



STYLE PROFILE Juan Carlos Quintana

Who: With over ten years of success dressing the women of Latin America, charismatic Guatemalan couturier Juan Carlos Quintana chose London as the base to launch his own label Quintana in Europe. On first meeting, the designer seems shy, but once he starts talking about fashion his passion shines through.

What: Quintana dresses are for occasions and have graced many red carpets. He loves to combine unusual fabrics and finishes, often adding panels of delicate leatherwork to diaphanous georgette dresses.

Where: With no advertising or shop front, clients find their way to his Ennismore Mews studio by word of mouth. Quintana really is one of London's best-kept secrets. His beautiful mews house truly represents Quintana's personal style and gives clients a taste of what is to come.

Philosophy: Quintana believes "Gowns are like art, they should be admired and adored forever." He adores women who combine femininity with a strong character. In turn, women trust him. One mother of the bride never looked in the mirror at a single fitting – preferring to wait to see the finished outfit.

Special service: At the start of his creative process, Quintana produces a series of sketches of different versions of a dress for his clients. These pictures are a work of art in their own right.

Who to know: Juan Carlos is the business and his pug Manolo does a great job greeting the clients.

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Denim doctors

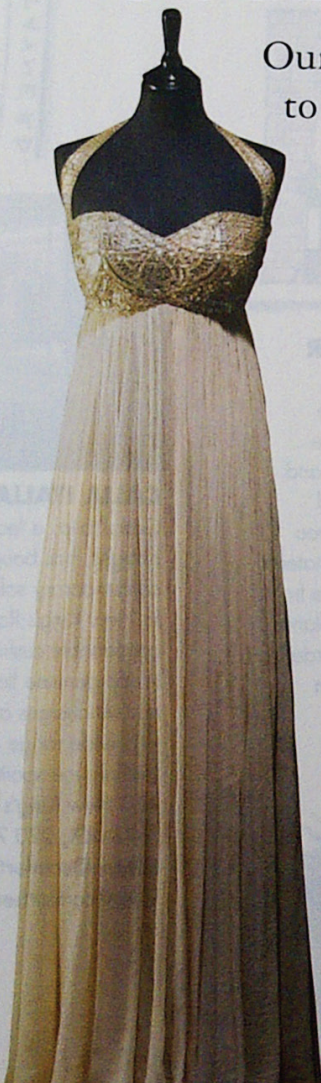
Trilogy opens their third and largest store on Kensington Church Street this month. To celebrate they will be introducing a limited-edition Kensington Collection featuring five exclusive styles created by their best-loved denim designers including J Brand, Hudson and Paige. Book an appointment in the VIP styling suite to work out which pair looks best.
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B plus
After debuting her fabulous shoes in Dover Street Market, Cleo B has opened a Belgravia boutique. If you love eye-catching footwear then Cleo Barbour is the designer for you. Using bold colours and citing modern art, architecture and Art Deco as influences the results are sculptural, sexy and frankly sensational. Get in quick for the fabulous Soraya shoe-boots (£348, pictured).
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THE LIST

Our girl-in-the-know Lucy Pridden tells you where to shop and what should be on your list this month



Golden fleece

Shearling is going to be huge this winter and Aamaya by Priyanka have got this trend wrapped up. Visit The Cross or search online for their fabulous collection of sheepskin jackets and gilets. Fling their zip-up round neck dove grey gilet over floaty florals to work the new grunge trend or invest in this camel flying jacket and wear it with everything. This is understated luxury at its very best.

Available at The Cross
141 Portland Road
W11 4LR, 020 7727 6760
aamayabypriyanka.com



New beginnings

Biba is back with a new design team and a stunning collection with an elegant 1930's feel. There are several stand-out long dresses and a beautiful sequin cape which definitely put Biba on my list for dressing up this season. Other highlights include a fabulous leopard print faux fur coat and a beautiful devore beaded fringe jacket which is utterly timeless.

Available exclusively from the Biba Boutiques at House of Fraser, 318 Oxford Street W1C 1HF and Westfield, Ariel Way, W12 7GD and online at my-wardrobe.com