TIFF SPECIAL: Stylish movie picks, red carpet fashion and the ultimate in olfactory glamour



SPOTLIGHT

Women are the future of film

It's time to take control of our own stories. We spoke to talented Canadians, both emerging and established, who are quietly vanquishing the old guard, one movie, one episode, one film review at a time

BY JULIA COOPER PHOTOGRAPHY BY LUIS MORA

The stats for what it's like to be a woman working in film aren't so hot (only 27 per cent of Canadian directors are women and only 8.3 per cent of cinematographers—rude!), but there's a movement building of women who are making their voices heard in the cinematic darkness. To explore the evolving landscape, The Kit gathered five women, all at different stages of their careers and each making her mark in her own way, for a roundtable discussion.

We spoke with cinematographer Iris Ng, who's been the steady hand and eyes behind the films Stories We Tell, The Apology and A Better Man; Lydia Ogwang, a film critic and editor at the feminist film journal cléo; Carmilla web series actor Natasha Negovanlis, who drew attention at the 2017 Canadian Screen Awards with an empowering speech for the LGBTQ2 community; Sariena Luy, a teen TIFF Next Wave Committee member and executive director of the arts organization Flaunt It; and director Sofia Bohdanowicz, whose latest film, Maison du bonheur, premiered to acclaim at this year's Hot Docs festival. We asked them about the power of trusting your gut, the complexity of the female gaze and the future of an industry in flux.

What are your thoughts on the "female gaze"? As filmmakers, actors and cinematographers, what does it mean to you?

Lydia: "I wish that we could just dismantle the male gaze, and the way that it works in cinema, and in the rest of the world, really, and then go from there."

Natasha: "I searched my name in YouTube, and "Natasha Negovanlis sex scene" popped up versus, like, "Natasha Negovanlis amazing dramatic scene" [laughs]. It's interesting to me what women's careers can be reduced to. I'm here to sell my work, not my appearance. When I worked in theatre, I felt it necessary to wear cute dresses and bows in my hair, but as soon as I dropped that, I started getting more work because I was dressing like myself and being more authentic."

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Film femmes

We are women, hear us roll the tape

BY VERONICA SAROLI

Every September during TIFF, Toronto adopts the moniker Hollywood North, and this year the festival is working on making the city not only the spot to debut soon-to-be Oscar noms, but a platform for female filmmakers. Up from last year's total, one third of the films playing at the 2017 festival are directed by women, including megawatt-stars like Brie Larson (Unicorn Store), Angelina Jolie (First They Killed My Father), Mélanie Laurent (Plonger) and Greta Gerwig (Lady Bird). Watch this space.



TIFF pick: Mary Shelley Mary Shelley, directed by Haifaa Al Mansour, explores the relationship between the Frankenstein author and her husband, the poet Percy Bysshe Shelley. Elle Fanning plays Mary; Douglas Booth plays Percy. Think more romance than horror.



TIFF pick: Professor Marston & the Wonder Women

The Wonder Woman hot streak continues at the Toronto International Film Festival, with Professor Marston & the Wonder Women. Director Angela Robinson follows William Moulton Marston, the progressive pro-female-lib man who created the DC comic with the help of his wife and a precocious student, who, btw, all lived together.



TOGETHER WE RISE

Phenom film producer Erika Olde is all about pulling up the next generation

The first time Erika Olde saw her dad cry—"a man's man, totally unemotional with a deep voice and very large shoes"—it was while watching the basketball movie Hoosiers. "I thought, If a movie can change how I see my father—my rock—it must be very powerful," recalls the Toronto native. Olde went on to study marketing, but spent her weekends hanging out on set with friends from film school, which led to gigs working on shorts and music videos, and, eventually, to an agent. Producing felt like a natural next step: "I like thinking big picture, pulling all the pieces together and seeing how they fit."

Olde's first feature, November Criminals, brought her to Rhode Island, where she spent three months alongside more than 100 crew and stars like Chloë Grace Moretz. "It was very Erica Olde's Black Bicycle Entertainment produced the upcoming Woman Walks Ahead starring Jessica Chastain.

overwhelming, but I was very willing to learn—I wanted to get my hands dirty." That can-do spirit is the driving force behind Olde's L.A.-based production company Black Bicycle Entertainment—founded in 2014, it's since racked up powerhouse credits like

the upcoming Woman Walks Ahead starring Jessica Chastain. Olde's other passion is mentorship. She recently launched an internship program with the non-profit Ghetto Film School, which places five female students on Hollywood sets to learn the biz from the ground up. "The only way to make

change is by changing the numbers of how many women are in the industry," says Olde, whose own attitude to Tinseltown sexism is a weary shrug. "Men sometimes say 'Wow, Erika, you're so dressed up today' or 'Wow, Erika, you're so blunt.' Maybe it's a put-down, but I choose to ignore it. I've never felt the need to get validation from someone else. The only times I've felt super proud of myself is when I've said 'F-k it ." —Laura deCarufel

Slow clap

Some exciting signs that the industry is shifting: TIFF and Telefilm are investing in women filmmakers and creatives alike. TIFF's newly minted Share Her Journey—which includes Erika Olde among its honourees—campaign aims to raise \$3 million over the next five years to increase the number of women enrolled in their professional development programs. The National Film Board of Canada has long championed women in their upper management positions, as executive producers, and by distributing a long roster of feminist films. In the next three years, at least half of the movies coming out of the NFB will be directed by women.



TIFF Beauty Icons

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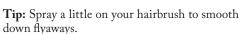
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Tip: If you have combination skin, try multimasking: Have a few masks on hand and apply them in specific areas to target different concerns. L'ORÉAL PARIS DETOX & BRIGHTEN PURE-CLAY

Women are the future of film

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Iris: "I think the word "gaze" itself is sort of one-directional; when I work I try to make it an exchange. You're receiving something from whatever's in front of the camera. You give back to that."

Sofia: "The crew is really lucky to have someone like Iris who understands the responsibility that's involved. When you have a camera in your hands, you have so much power."

Iris: "Yeah, I feel like it's this taking object, and you have to be careful. You're trying to make permanent something that is fleeting. The moment that you point a camera at something, it is inevitably altered."

Sofia: "With *Maison du bonheur*, my goal was to frame an elderly woman with a new lens and counteract all the stereotypes that we typically see onscreen—to listen to a woman, watch her exist and be there in a moment with her."

"Imposter syndrome" is that nagging feeling that even when you're doing your best work and receiving recognition, there's a fear that you'll be called out as a fake. Do you ever feel that way?

Iris: "There are different aspects of that, right? There's the internal feeling of being in your element and feeling comfortable with following your intuition, whereas, up to a certain point, there's a lot of doubt that comes from the outside." Lydia: "It's not about being "legitimized" by others, but I find it difficult when you don't see a lot of black women visible in film criticism or as editors. You might feel like you should mimic what's already out there—that's a kind of learning strategy. And what's already out there is overwhelmingly white men, right? But if I have different intuitive reactions to a film I want to speak to those as well. Then I

want to become completely obsessed with that film and yell about it all day on Twitter!" Sariena: "Everything I've done so far has been male-dominated-when I was in a video program, I was the only female in a group with four males. I think that's what women are used to. Being young, being a woman and being a minority, I felt I really had to make my presence felt there. I'm hoping that I start to feel more natural, like, "Sure, it may be male-dominated, but I know I belong here."

Natasha: "As I shift from being in front of the camera to being behind it by creating some of my own content, I find myself slipping up sometimes—I apologize or feel guilty when I'm being assertive. Um, which could also be a Canadian thing! [laughs] I think part of being a woman in this industry is that guilt factor, which I'm really trying to shake."

Has there been a moment when you've felt like a success? When you were really feeling yourself and knew you were right where you should be?



CONCESSION CONFESSIONS

How three film critics hit the snack stand



MALLORY ANDREWS

Go-to order: "Soft pretzels. If I'm at TIFF Lightbox, I go for the cheese plate."
The popcorn: "With extra butter. Always." The treat: "Rosé, if they serve it."



TINA HASSANNIA

Go-to order: "Poutine (from Cineplex Outtakes). A little messy, but so much more satisfying than popcorn." The popcorn: "Just the usual oil and salt at the theatre. At home, I indulge in Smart Food's original white cheddar, but only once in a blue moon, because I can inhale that stuff." The treat: "I try to eat clean so the rare treat will be a big bag of popcorn, almond M&Ms, and Coca Cola—to share with friends."



JOHANNA SCHNELLER

Go-to order: "Popcorn with butter and peanut M&Ms sprinkled in." The popcorn: "See above." The treat: "I used to love the pretzel hot dogwhat happened to them?"

Sofia: "People often have a hard time talking about success because it can come off as egotistical—to call yourself successful is a very bold thing. But when I premiered *Maison du bonheur* at the Buenos Aires International Festival, that was really great. They did a retrospective of my films. Until I got there, I thought it was a joke, you know? Like, "Someone has hacked

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the festival's email system!" The enthusiasm for my work was something that I had never experienced before."

Sariena Luy: "When I was 15, I realized that film is my platform to empower people. I'm very open about the fact that I come from a marginalized community—I was born and raised at Jane and Finch in Toronto—and there are limitations that I both was born with and expected to have because of that. I realized that I was reaching my

potential when people in my community told me they were influenced or, I guess, inspired by my work."

Natasha: "I remember my first box of fan mail—I was sitting in my bedroom opening up all of these thank-you letters. At the time, I had three side jobs, but reading the letters and seeing how my work had positively affected so many young LGBTQ2 people was so special. Even though I reached only a few thousand people, it was so much more meaningful than acting to pay bills."

Lydia: "Truthfully, no. Not because I'm not proud of my work, but because I still feel very new to film culture. Also, what does success even look like in film criticism? Are there film critics out there feeling successful? Who are they?! I will say that it's nice to be asked to write and work on things. Also editing and getting to help develop other writers' pieces is a great joy."

Iris: "I don't get that feeling from one definitive moment. To me, it's whenever I feel that someone recognizes the intention behind my work or a detail that I might think would otherwise go unnoticed. It can be a chosen shutter speed, a camera move at the right time, resisting the temptation to move at other times or a composition. As with other aspects in life, there's a sense of achievement in feeling understood."

Sofia
Bohdanowicz
DIRECTOR
Must-watch film: Museum
Hours (2012) by Jem Cohen.
"Seeing a hybrid docu-fiction
like that was really big for
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Let's look into the future. What changes do you want to see in the film industry?

Lydia: "More types of people: racialized people, differently abled people, people with different gender identities. Different structures altogether, maybe. It can't be the same type of people calling the shots in programming and distribution for eternity. Same with criticism and granting bodies—we can't continue to have the same folks deciding what's "important" enough to be seen, or even made in the first place, or we get more of the same forever. People want media that's respectful of their lived experiences or else they're bored and alienated. "Sofia: "Sometimes we don't trust audiences,

but I think that people want to be challenged. I'm optimistic. I feel like the conversations that we're having—about making more space for women in film, and about making more space for a diverse array of voices—will lead to more action. I feel that responsibility."

Sariena: "I'm tired of the idea of "women" in film being considered niche. I want it to become mainstream in a good way, like, 'This is normal. We're going to be just as dominant.' When I was a film major in high school we had to work on a project about directors, but the whole list was male. So for me, knowing that in the future we're going to be able to choose from a huge list of female directors—that's awesome."



Nothing says vampy villainess like Julien Macdonald's take on the slinky silver dress. A little chain mail never hurt anyone, right?



CINEMATOGRAPHER Must-watch film: Strong Island (2016), a docu-mentary about racism and grief. "It's daring and direct in a way that films need to be right now." L'ORÉAL PARIS MAGIC LUMI

CREW CUTS Key behind-thescenes players spill on the best

Muse: Sean Young's Rachael in

This season's angular suiting

up mesh have the makings of

the 1982-meets-2049 dystopia.

Blade Runner (1982)

FUTURE FASHION



work in their field

GOSHTASBPOUR Production designer

Best set in a movie: "| tend to gravitate toward realism more than stylizing. I loved the production design on The Fighter (2010), but just because I love realism doesn't mean I don't also enjoy a highly stylized film like The Grand Budapest Hotel (2014).



KAYA PINO Music supervisor

Best song in a move: "'People Make the World Go Round' by the Stylistics in Spike Lee's Crooklyn (1994). The track opens the film and sets the stage by providing a warm scene of children innocently playing together in their Brooklyn neighbourhood. You see the characters just existing in their world before the story begins."



CYNTHIA SUMMERS Costume designer

Best costume in a movie: 'Salma Hayek in *Frida* (2002) -everything about the costume design. Frida Kahlo dressed to express her soul and her culture—she was a true fashion rebel. Director Julie Taymor's gorgeous colourful homage is a feast for the senses. Those costumes are forever seared in my brain.'

COMING SOON

Stay tuned: Everything about what and how we watch is changing

ROBOTWRITERS

Um, could a robot write the next Casablanca? A growing number of experts predict that AI is catching up with the fine art of scriptwriting. Loved Mean Girls, but craving the vintage style of Sharon Stone in Basic Instinct? Leave it to your Google assistant

to combine the best of both. Vanity Fair scribe Nick Bilton predicts a future where a disembodied robot like Siri will scan thousands of scripts and spit out one tailor-made to suit your fancy. UCLA and Tisch grads may as well move over now-Alexa already knows firsthand what you like.

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SHONDA-FLIX

As Hollywood experiences its worst summer box office in a decade, disruptors like Netflix continue their industry takeover by snagging Tinseltown's top talent, with Shonda Rhimes as their latest prize. The mastermind behind Scandal (long live Olivia Pope) and the near-perfect Crossroads (starring Britney Jean Spears), Rhimes will allegedly bank \$10 million a year as she continues her rightful reign over pop culture. Netflix may be carrying \$20.54 billion in debt, but with the strength of its algorithms and big data from 104 million subscribers, it's taking the guesswork out of what audiences will like and watch. We'll take that bet.

SENSORY CINEMA

Ready to get soaking wet and a little knocked about at the theatre? 4DX screenings have souped-up D-Box seats that move to match the onscreen action; mist falls from above if the characters are in a storm. (Fingers crossed that directors steer clear of John Waters's "Odorama" gimmick from his 1981 film Polyester: Scratch-and-sniff cards were handed out to audiences so that they could "smell" the movie—which is largely about alcoholics and foot fetishism.) Boundarypushing inventions like Oculus Rift and Google Glass will also change the way we experience the movies: The ballooning virtual reality industry is predicting revenues of \$75 billion by 2021. (Maybe by then they'll have chicer headsets.)

HUMAN SCALE

As dazzling as new tech advancements in cinema are, the immersive experience of movies already comes naturally to us. A 2016 scientific study found that the air in movie theatres changes in chemistry based on audience reactions. What we smell at the movies isn't just your run-of-the-mill popcorn and mouth-breathers. Even without moving seats and experiential misting, our emotions change

the smell of the cinema we're in. Wonder Woman won't produce the same effect as The Beguiled, but it's the audience with their human whims, and not artificial intelligence, making it happen. As the credits roll, the future is always ours to shape.

> **FUTURE FASHION**

Muse: Carrie-Anne Moss's Trinity in The Matrix (1999)

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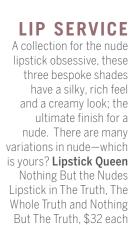
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velvet sheath



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Wear it with: A sequined minidress

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The brightest diamond

Elizabeth Taylor's glamour is eternal. **Olivia Stren** speaks to her perfumer, who has once again channelled the diamonds and flowers beloved by the sparkliest star of all time

Elizabeth Taylor has yet to be unseated as the ultimate movie star. She was, of course, rapturously, destabilizingly beautiful. But if her beauty was to be upstaged, it would be by her own talent. She won two Oscars (for Butterfield 8 and Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf, the first of which she accepted after fainting backstage) and she was the first actress to earn a million-dollar salary, for Cleopatra, a film famous for introducing her to Richard Burton and the megastardom of life as Dickenliz. Taylor's lifestyle was equally immodest: She was denounced by the Vatican, stalked by paparazzi in a pre-Kardashian age, and once, when she was travelling to London and learned that she could not bring her dogs due to quarantine laws, she leased a yacht for them and moored it on the banks of the Thames. She collected husbands (and divorce lawyers) as liberally as she did diamonds, starting at age 18. Taylor, or more accurately, Taylor Hilton Wilding Todd Fisher Burton Burton Warner Fortensky, once commented: "You can't cry on a diamond's shoulder, and diamonds won't keep you warm at night, but they're sure fun when the sun shines." When the sun shined, Burton celebrated with the giant pear-shaped Taylor-Burton diamond necklace and the 33-carat Krupp diamond ring (a bauble she wore daily).

Of course, Taylor's love of diamonds inspired her pioneering fragrance: White Diamonds. (She was the first celebrity to tie her name to a perfume.) And when you're Elizabeth Taylor, you hire master perfumer Carlos Benaim to fashion your personal scent. "She was extremely pleasant," says Benaim, reminiscing about the day he met Taylor at her Bel-Air home, works by the Old Masters adorning the walls of her living room. "I made her smell all kinds of things and she told me that she most loved the smell of narcissusshe loved the powerful scents of the white flowers." If she loved large diamonds ("Big girls need big diamonds," she once said), she also favoured big, opulent bouquets and the fulsome fragrance of tuberose, gardenia, jasmine and mandarin blossom, which abounded in her luxuriant Bel-Air gardens.

She once commented, "You can't cry on a diamond's shoulder; and diamonds won't keep you warm at night, but they're sure fun when the sun shines."

After this meeting, Benaim recalls, he returned to New York and set about divining a scent that would not only capture Taylor's greatest passions but also render the spirit of that no doubt diamond-bright Los Angeles afternoon. "To make a fragrance is to make a portrait—it's not just capturing what the person loves, but also the mood," he explains. "And for Elizabeth Taylor it was richness, elegance and beauty." Benaim fashioned a perfume with heart notes of Egyptian tuberose, Turkish rose and jasmine, crowned by rich top notes of Italian neroli and Amazon lily.

Twenty-six years later, with Taylor no longer among us, Benaim was once again tasked with creating a scent to bear Taylor's name. "White Diamonds was classic, heavy and heady, but time passes and memories change. All interesting scents are about that mix of past and present," he says. "With Love and White Diamonds, I decided that I wanted to recreate that moment, that time, that memory, that meeting. I used all the heady scents that she loved: tuberose, jasmine and mandarin. But Love and White Diamonds has a sheer muskiness, too. It's a more modern scent."

At Taylor's funeral in 2011, her coffin, be-wreathed in fragrant gardenias, violets and lily of the valley, arrived 15 minutes late.

(It was her parting wish that the service be delayed so that someone might declare: "She even wanted to be late to her own funeral.") And the heady scent of Golden Age glamour trailed her into the beyond.

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Character study

Meet Avery Plewes, rising star in Canadian costume design

BY NATHALIE ATKINSON

When I finally connect with Avery Plewes, she's spent a gruelling day on set helping a friend with wardrobe on a major science fiction series. Since Plewes, 30, made the transition from fashion to costume design by working in the wardrobe departments of Toronto-shot series like Hannibal and Suits, pitching in to help is a welcome break from her current breakneck pace. She recently wrapped production on $\overline{JTLeroy}$, starring Kristen Stewart, and celebrated her first studio feature as lead costume designer: for the teen romance Everything, Everything, directed by her friend and fellow Canadian Stella Meghie and based on the New York Times bestselling novel by Nicola Yoon. So, yes, Plewes has been busy.

Everything, Everything was a major turning point for the Torontoborn costume designer. Imagine The Boy in the Plastic Bubble written by Nicholas Sparks: Amandla Stenberg (The Hunger Games) stars as Maddy, a wistful young woman who has Severe Combined Immunodeficiency disease. "She's allergic to the world and has no real friends," Plewes explains. "There's something really beautiful and poetic about being unaffected by the real world." Maddy's mother is so protective that

her daughter is never allowed to leave the safety of their sleek contemporary house—until an intriguing boy named Olly moves in next door.

The novel Everything, Everything is specific about Maddy's daily uniform: simple white T-shirt, jeans and Keds. Easy, right? Well, no. It took dozens of white T-shirt tests to find the two (from Aritzia and J.Crew) that worked best on camera. Ditto the perfect jeans (Frame's Le Skinny cut "in every colour wash available"). Turns out a plain costume is more difficult to pull off than madcap exuberance. "You can do that look just by going to Zara," Plewes says of expressive pattern play (she herself favours Dries van Noten and bright gold Gucci loafers). "Simplicity is harder, in part because a lot of fashionable people use the way they dress to not be vulnerable,"

she says. "But when you dress very simply, you really see who that person is. A T-shirt and jeans is a much more vulnerable place."

Plewes also had to create the right costume mood, especially as love—and its symbolic equivalent, pastel colour-slowly seeps into Maddy's life and wardrobe. "I asked myself, 'How would she

dress very

simply, you

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person is."

dress since she doesn't "When you have other

teenagers in her ear telling her where the coolest things are or influencing how she presents her body in the real world?' Being influenced, that's a lot of what being a teenager is."

Plewes learned some tricks of the trade while she herself was growing up. "My mom worked in interior design, so when I start any project I like the process of impulsively picking paint chips that represent each char-

acter," Plewes says. "When we got to Vancouver, the first thing my assistant and I did is we went to Home Depot." That came in handy when it came time to coordinate the costume palette with production designer Charisse Cardenas's environments in order to create the "almost surreal, whimsical and dreamlike" mood onscreen. "We were also very invested in the costumes not looking trendy and having longevity. That's why everything's so classic in the film."

It's a far cry from her previous collaboration with Meghie, last year's indie hit Jean of the Joneses, which involved playfully dressing the film's young Zadie-Smith-like literary heroine in the latest eye-catching designer fashions from Vika Gazinskaya, Christopher Kane and Balenciaga. When they met at the Canadian

Film Centre six years ago, Plewes says she and Meghie were instant kindred spirits in cinema and style, perhaps in part because both women have backgrounds in fashion. Plewes was a onetime designer for Coveteur founder

> fashion and beauty publicist in New York. As inspiration, Plewes cites Sofia Coppola's Marie Antoinette and its costume designer Milena Canonero as a constant touchstone, as well as the work of Mary Zophres, who recently did La La Land. Like Zophres, Plewes works mainly on projects that have a contemporary setting. With Suits, she saw the real-world influence that costume choices can have on designers' careers, and having worked in fashion, she can walk the walk in both worlds. "I have a level of respect for designers and I understand how to accommodate their timelines and limits," she says. For example, in one of Everything, Everything's important costume "moments," Olly's tailored swim trunks were sourced ahead of time from the current season of Toronto's own Bather brand. "If I like their work, I want to encourage and help as much as possible," she says. "I know how influential film and television are, and how hard it is as a young designer

starting out."

Erin Kleinberg's line, and Meghie worked as a

Amandla Stenberg as Maddy in her daily uniform of a white T-shirt and jeans in Everything, Everything.

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THE IN CROWD

Natural habitat: In front of the most optimally located lockers (how do they always get the best ones?). Mating habits: Accepting the attentions of jocks, heirs, Swedish exchange students. **Predators:** The nerds who will ultimately outshine them post-graduation.

FROM LEFT: **OMOROVICZA** LIMITED EDITION QUEEN OF HUNGARY MIST, \$50, NORDSTROM.COM. **BENEFIT** GOGOTINT CHEEK AND LIP STAIN, \$40, BENEFIT COS-CHEEK AND LIP STAIN, \$40, BENEFITCOS-METICS.COM. **LIPSTICK QUEEN** NOTHING METICS.COM. LIPSTICK QUEEN NOTHING BUT THE NUDES IN PRETTY PINK NUDE, \$32, MURALE. SCHWARZKOPF GOT2B GLAM FORCE HIGH HOLD HAIRSPRAY, \$8, SHOPPERS DRUG MART, GUERLAIN BABY GLOW TOUCH LUMINIZER IN GOLDEN GLOW, \$48, GUERLAIN BOUTIQUES. VELOUR DOLL ME UP LASHES, \$34, BEAUTYBOUTIQUE. CA. VALENTINO DONNA ACQUA EAU DE TOILETTE, \$118 (100 ML), NORDSTROM





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Most artistic

Last semester, she dominated art class like it Broad in L.A. (which she Instagrammed). Hit her up now for a signed artwork and sell it in 40 years for your retirement fund.

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Best dressed

She makes her own clothes, designs her own jewellery and has artfully tousled hair to match. Whether she's costuming the senior production of Grease or sewing on everyone's backpack patches, her style is always on point.

VOIR HAIRCARE SHE'S LIKE THE WIND INVISIBLE DRY SHAMPOO & CONDITIONER, \$32, VOIRHAIRCARE.COM





These super-attractive lovebirds can be spotted canoodling after band practice, where they've been known to break into the occasional duet. Both have many secret admirers—our condolences; this couple is set to last.

M.A.C NICKI MINAJ M.A.C NICKI MINAJ LIPSTICK IN NICKI'S NUDE, \$22, MACCOS-METICS.CA. SHAWN MENDES SIGNATURE EAU DE PARFUM, \$50 (60 ML), SHOPPERS DRUG MART



THE NERDS

Natural habitat: The lab, because those extra-credit experiments won't perform themselves. Mating habits: Developing crushes on the bespectacled co-op teacher. Predators: Burnouts looking for study partners.

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: RENÉE ROULEAU NIGHT TIME SPOT LOTION, \$38, RENEEROULEAU COM, GLAMGLOW POUT MUD WET LIP BALM TINT IN BIRTHDAY SUT, \$24, SEPHORA.CA. NIOD SURVIVAL O NETWORKED DEFENCE SYSTEM, \$25, NIOD.COM. BIOLOGIQUE RECHERCHE SERUM OLIGO-PROTEINES MARINES, \$97, KOLORTWIST.COM. BAREMINERALS BLEMISH REMEDY SERUM, \$53, NORDSTROM.COM



THE GOTHS Natural habitat:

The very back of the cafeteria. Like, farther back. Now go away. Mating habits: Drawn to the romance of despair. Predators: Sunlight, conformists.

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: **RODIAL** SNAKE OXYGENATING & CLEANSING BUBBLE MASK, \$78, MURA KAT VON D EDGE CRÈME CONTOUR BRUSH, \$43, SEPHORA CA. **DIOR** DOUBLE DEBORAH LIPPMANN NAIL POLISH IN PURPLE HAZE, \$22, MURALE. NARS PAINT IT BLACK POWERMATTE LIP PIGMENT, \$34, THEBAY. COM. URBAN DECAY EYESHADOW IN C-NOTE, \$22, URBAN-DECAY.CA





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Meet emerging Edmonton designer Lac Pham

Twenty-three-year-old designer Lac Pham radiates so much youthful optimism that elders may require shades to make his acquaintance. I met Pham this spring in Calgary at ParkShow, a shopping and runway event promoting Western designers, where he was debuting his label, Lac Ann. It was his first big show and he was beaming—for good reason. Willowy eggshell frocks, bursting bloom-like embellishments and tan coats with delicate lilac linings impressed editors and buyers alike.

Pham, a certified chemical technologist, taught himself how to sew watching online videos from ateliers like Chanel in his spare time. "I was in chemistry and that took forever, so I had to watch videos on YouTube and learn how to do this," he explains, holding up an auburn coat embellished with an iridescent puddle of sequins and beads.

"There was a lot of fermentation and mixing of feelings and passion over a long period," Pham says of the transition from studying ways to clean up chromium waste to designing clothes, comparing it to making kombucha. He plans to add to the brew this fall by focusing on tailored looks inspired by the environment and pollution. "I want to see people buy less from the big brands and buy more from local designers," he says, describing his hope for a future, that, for him, is undeniably bright. —Veronica Saroli





ONE-MINUTE MIRACLE

Editor: Renee Tse, The Kit Chinese editor

Problem: My eyes are puffy from watching my K-dramas

into the wee hours.

Quick fix: There are plenty of cooling eye serums designed to calm puffiness and shrink under-eye bags. But this one is different. For starters, the lightweight gel is packed with cellregenerating, lifting and plumping benefits, thanks to the star ingredient Alaria Esculenta (aptly coined "algae of youth"). Plus it features a two-in-one hybrid applicator, with a metal ballpoint tip to help cool and de-puff my under-eye baggage, as well as a mascara-esque brush that simultaneously gives my neglected lashes some TLC (hello, stronger, lusher eyelashes). Come morning, I'm bright-eyed and bushy tailed.

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RIGHT: LORD & TAYLOR BELL SLEEVE WINDOWPANE TOP, NOW \$51.75, PANTS \$79, AND NINE WEST RUFFLE LEATHER LOAFERS, \$145 THEBAY.COM/FALLFASHION



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