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# 24 Bicycles

The fashion world's attention has turned to bicycles, with Karl Lagerfeld creating a "cootare" bike for Chanel, and famous faces such as supermodel **Agyness Deyn** and actress Kate Hudson have also embraced the pushbike craze. Closer to home, Maleson Star's launched its Legend series, inspired by Aussie cycling hero Sir Hubert Opperman — who rode 1166 kilometres nonstop in France in 1931 — and Sid Patterson.



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## THE SHOE FITS

Jerome C. Rousseau walks to his own sexy '70s groove

As a 12-year-old in northern Quebec, Jerome C. Rousseau watched Deee-Lite's 1990 "Groove Is in the Heart" video, and life changed

Rousseau surrounded by his shoes: Medeiros (bottom right) circa 1982



forever: "I naively thought the band invented psychedelia and platforms! I haven't been able to get footwear out of my head since." Today, the young L.A.-based shoe designer has more rarefied music taste, such as the '70s French pop band Elli et Jacno—"Elli Medeiros was so aloof and distant"—and early Kate Bush, whose fondness for mixing Victorian and glam is expressed in Rousseau's fall collection of pointy lace-up booties and leopard-print heels.—W.V.



IT'S BEEN HUNGRY FOR A WHILE, but this week's hot weather has seen a tipping point in the fashion against discomfort platform. Not so long ago, we could see complete replicas of a pair of high heels. But we've noticed that women are suddenly sporting something else. Maybe it's because everyone's trying to look their best today and comfy footwear may stand in the way of the productivity, or maybe it's the thought of keeping feet cooler than the five-inch address, but stylish women everywhere are wearing what we're calling *half-heels*. And how happy are we?

They've got us hooked. There's always been a place in our hearts (and wardrobes) for (relatively) impractical shoes. In the past, right now, we need some that (a) can be worn when logging in for the bus. It makes our entire look different and leg longer and it's more fashion-forward. Understanding, no?

So, inspired by some of our favorite fashion-forward A-listers, we've found the perfect half-heels. Here's a pair of these babies and you only wish you're in need of the fashion gods. You can also wear something as an actual heel, because hey, we're carrying a good pair of them. Amen to this.



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**FIRST ROUND OF 2008 ACE AWARDS HONOREES ARE IN!**

July 14, 2008, New York- The Accessories Council is proud to announce its first round of honorees for the **2008 Accessories Council Excellence (ACE) Awards Gala**, highlighting those that have made a significant contribution to the accessories industry. The 2008 ACE Awards are scheduled to be held on Monday November 3rd at Cipriani 42nd Street in midtown New York.

The ACE Awards were created in 1996 to pay homage to those individuals and groups that have made great strides in raising the awareness of the accessories industry. The purpose of the awards is to celebrate those who have had a positive impact on accessory consumption during the prior year. Awards are given to designers, retailers, journalists, celebrities and emerging companies.

Honorees are nominated and voted upon by their peers in the accessory industry, retailers, the Accessories Council Board of Directors and the fashion press. Honorees are announced in advance of the event which takes place annually.

"We are excited for this year's upcoming awards as we have an amazing roster of talent and companies already scheduled to attend," stated Accessories Council President Karen Gibson. "We have made some changes in regards to production and the structure of the evening as well, to ensure that guests have

A partial list of 2008 ACE Awards Gala honorees are listed below, in no particular order:

**Designer of the Year - Nicolas Ghesquiere for Balenciaga**

**Green Designer of the Year - Stella McCartney**

**Retailer of the Year - Banana Republic**

**Brand of the Year - Jimmy Choo**

**Influencer of the Year- Cate Adair, Costumer of Desperate Housewives**

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14 July 2005  
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*Dear Cate,*

*Congratulations on your Emmy nomination! Without fail, your work always deserves a trophy.*

*I am so pleased to know that you will be celebrated in my boutique on Rodeo Drive this September. I'm desperate to meet you soon!*

*Until then, have a joyous summer.*

*With affection,*

*Giorgio Armani*







# STARTRACKS



**BEVERLY HILLS, SEPT. 13**

At a party in her honor, *Desperate Housewives* costume designer Catherine Adair (in white) found friendly neighbors in (from left) Executive Vice President of Entertainment Industry Communications for Armani Wanda McDaniel, Cochairman of Media Networks, the Walt Disney Company and President of Disney-ABC Television Group Anne Sweeney and *Housewives* nominee Marcia Cross.









**BEVERLY HILLS, SEPT. 12** At the Platinum Guild and Clothes Off Our Back Party, Eva Longoria posed with her costume designer Catherine Adair (above); honoree Jane Kaczmarek (above, center) cut a stylish figure with actors Teddy Sears, Jonathan Scarfe, J. August Richards and Mark-Paul Gosselaar, and stylists Nicole Allowitz and Daniel Hernandez hammed it up with guild senior VP Michael O'Connor (right) while Cheryl Hines (far right) glammed it up.





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strong lipstick is back, and poppy king is leading the way



# Madonna's a Fan of Pauric Sweeney

By Melanie Rickey

Sep 10, 2002/ FWD/ --- Move over Juicy Couture. The stars might be in love with your comfy velour tracksuits (or is it just being cool slobbs that they like?), but Madonna has moved on.

Rightfully, she is bored of looking like the herd - even if she does have a personalised 'Madge' tracksuit from Juicy.

Her new favored tracksuit is by a 29-year-old London-based Irish designer called Pauric Sweeney.

The star saw his styles, which are funky customized Adidas tracksuits, and nothing directly to do with the German megabrand, in catwalk pictures from the designer's current fall/winter collection and ordered the lot.

It is a wise move: Pauric Sweeney is a designer of cool and unusually edgy streetwear, and he likes to customize things.

So Madonna's new tracksuits will be unique.

The Madonna pieces come from his fall/winter collection, shown in London in March, which was called "Time for Bed" and inspired by the trend for comfortable leisure wear that arose after 9/11.

"They have rabbit fur collars, leather appliques of Magic Roundabout characters, and the words P.S, I Love You, or "P.S. Je T'aime" stitched into them. My signature is stitched into the back," says Sweeney.



Madonna  
(Photo by Swan-FWD)