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Two Canadian women take different routes to fashion success

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TRENDY, URBAN AND HIP—NIKKI ROXI! Roxanne Nikki's designs are so fashion-forward that they appear in a party scene set in 2020, in the futuristic movie *The Sixth Day*. While you probably won't find her clothes at the office, you will find them on the backs of rock stars, entrepreneurs and the urban hip, who have embraced Nikki's bold, flamboyant vision. Now into her 14th season, this Vancouver-based designer and three-time Matinée Fashion Foundation grant winner takes her inspiration from dance, music, theatre and Art Deco. "Think vintage with post-modern streetwise detailing," explains Roxanne, who uses unusual fabrics—faux furs, faux leathers, faux rubber, techno denims, silk organza—in original, unexpected combinations, in both her men's and women's lines.

You can mix and layer her edgy, trend-setting separates to get years of glamorous combinations that move easily from daytime to nighttime wear—to the year 2020 and beyond.

Her slogan says it all: "Nikki Rox!"

Look for Roxanne Nikki designs in select department stores and specialty boutiques in Montréal and Toronto.

For a complete list of locations: (604) 689-5996, www.roxannenikki.com



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Japanese-inspired linen wrap dress, with appliquéd black "sushi" circle on back. From the Roxanne Nikki spring/summer 2002 collection: \$240.

Jacket in faux pony fur (reverses to appliquéd techno denim) worn over a silk organza tuxedo shirt with rubber-ruffle appliqué, and slit trousers. From the Roxanne Nikki autumn/winter 2002 collection: \$1,500.

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Wives in Sherbrooke, Québec, have been known to send their husbands to Knowlton, an hour's drive away, just to check out the groovy windows, country charm and, of course, the designer togs at Hurricane Grace. Owned by former fashion models Jodi Mallinson and husband Nils Fluck, the boutique showcases dresses, women's sportswear and "Islandy" holiday wear designed by Mallinson and manufactured locally.

Jodi Mallinson models a dress in woven cotton, fully lined in cotton batiste, from her Hurricane Grace™ Limited Edition 2002 spring/summer collection: \$145

Jodi's specialty is dresses in clean, classic lines. Like fine lithographs, she produces them in limited editions, a maximum of 25 in any colour. Her bare sun frocks and other dresses, in fine cotton florals, linens and chiffons, delight loyal customers from Canada, New England, Denmark and beyond. A Singapore boutique just discovered the line, and a shipment is on its way.

The secret of Jodi's success: "Our customers tell us they have never been able to find anything as simple, elegant, feminine and pretty."

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