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Camel dress with pleated leather skirt, \$1,600, maxfowles.com.

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## CENTER STAGE

Who says dressing up has to be complicated? Take a cue from Backstage Dresser, a recently launched Melbourne-based label that takes a playful approach to romantic attire. Founded by high school buddies Sara Tresiglavic and Crystal Wang, the debut collection is inspired by the ocean and the carefree charm of Coney Island. "We want the girl who wears our clothing to feel free, as if she is escaping reality," says Tresiglavic. An element of fantasy is evident in the scallop-edged dresses and skirts, while the muted palette of blush pink, cream and aqua evokes thoughts of a day by the sea. We particularly love the peplum on a cropped jacket and the slight nod to '60s style via bandeau tops and high-waisted tap shorts. As if we needed one more reason to be obsessed with Aussie style.

→ [backstagedresser.com](http://backstagedresser.com) NATALIE YOST



Dirty Dagger jacket and Rosy Cheeks shorts, prices upon request, [backstagedresser.com](http://backstagedresser.com).

## SMELLS LIKE TEAM SPIRIT

MAXFOWLES founders Parisa and Max Fowles are not your everyday couple. The impeccably dressed—and coiffed—LA-based pair (raised in Stockholm and London, respectively) was motivated to start their just-launched line by the entrepreneurial spirit they witnessed during a stint living in the Big Apple. They were ultimately inspired to create—from scratch and with no fashion training—a women's ready-to-wear line that screams sophistication with an edge. The core of the uptown girl-meets-downtown cool collection is impossibly sleek pieces with an underlying playfulness in the cuts—a wool shift with a pleated leather miniskirt, cropped leather motorcycle jackets, jeans with quilted-leather panels and a cocktail dress with a deep-V leather top and wool skirt. The Fowles see their muse as a girl who's "ambitious, forward-thinking and wakes up every morning with drive. She has devotion to what inspires her." They're speaking our language. → [maxfowles.com](http://maxfowles.com) KATHRYN ROMEYAN



CLOCKWISE FROM BOTTOM LEFT: The Lion, Tiger, and Bear AMBSN case: \$875; Brown Sammy Junior case: \$500; The Flamingo AMBSN case: \$775; Red Stunner case: \$1,255, [store.theboomcase.com](http://store.theboomcase.com).

## boom boom pow

There are only two ways to make sure the party doesn't start without you: Hide all the booze or be the one bringing the tunes. The latter just got a whole lot easier thanks to Dominic and JP Odbert, founders and designers of the portable suitcase-speaker line The BoomCase. The brothers gut and reinforce vintage suitcases, lunch boxes and briefcases and build speakers and battery packs into their frames—an idea they adapted from movable record players popular in the '50s and '60s. The speaker systems are self-powered and work with both the iPhone and iPod, lasting 10 hours on a single charge. Our favorite BoomCase is a family affair: The brothers collaborated with their cousins Dustin and Dylan Odbert—founders of the menswear line AMBSN—for suitcases that use board-short material as the fabric. "We've been collaborating on forts and tree houses for years," says Dominic. "Pairing AMBSN's awesome prints with BoomCase was the next logical step." Party on.

→ [theboomcase.com](http://theboomcase.com) JOHNIE GALL

### IN HONOR OF THE MUSIC ISSUE, WE ASKED OUR FOAM FRIENDS ABOUT THEIR MOST MEMORABLE CONCERT.

#### ROB MACHADO

Pro surfer

"Pearl Jam and Ben Harper in Venice, Italy, [at an] outdoor festival with about 50,000 people. I got up on stage and sang 'Rockin' in The Free World' with Pearl Jam and Ben. It still gives me the chills."

#### COREY LYNN CALTER

Fashion designer

"The Tallest Man On Earth at the Wiltern. I left excited that it was still possible for one guy with a guitar to get up in front of a packed house and be himself."

#### COCO HO

Pro surfer

"Beyoncé. I had watched so many of her concert DVDs, and in person her performance lived up to all the hype. I don't think I ever sat in my seat—I was up and dancing to every song."



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