

Elm Street

THE LOOK

FASHION AND BEAUTY
Winter 2004

FORECAST
Eyeliner

BLOWING IN
Selma Blair, Agnès
Varda, Nick Nolte,
Carole Laure et al.
at the Toronto
International Film
Festival

WARM FRONT
Jake Nava directs
Lindsay Lohan,
Britney, Beyoncé

GUSTING
Nostalgia: the Christmas
corsage, St. Catherine's
Day, vintage

NORTHERLY WIND
Karl Lagerfeld and H&M

CHILL FACTOR
Cool shiny party wear

Cool Beauty

In T.O.wn



EMBELLISHED

To the pashmina products that have been the mainstay of Kumari Colson's business, add exotic purses. Moving from her Forest Hill showroom to a new colourful boutique at 94 Cumberland St., Kumari introduces an assortment of bags. Designed and produced specifically for her, they are made in plain and printed silks in all colours imaginable, and decorated elegantly with an array of stones such as malachite, turquoise and agate, as well as fine beads and crystals. Prices range from \$45 to \$2,800. L.M.



YES-CREATIVITY

Celebrating non-traditional fashion from Canada and Japan, the exhibition *No Kimono* – December 4 to January 4 at the Design Exchange – is the second cultural exchange project of the curator Rafi Ghanaghounian, who was responsible for *Tokyo Doll* last year.

The show features designers from Japan (Mint Designs duo Hokuto Katsui and Nao Yagi, Shinichi Meter, Hiromi Kani of Cocoon Design and Takayuki Suzuki) and Canada (Dean Horn, Lydia Klenck and Denis Gagnon). The exhibit is vast and lays out the varying styles and philosophies of each designer so expect the unexpected. There will also be a lecture and book-signing session by the photographer Shoichi Aoki, best known for his book *Fruits*, which documents the style of the streets of Tokyo. L.M.

STARRY, STARRY EYES

Robert Marc, the designer of eyewear to the stars – Susan Sarandon, Coli Farrell, and Yoko Ono to name a few – and the founder of nine stores in New York and Boston, came to Toronto for the unveiling of Stromboli, his third collection inspired by Italy, sold exclusively at Josephson Opticians.

Robert Marc went into great detail about the colours that inspired his lava brown, igneous black, caper green, and red for an Italian favourite, wine Frames come in metal and two-tone plastic with his signature hinge and new details, such as pavé crystals on the temples. The sunglasses are elegant and fun just like their maker. Seen here: (left) a two-tone plastic model, \$475, and (right) the trendy aviator metal frame, \$450. L.M.



WAITING TO EXHALE

Yoga has stretched beyond the studio. In Toronto it's getting its own show. Uniting mind, body and spirit with food, fashion and housewares, the 2004 Yoga Show and Conference runs November 19-21 at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre.

The hippest in ultra-comfy yoga fashion will be featured from what to wear in the studio to what to wear in a yoga-inspired life – with New Age elements like hemp fabrics, Indian prints and Buddha pants. Attendees can learn about how to set up an eco-friendly home at the Green Living Space or about alternative diets at the Karma Café.

The conference also offers yoga and Pilates classes for all levels, led by renowned instructors, including the co-creator of Bikram yoga (a.k.a. hot yoga) Rajashree Choudhury, and Rodney Yee, who works with Oprah and Donna Karan. SHANNON MCCARTHY