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Androgyny at Its Finest

Ann Yee Fall 2010 Collection



Despite your best efforts, this season's boyfriend blazers, baggy trousers, and charming oxfords have you looking more like a confused English schoolboy than an edgy sophisticate.

For a tailored, androgynous style that doesn't call your gender into question, look to knitwear specialist Ann Yee.

The Nolita-based designer's fall collection femmes up boxy men's cuts with sexy zipper details and exquisite draping and ruching.

We're smitten with her structurally superior jumpsuits, like the Amelia with Risky Business-in-the-back plunging reverse lapels and Tova with a crisscrossed silky swagger. The possibility of combining fluid separates to create an un-suit-like uniform has us excited to revamp our wardrobe. We'll try the zip-back Kort top (which reverses to a vest) with cropped Brette pants.

To learn more about Yee (everything from current design inspirations to her My So-Called Life counterpart) and see the entire line, check out our Fashion Week coverage.

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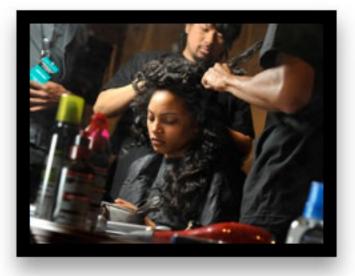
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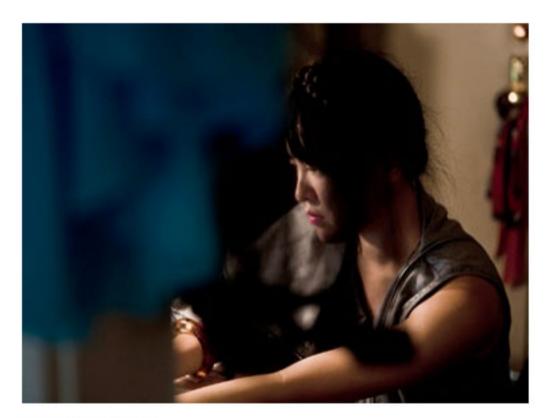
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Ann Yee at Work

Get to Know the Designer



Yee in a pensive moment.

When did you first know you wanted to be a designer?

I was 5 years old and started making dresses out of tissues for my Barbies.

What are you currently reading?

Goethe's color theory book. I'm trying to brush up on basics.

The best/last art exhibit I saw was ...

The most interesting exhibit I've been to this year was a collaboration between Animal Collective and Danny Perez at the Guggenheim, titled *Transverse Temporal Gyrus*. It was a multimedia installation that transformed the museum into a psychedelic wonderland with cool video projections and crazy costumes.

If I could be anyone from a TV show, it would be ...
Rayanne Graff from My So-Called Life.

Fill in the blank: I say dude too much.

I can't stop listening to ...

A summer mix my friend made for me. There are tons of local bands, including my current band crush, Beloved Rogue.







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Fashion Week Preview



Girl's got moves.

Ann Yee does not concern herself with hanger appeal. The 28-year-old Michigan native — who launched her eponymous line in fall 2009 and still holds down a 9-to-5 — would rather think about real bodies. Yee doesn't shy away from architectural, seemingly intimidating constructions, but through some sleight of hand (the deft draping skills she learned as a knitwear designer for LaRok, Elizabeth and James, etc.) she makes billowing bat-wing sleeves, dramatic cowl-necks, and voluminous multi-layer dresses flattering. And we love that she puts pockets on practically everything she designs.





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