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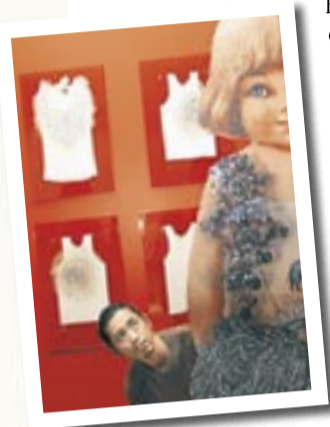
Fashion news and views

AKIRA ON SHOW

MOST of us put our old newspapers out for recycling; Akira Isogawa saves his to ignite the flames of his creativity.

The Japanese-born, Australian-based fashion designer practises his origami skills using newsprint, and, if he's pleased with what he sees, transfers the pleats and folds to calico and, finally, to the sensational silks that make the skin tingle at the touch of his garments. Isogawa, it seems, has no trade secrets; he's happy for everyone to find out how he constructs his designs.

He reveals all this summer in Akira Isogawa: Printemps-Ete at the National Gallery of Victoria's Ian Potter Centre at Federation Square. The exhibition is on display until March 27. Entry is free.



CERINI ON SALE

NICOLA Cerini, known for her botanically screenprinted cloth and vinyl bags, has produced her first full range of summer clothing.

"I have been dabbling for years, selling through my studio, before skirts went into shops last year," Cerini says.

But the line has been extended to wrap skirts, flowing linen shirts, short-sleeved and long-sleeved T-shirts and a cute floppy hat.

Naturally, Cerini's native floral motifs feature prominently in the designs. For those keen on the Melbourne designer's signature bags, samples, one-offs, excess stock and limited-run pieces will this week be sold at 30-50 per cent off the recommended retail price. The sale is from 3-9pm on Friday and 10am-4pm on Saturday at Cerini's studio, 39 Little Hoddle St, Richmond.



PERSONAL PASSION

FRUSTRATED by the difficulty in finding shops to stock her jewellery and bag designs, fledgling Melbourne designer Bronwyn Eager took a logical but brave step: she opened her own accessories store.

Bqueen has been at 119 Hardware St, in the city, for a month. Eager is also delighting in giving exposure to others like herself, the store's boudoir-type display dominated by handmade earrings and necklaces. You can also order custom-made bridal jewellery and bags. Ph: 9602 4455.

TREE FEST

FASHION designers have lent their talents to the L'Oreal-sponsored Festival of Trees in the Atrium at Fed Square. Milliner Paris Kyne has used 17,000 feathers to make a tree, star designer Willow's is made from coathangers and hatmaker Julie Fleming has also contributed. The trees are on display until December 23, and donations can be made to the Save the Children Fund.

SOAK IT UP

MELBOURNE beauty label Femme Fatale's Satin Soaks have won fans at home and overseas, including big-name bathing beauties such as Hilary Duff, Courteney Cox Arquette and Jennifer Garner.

For a very bubbly Christmas, label founders Megan and Kerrie Hess have collected three 30g "mini soaks" — all different fragrances — into one gift pack. Expect to pay about \$32 from David Jones.



STYLING WEAPON

KATE Allen and her team at city grooming salon Man, What a Fuss have become known in the past eight years for transforming Melbourne men.

Now Allen has developed her own range of camouflage-packaged men's products called Ammo. After 12 months of salon trials, first on the market is Ammo 001 styling weapon (\$14.95), a styling product that also adds a slight shine to hair.

It's available at Hairhouse Warehouse outlets. Other products to follow will include shave cream, shave oil, after-shave balm and body wash.



CHRISTMAS WINNERS

Winners of competitions run in the Herald Sun's Christmas Gift Gallery last Tuesday.

**Catherine Manuell bags:** O. Wilson, Balwyn; J. Wyss, Sandringham; R. Rossi, East Keilor.

**Sony PlayStation 2:** J. Abrahamson, Melbourne; R. Collins, Vermont Sth.

**Finz dinner:** M. Liddell, Mordialloc.

**De Bortoli package:** D. Taylor, Montmorency.

**Esky package:** L. Hopkins, Tonimbuk; P. Elvey, St Kilda.

**Wiesemann Salon package:** B. Sim, Ringwood.

**LeapFrog toys:** B. Hodges, Mansfield.

Competition calls cost 50c. Dialect solutions. Higher from mobile or public phones. Competition closes midnight today. Winners will be notified by mail.

FOR COFFEE AND TEA LOVERS

COFFEE and tea lovers can celebrate Christmas year round. Gloria Jean's boxed gifts include the 12 Days of Coffees (\$59), which contains assorted dark roast, medium roast and flavoured freshly ground coffees, and 12 Days of Tea (\$29.95) featuring teabags of single garden tea, blended tea, green tea, flavoured tea and herbal infusions.

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