

# INDULGE

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## A Kapp-tive audience

*Designer makes his catwalk debut.*

IT'S now just one week to Fashion Week and the fashion pack is getting twitchy. As is the way at this time of year, a number of designers will show outside the official schedule in the lead-up to – and aftermath of – the frockfest.

For those familiar with **Carl Kapp's** work, it seems almost unthinkable that he has never put on a parade. But this week he lost his catwalk virginity with an intimate showing at Becker Minty in Potts Point. The well-edited outing was heavy on silk dresses in eye-popping summer colours including aqua blue, fairyfloss pink and emerald green (a particular Kapp favourite) and four bright, blown-out prints. A few pieces in superlight calfskin were a highlight, including a metallic strapless dress with tulip skirt. Elsewhere Kapp's tailoring had those gathered particularly excited, especially a black skirt suit with handkerchief peplum.

Kapp returned recently from a trip to Cairo, which was meant to be more holiday than work but turned into just the reverse. "I have an amazing client there that discovered us a little while ago and she buys a lot," said Kapp. "She has a furniture gallery and she wanted to do a trunk show for the ladies of Cairo. I ended up getting editorials in all the major magazines and a newspaper interview. I had to cut the holiday short and show for a whole week. It was incredibly successful. I'll do it at least once a year now."

### No repeats for Toni

IT HAS been two years since **Toni Maticovski** has put on any kind of show in Sydney, so local fashionistas are virtually salivating at the prospect of this Tuesday's parade. But this is not your normal seasonal parade. Those in attendance will be viewing "a selection of things I've been working on for the past two years that never made it to the runway", Maticovski says. It is presented by Schweppes' new Agrum beverages; Maticovski was originally approached by the sponsor to do a show for Fashion Week but the designer, who now



First ... a Carl Kapp creation. Photo: Janie Barrett

concentrates on couture creations and a small ready-to-wear collection for Myer, thought against it. "I didn't have time to get a new collection together and I didn't want to put on a repeat of the New York show [from February]." The result will be "primarily dressy day wear" as well as more tailored cocktail wear, with just a couple of the full-blown evening designs for which he is probably most celebrated. "Work is intense at the moment. My private clients I'm trying to manage but it seems to be working for me. Retail is so hard out there and for something [of mine] that sells for thousands of dollars off the rack, I'd rather deal with my client one on one. My US clients are growing, too, which is nice and kind of unbelievable. That's enough for me. If I tried to do anything else now I'd probably just collapse."

### Down to Earth

TO COINCIDE with Earth Day on Wednesday, the May issue of *InStyle* is on sale tomorrow, featuring a fashion shoot with **Natalie Imbruglia** wearing eco or ethical fashion. This includes pieces that are vintage, created using environmentally friendly processes or ethical work practices, or just good-old Australian made.

For her part, Imbruglia told the magazine: "These clothes absolutely compete at every level with high fashion. I love being able to support eco-ethical labels. It's encouraging how far eco-ethical fashion has come. The clothes are so stylish we don't have any excuse not to wear them."

### People's choice

THE fashion awards at Thursday's Prix de Marie Claire threw up some interesting results between those chosen by an expert jury and readers' choice awards. Readers voted in Alex Perry in the evening wear category, Ginger & Smart for accessories and Seafolly for swimwear, while sass & bide is obviously deeply etched in the public mind taking out Best Australian Fashion Brand and Best Australian Designer. The jury voted in J'Aton for evening wear (as worn by **Dannii Minogue** on the night), Hatmaker for accessories, Zimmermann for swimwear, Country Road for best brand and **Josh Goot** for Australian designer. Special awards went to **Dion Lee** for Best New Designer and Easton Pearson for Special Achievement. Romance Was Born won Best Creative Talent, adding to a swathe of recent awards for the design duo of **Anna Plunkett** and **Luke Sales**.

### Hunt's best in show

SPEAKING of awards, the Royal Easter Show isn't just about prize-winning bantams and



Doing her bit ... Natalie Imbruglia. Photo: David Gubert/InStyle



Original ... a Toni Maticovski design.

best baked scones (or the best scream on the ghost train). The 2009 Wool Fashion Awards were held on Wednesday night, with **Rachel Hunt** taking out both the Supreme Award and evening wear category for a strapless wool gown with long bell-shaped skirt. The Raffles college graduate won a cash prize of \$900, a diamond and sapphire necklace from RJ Andrews, work experience with **Alex Perry** — and a trophy for the pool room (or perhaps the sewing room in this case).

### Reward for recycling

ALSO celebrating Earth Day on Wednesday is Kiehl's, which launches its recycling program that day at its free-standing store on Oxford Street, Paddington (and also at its South Yarra store in Melbourne). The brand faithful can take up the loyalty card program, which means that for every empty Kiehl's container brought back to the shop they get a stamp on their card. It's just like a coffee loyalty card, except those stamps can be later redeemed for Kiehl's product.



Ray-Ban Clubmaster \$249.95

Move over, Wayfarers – Clubmasters have just been reissued. And don't they look just fine? The retro range comes in a number of fetching hues, in a cool pearlised finish. Can we have them in every colour, please? Phone 1300 655 612 for info on stockists.

MY PICK

## On SALE

*The hot buys this week.*

### Fashion

**Leona Edmiston** has 25 per cent off the main range at all Leona Edmiston boutiques (includes Myer concession stores and online). **Today**. See [leonaedmiston.com.au](http://leonaedmiston.com.au) for store locations and opening hours.

**David Jones** has 50 per cent off women's imported designer winter fashion from labels including Alberta Ferretti, Chloe, Dolce & Gabbana and Sonia Rykiel. **Today, 10am-6pm.**

**David Jones**, Level 2, 86-108 Castlereagh Street, Sydney, (02) 9266 5544.

**Muccia and Melanie Cutfield** stock clearance and warehouse sale has items from \$45. **Friday, 9am-6pm; and Saturday, 10am-3pm.** Level 3, Suite 3, 50 Holt Street, Surry Hills, (02) 9698 5845.

**Calvin Klein Jeans** mid-season sale has \$40 off jeans and 30 per cent off T-shirts, sweatshirts, shirts and skirts. **While stocks last.** Ground floor, Chatswood Chase Shopping Centre, Chatswood, (02) 9413 9117.

Save up to 50 per cent on **Florence Broadhurst** handbags, clutches, purses and accessories. **Saturday, 9am-5pm.** 2/3 Hayes Road, Rosebery, (02) 8338 8400.



Summer sale ... 70 per cent off Easton Pearson.

**Senso** shoes sample sale has prices on winter's hottest styles reduced, with all sizes available. Prices start from \$30. **Thursday and Friday, 10am-7pm; and Saturday, 10am-6pm.** 20 Hutchinson Street, Surry Hills, (02) 9356 3339.

**Easton Pearson** has up to 70 per cent off the spring-summer main line and EP by Easton Pearson, plus stock from previous seasons. **Today, 10am-4pm.** 483 Crown Street, Surry Hills, (02) 9331 4433.

**The Vintage Clothing Shop** warehouse clearance sale has a wide selection of original vintage clothing and accessories. Prices start from

\$25. **Until the end of the month.** 619 Elizabeth Street, Redfern, (02) 9699 8941.

Get up to 70 per cent off samples, one-offs and print winter ballet pumps at **Parisian Ballets**. **Today, 10am-4pm.** 3 Goodhope Street, Paddington, (02) 9358 5926.

### Online

**ZM925** has 50 per cent off its accessories, as seen on the necks of Paris Hilton and Lily Allen. **While stocks last.** See [zm925.com](http://zm925.com).

**Estile** has up to 90 per cent off designer wear from Natasha, Earnest Sewn, Karina Pires and more. **From Tuesday for one week only.** See [estile.com/bestof](http://estile.com/bestof) for details.

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