

SYDNEY BALLESTEROS

Creative director, fashion editor and stylist

- **Where to look:** Her blog is www.golden-girllofthewest.blogspot.com online. Ballesteros' work can also be seen at www.blackcatvintage.com and in Zocalo Magazine. She can be reached at sydivine@gmail.com
- **Inspiration:** "Andy Warhol was an innovator during the 1960s pop art movement and is still an inspiration for many talents today. Influenced by Andy's vivid color palette and pop pieces, my clothing selections are all very fun and bright in color, with styles that range from the early to late 1960s and beyond. I am inspired by Andy's bohemian and ubiquitous spirit, as well as his yearning for total harmonization, the need to surround himself with other creative minds and an essence of constant fantasy."
- **Model:** Jessica Haag. Hair by Raul Mendora and makeup by Tangie Duffley. Dress from Black Cat Vintage.



Photos by the Arizona Daily Star's Ron Medvescek at the Fox Tucson Theatre.



KHANH NGUYEN

ENVY by Khanh

- **Where to look:** www.etsy.com/buy/khanh.com
- **Inspiration:** Pablo Picasso. "I've developed an audacious aesthetic, juxtaposing tradition and innovation, femininity and androgyny. Bold lines, bold colors and bold geometric shapes make the ENVY by Khanh brand immediately recognizable. I plan to go global with my designs. Simplicity and elegance define the brand. I've always been attracted to asymmetry, which shines through in all my pieces."
- **Model:** Bailey Milbauer. Hair and makeup by Octavio Corrales.



DIANA LOPEZ

INDI Apparel

- **Where to look:** www.indi-apparel.com and www.etsy.com (go to "shops" in the drop-down search menu and type in "indiapparel").
- **Inspiration:** Chuck Close. "I'm using the abstract shapes that Chuck Close uses to create portraits to create my dresses. The idea is to break down a realistic image into its most basic form — color and shape."
- **Model:** Christin Gilmer. Hair by Amber Zabaleta and makeup by Roy Valenzuela.



ASHLEY MARIE SANDERS

Rumb

- **Where to look:** www.rumbgarments.com and www.etsy.com/shop/rumbluxury and www.ustrendy.com/store/rumb
- **Inspiration:** "Gustav Klimt is the artist I chose to represent because his work has always been inspirational. The use of color and the care given to the female body is something that as a designer I deal with. His paintings have a delicate and somewhat rebellious subject matter, my designs also touch on this. His use of color and nature is what I choose to pull from."
- **Model:** Aimee C. Hair by Lexy Bowman and makeup by Leah Torres.



LAURA TANZER AND NORMA HILL

Two Cousins Wearable Art

- **Where to look:** www.facebook.com/TwoCousinsWearableArt
- **Inspiration:** Robert Rauschenberg. "He was a 20th-century artist who really came into the limelight in the '50s for his unique combining of different media to produce both two- and three-dimensional art. His work fits ours really well."
- **Model:** Amber Dzik. Styling by Danielle Cushing. Jewelry is from Stella and Dot, on loan from local representative Jennifer Lind.





BROOKE ALICIA

Sew Twisted Designs

- **Where to look:** www.sewtwisteddesigns.com
- **Inspiration:** Salvador Dalí. "I am so ecstatic to show something completely out of my comfort zone. I find that my mind is being bombarded by so many ideas for this show, and my body overcome with excitement."
- **Model:** Ilea Sullivan. Hair by Gerardo Bracamonte and makeup by Daniele Gary.



MELANIE LOCKWOOD AND VICTORIA VILLELA

- **Where to look:** Until the online store is ready, the designers can take requests via email at ml.perseus.a@gmail.com
- **Inspiration:** "We were definitely inspired by color this season. The collection has a heavy influence of high-contrast colors that reminded us of Claude Monet. We had a lot of fun experimenting with color blocking which seems to be an upcoming trend this summer, as well as mixing bright sexy sheers with some small leather details."
- **Model:** Saundie Senne.



AKIKO SENDA

Tres

- **Where to look:** www.shoptres.com
- **Inspiration:** "The summer collection is inspired by the colors Georgia O'Keeffe frequently used as well as her fascination with desert images and feminine florals."
- **Model:** Zuhaila Orozco. Hair and makeup by Daniele Gary.





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JENNY HERMALIK

HeartStrings Couture

- **Where to look:** an online site is in development; her email is heartstringscouture@gmail.com
- **Inspiration:** Vincent van Gogh. "I love the optimism, the colors van Gogh incorporated into his paintings eude, and the texture he used in complement. Each piece in the collection is inspired by an individual painting featuring a bouquet of van Gogh's aesthetic."
- **Model:** Kristen Pierce. Hair and makeup by Ali Megan



PHILLIP MANUS

- **Where to look:** www.philipmanus.com
- **Inspiration:** "I was inspired by Sir Joshua Reynolds, one of my favorite British painters in the 18th Century. After viewing his paintings at the Tate museum in London, I fell in love with his classic, traditional style. His paintings captured the extravagance and opulence of the 18th century, especially among women. This elegance is what I wanted to design in my collection along with rich colors, intricate draping and an abundance of fabric."
- **Model:** Rachel Yocorn. Hair by Raul Mendoza and makeup by Tangie Duffley.



TERESA RIDGEWAY

Haute Chocolate

- **Where to look:** www.shophautechocolate.com
- **Inspiration:** ("Wassily Kandinsky's use of bold, vibrant color is one of the main inspirations behind the pieces of Haute Chocolate that I will present at Carvas: Art on the Runway. His use of long straight lines are seen throughout my collection. Kandinsky is most famously known for his Kandinsky circles paintings, so I've incorporated some shape in a few items as well."
- **Model:** Aimee C.

