

Fashion TRENDS

International Designers Take To The Runway For Fall 2002

(NAPSA)—For Fall 2002, fashion soaks up casual comfort and sophistication from some of the world's top designers.

Here are some of the season's most notable stars:

- Shin Choi's elegant, comfortable and functional womenswear collection takes its inspiration from the free-spirited Virginia Woolf character Clarissa Dalloway. Shin Choi's urban-minded collection incorporates cashmere and wools into its architecturally detailed mix of daywear suits and eveningwear dresses. The Fall 2002 collection also incorporates leather and butter suedes in detailed trimmings, as well as skirts, shirts and outerwear.

- Russian designer Valentin Yudashkin designs for the woman who knows what she wants and always gets it. His ready-to-wear collection focuses on menswear-inspired cuts, suiting stripes and precision-tailored suits. Eveningwear is the show stopper of the Yudashkin collection with embroidered corsets and beaded gowns in velvets, satins and sinful silks.

- American designer Todd Thomas has been described as the designer for today's fashion-conscious, urbane woman. Thomas has a strong tailoring eye and the ability to make women look fresh, young and feminine. His fabrics are rich blends of cashmere and merino wools as well as flouncy cottons.

- Maria Marta Faccinelli's designs are considered a work of art. Faccinelli recently made her American runway debut in Gen Art's Fresh Faces in Fashion for Spring 2002. Her work has been described as nothing short of brilliant: feminine, sophisticated and impeccably tailored.

- Morgane Le Fay's collection was inspired by the grace, courage and style of Argentinean women, with colors defined by regions of the country. Red reflects the sand of the northern desert; navy is the color of its southern glaciers; blue is the ocean; brown and white are for the peaks of the Andes and



pink is for the extraordinary sunsets over the Pampas.

- Private by Freddie Rojas embraces the energy of Latin America as well as the dapperness of the collegiate dandy. Rojas' collection features acid-frayed denims, eyelet-laced dresses and tops, sexy and sleek fits in a palette of autumnal hues. Before taking over The Private Collection, Rojas designed under his own label and dressed celebrities such as Madonna, Janet Jackson and Gwen Stefani. Private is a division of the Private Media Group and is traded on the NASDAQ under the symbol PRVT.



From right to left: A suit from the Valentin Yudashkin collection; a Valentin Yudashkin black beaded gown, a velvet dress from Shin Choi; two looks from Morgane Le Fay; a fox fur bolero jacket and eyelet lace top from Private by Freddie Rojas.