent, it caused controversy. The brand bid farewell to the "Yves" and restricted attendance at shows, resulting in criticism and an open letter from Slimane.



Miley Cyrus at the VMAs, August 25, 2013

The moment Miley Cyrus buried Hannah Montana for good while twerking in a flesh-coloured plastic bikini is etched in our memoriesbecause of her performance and the resulting discussion about cultural appropriation.

Caitlyn Jenner covers Vanity Fair, June 1, 2015

Vanity Fair's July issue broke the news that Bruce Jenner had chosen to transition to a woman. With possibly the best-kept-secret cover story ever, the magazine introduced Caitlyn Jenner with one simple line: "Call me Caitlyn."

the people who make our clothes."

CANADIAN STYLE SPECIAL

Fashion's biggest influencers

Behind every designer, there's a muse. With Toronto's World MasterCard Fashion Week in full swing, we sat down with three hot *Canadian brands to discover who inspires them on the daily*

BY VANESSA TAYLOR | PHOTOGRAPHY BY LUIS MORA

THE DESIGNER: SID NEIGUM, 27

Known for his epic all-black and all-white collections, Neigum blends sculptural folds with asymmetric detailing to create wearable works of art. The muse: Susan Langdon, executive

director, Toronto Fashion Incubator. The connection: Neigum met Langdon at TFI when he competed in-and won-the closely with Langdon throughout the compe-

tition and they remained friends afterwards. Neigum: "When we met, we had a lot of similarities: Susan started out in fashion with her own line and she had tons of advice. I envision my ideal customer as a 50- to 70-year-old art collector who loves fashion and culture, and travels a lot. That's Susan to a T."

Langdon: "I love Sid's architectural elements, THE DESIGNER: LAURA SIEGEL, 27 the geometric cut, the black palette and that there's a strong Japanese influence." **Up next:** Neigum continues to explore a

3-D modular origami theme, which results in spectacular shape-defying silhouettes, and he's adding colour to his collection for Spring 2016. Minimal colour, that is: Neigum stays true to form with a few choice hues. "I felt that even though I wear black throughout spring and summer, a lot of retailers want some colour variation as well. It's mostly black and white, but I tried out

THE DESIGNERS: CHLOÉ AND PARRIS GORDON (27 & 25)

some blue and a greenish colour too."

Line: Beaufille Beaufille's DNA is beautifully tailored classics with a strong '90s cool-girl twist—think lingerie-inspired slip dresses, loose trousers and slouchy-cut trench coats.

The muses: Eve Gordon, mother, and Corinne Hansen, grandmother. The connection: It's clear that the impeccable sense of style and love of fashion of their relations has shaped the Beaufille designers. Chloé: "My grandma and my mom both dress every day like it's meaningful, like they're going somewhere. They both take a lot of risks in what they wear."

Parris: "It's never about what everyone else is doing. They try to go the opposite way it's more about what they're feeling and what they fall in love with.'

Hansen: "It's the creativity that I love, seeing how they put together these different looks. Up next: "This season we focused on branding, editing and defining what our look is, what our key pieces are and what our girl is wearing," says Parris. "We reinvented all the Beaufille staples like oversized trench coats, vests and trousers, which

are huge sellers for us. We also wanted to 2012 TFI New Labels contest. He worked use more resilient fabrics, meaning that you can travel with them and they don't wrinkle. Even for us, travelling with [our] sales [team], we can't bring a steamer with us and iron our stuff." Parris sums it up: "At the end, we looked at the collection and were like, 'This is Star Wars in the '70sretro futuristic.""

> Luxe boho davwear translates into effortlessly draped dresses and tunics teamed with handcrafted knits and one-of-a-kind prints-all made with artisans from rural villages to sustain traditional cultures and crafts. The muse: Alexandra Weston, Holt Renfrew's director of brand and creative strategy. The connection: Siegel and Weston met in

2011, when Weston was still planning the H Project at Holts, an in-store concept shop featuring socially conscious designs from around the world. It now includes pieces from Siegel. Siegel: "Alexandra visited my studio in

New York, and I found it really exciting that someone in the retail landscape was putting such an emphasis on showcasing products that have a story-especially for products that are making some kind of impact in the world."

Weston: "Laura is intimately connected to the people who make her garments and she values the importance of creating quality clothes using traditional artisanal craft. I fell in love with her commitment to humanity and influencing positive change through fashion."

Up next: Spring 2016's colour story was inspired by a photo Siegel took while in India. "I'm really drawn to natural landscapes, and there was this beautiful sunsetthe clouds were soft greys with really subtle tones of pink." Spring is Siegel's largest collection to date (with over 65 styles), and it

Eve: "How fortunate am I that I get to wear features an organic-cotton ikat (a technique these amazing designs? I love the coats and in which a pattern is dyed onto yarn before trousers. There's a good balance of fit and it is woven into fabric) as well as new trouser silhouettes including a super-wide cut with relaxation in the clothes, so you always feel a soft, flattering shape. good in them."



THE ORAL HISTORY **OF THE FASHION BLOGGER**

It's been 10 years since the first style blogs hit the web, sparking controversy and revolutionizing fashion. Now, as blogs are rumoured to become a distant memory, we talk to industry insiders about the evolution of the blogger, from side-eye-inducing fringe player to megabuck brand

BY JILL DUNN

The fashion-media landscape looked very The boom: Bloggers as style darlings different back in 2005. Editors dictated the By 2009, bloggers had trounced any "15 trends from monthly magazines, cloaked minutes of fame" speculation to become in the relative anonymity of the masthead. Then the first blogs started, which cobbled together links to catalogue trends and outfit ideas. Bloggers typed unreservedly, with little regard for who might be reading—a Tokyo as her personal guest; and Dolce world without likes, comments and filters. That same year, street style exploded. the front row beside Anna Wintour. When Twitter hit in 2006, it was the final

piece in the democracy puzzle: Suddenly, everybody could participate in fashion, regardless of how much their shoes cost. Gradually, bloggers became stars: They sat front row at Fashion Week, befriended designers and consulted for top-tier fashion houses. Now, if you believe the hype,

the fashion blog is destined to become a thing of the past, thanks to a preference for snappier Instagram posts. We chatted with digital pioneers for an inside look at the shifting sands of a very lucrative, very the first brand to pay for my flight complicated business.

The start: Bloggers as truth tellers influence than most media outlets." Many people welcomed fashion blog-

gers as a breath of fresh air, but not Nelia Belkova: "My most memorable everyone was a fan: Traditional media outlets, especially, seemed to sense that in Paris with Chanel and four other embrace of social media, bloggers no bloggers represented the ticking clock bloggers. We were invited to attend a longer occupy a singular space: "The of digital domination. Tavi Gevinson, fashion show at the Grand Palais and distance between the Establishment

Cara McLeay: "The thing that I push most for is long-term collaborationsposts that are both on my website and firmly entrenched in the fashion on social media because I feel like that's world. Marc Jacobs named a bag after the most honest way to do it. You have Bryan Boy; Comme des Garçons' Rei a bag and you wear it for five posts Kawakubo flew Tavi Gevinson to because that's really what's happening."

& Gabbana installed select bloggers in Aimee Song: "I work full-time as an interior designer and I'm hustling every day. I'm doing jobs I really love, but I'm Robin Givhan: "The more popular a not chasing money. Let's put it at that."

blogger was, the more quickly fashion absorbed them. Bloggers started James Nord: "You'd be surprised how consulting for brands and being many people turn things down if they placed in the front row, expected to write blogs about that show."

Aimee Song (launched songofstyle.com in 2008): "About a year into blogging, I had a chance to model in down \$25,000 for taking a couple of Fossil's holiday lookbook-that was photos, but I respect the hell out of them for doing it." and to make me fill out a tax form. I realized then that I had a bigger

The future: bloggers as social stars Last year, Robin Givhan wrote a widely read article called "The Golden Era of 'Fashion Blogging' Is Over," in which moment was spending three days she noted that, because of editors'

don't feel like it's a right fit. [Influencers] have spent years building up this audience; they're not going to cash in on it and ruin it for \$25,000. I've not had an occasion to turn

Neigum Spring 2016



who started Style Rookie when she was got to wear Chanel clothes that we and fashion's once-dazzling revolu-11, elicited particular backlash. New picked out at a fitting before the show." tionaries has narrowed, and there is York questioned whether her "mom or

older sister" helped with her writing, The biz: bloggers as brands and an *Elle* editor sniped that she was "gimmicky." In the early days, bloggers were still being dismissed as pyjama-clad wannabes in their parents' basements.

Nelia Belkova (launched Toronto-based styleblog.ca in 2009): "I've never been because they've built something sional sites, sometimes with staff. ashamed of being called a blogger. Unlike some of my peers, I don't see it as something unsavoury. Creating engaging content is a lot of work."

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Emily Schuman (launched cupcakes-andcashmere.com in 2008): "There's always tension whenever a traditional industry is disrupted by new technology or competition—look at Uber

Robin Givhan (Pulitzer-Prizewinning fashion critic, now at The Washington Post): "I think the tension was guest designer gigs, sponsored posts then a video, then an album. You the perception that magazine editors and sponsored social media, there's have to allow people to cascade into were there to do a job, and bloggers no shortage of ways to make money. your world in bigger and bigger ways." were there for personal entertainment."

Emily Schuman: "I wasn't surprised to hear how some editors felt about blogs, but I also understood their position. A lot of those editors have honed their craft for years, and suddenly anyone with an internet connection could create content."

Robin Givhan: "A lot of fashion bloggers

created their blogs because they were huge fans of fashion and they wanted to participate. They wanted to do their own thing."

Anita Clarke (launched Toronto-based iwantigot.com in 2005): "In the early

days, if bloggers didn't like something, they had no trouble saying it. It wasn't a very directed, stylized voice like a all these filters."

minimal distinction between them.' The rise of social media—particularly In 2011, agencies dedicated to Instagram-has changed influencers connecting bloggers with clients focus: Bloggers 2.0 think social first, cropped up-Bryan Boy even signed blog second. (Bryan Boy blogs only with Hollywood powerhouse CAA. once or twice a month, but he posts An Adweek article noted the change: at least five Insta pics a day.) Where "Bloggers don't want to be editors, blogs exist, they're slick, profes-

"I've never been ashamed of being called a blogger....Creating engaging content is a lot of work." -Nelia Belkova

much more valuable: brands." The James Nord: "I think blogs are becoming top brands are extremely profitable: less important, but there's still a need to versus taxis, or Airbnb versus hotels."

According to WWD, Chiara Ferragni have a place that anchors what you're from the Blonde Salad is on track to make saying. It's like how musicians roll \$8 million this year. Between modelling, out their hits: They release a single,

James Nord (co-founder of New-York- Anita Clarke: "We're at a saturation based Fohr Card): "We have a roster point. There's a lot of backlash now for of 6,000-plus influencers, and I'd say me and some others that remember the 200 to 300 are doing it full-time and old days. [laughs] There's no difference pulling in an average of \$100K per year. now between some blogs and regular

based afashionloveaffair.com in Fashion Designers of America debuted use. It only adds to context and entertainment value. But is it making collecsplurging on a Céline bag every year." results of what those changes will be."

1. Leandra Medine of Man Repeller fame. 2. Snappers at Fashion Week. 3. A Fashion Love Affair's Cara McLeay. 4. Styleblog.ca's Nelia Belkova. 5. Song of Style's Aimee Song. 6. Anita Clarke of iwantigot.com. 7. Tavi Gevinson, formerly of Style Rookie. 8. My Fash Avenue's Deanne Wilder. 9. The Blonde Salad's Chiara Ferragni. 10. Street-style A-listers Anna Dello Russo and Giovanna Battaglia with photographer Tommy Ton. 11. Beckerman Blog's Caillianne and Samantha Beckerman. 12. Original street-style photog Bill Cunningham. 13. Susanna Lau, a.k.a. Susie Bubble.

The majority have normal day jobs and mainstream magazines: same photos, they're making \$25K to \$75K. The top 1 per cent are making a million plus." same products, same aesthetic. Staged everything. No humanity, no soul." Cara McLeay (launched Vancouver- Robin Givhan: "When the Council of

2011): "The payment thing is inter- its Fashion Instagrammer of the Year esting because it's the Wild West Award, I thought it was provocative. in blogging. There's no rule book." It's an app a lot of people in fashion Deanne Wilder (launched Toronto-

based myfashavenue.com in 2012): tions better? Or making retailers buy "It's enough financial freedom that more? It has changed the action of the magazine that had been passed through I don't have to feel guilty about industry, but I don't think we know the



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SPOTLIGHT **HILFIGER'S HIGHLIGHTS**

As the Tommy Hilfiger brand turns 30, the designer reflects on defining moments that made him one of the most iconic names in U.S. fashion

BY CARLY OSTROFF

In 1985, then little-known Tommy Hilfiger put his name on a billboard next to Ralph . Lauren, Calvin Klein and Perry Ellis, as one of four "great American designers for men." The notorious "hangman campaign" sparked controversy but got the young designer noticed. Today, Hilfiger is the reigning king of American sportswear.



1985: The Hangman Campaign "The hangman campaign compared me to other designers who were already established. That was a bit of an issue with the competitors, and there was

a lot of negative buzz around it. I thought that if I continued to make great clothes that people wanted to wear, and offer them at a really fair price, maybe I would be able to survive in the business."



Early 1970s: People's Place

started with a jean shop called People's Place in Elmira, New York, when I was 18. It was during the 1970s when the hippie look was cool. Eventually I grew out of it and started evolving first into a men's brand in America. Then I added women's, kids', watches, tailored clothing and everything else.'

MERICAN DESIGNERS

2006: Martin Luther King's memorial

"We thought it was really important to stand behind honouring Dr. King because he really stood for freedom. Being an American brand, we wanted to stand for the American way of life, which is about democracy and freedom. We donated and helped raise money to build the memorial in Washington, D.C.



2015: Rafael Nadal event

'Rafael Nadal is the face of our new fragrance, Bold. We came up with the idea of doing strip tennis, with Nadal playing against models dressed in Tommy Hilfiger. Every time they made a mistake, they would have to take an item off. The models ended up in their underwear, and he ended up with [just] his shirt and tie off."



TOMMY HILFIGER (ALL HILFIGER PHOTOS) COURTESY OF



1999: Rolling Stones No Security tour

"I've always been inspired by music and musicians and I wanted to connect my brand to music. When the Rolling Stones were going on tour, we talked about sponsoring the tour, dressing them, doing the advertising. Michael Cohl-a Toronto native-was the one who actually did the deal with me, because he was the producer of the tour at the time."



Tommy Hilfiger's 30th anniversary collection is now available online at tommy.com.







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