

FASHION

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As our rainy winter transitions into March, and fashions adjust accordingly, the Gazette spotlights three alluring ensembles from a trio of talented local designers: JAKE, Tokyo Gamine and Kamperett. We asked each to provide their special take on what to wear for various Spring-y activities, from a relaxing day off to a see-and-be-seen social event of the season. The result: two dreamy dresses—and one dramatic jumpsuit!—that will make you long all year round for warm days, cool nights and a lighter way of being.



SUNDAY BRUNCH

Kamperett dress (kamperett.com)
Suz Somersall earrings (suzsomersall.com)
Gianvito Rossi sandals (Saks Fifth Avenue, San Francisco)

Anna Chiu and Valerie Santillo launched their vintage-cool womenswear line in 2015, concocting a moniker that blended their mothers' maiden names, Pferdekamper and Garrett, respectively. "We design everything here in San Francisco and we make everything in California, both in SF and LA, and are very cognizant and conscious of using ethical factories," Chiu says. "We know all of our production facilities and people really well. It's very important to us to run an ethically conscious and sustainable business ... and high quality is, obviously, very important to us too, so we use really good materials like silks and linens." Perfect for a weekend stroll down Fillmore Street, this swiny marigold number, from the label's Volume 3 collection, captures the vibe of the Kamperett woman: "She's elegant, she's sophisticated, she's confident and she's chic. She's stylish without trying too hard," notes Chiu, now at work on Volume 4. Meanwhile, we know what we're wearing to gobble eggs and sip Mimosas at Park Tavern on a sunny May midafternoon, barring any intrusions from Karl the Fog.

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Hair and makeup: Maya Roget.

Shoes: Saks Fifth Avenue, SF, 415-986-4300.



DAY TO NIGHT

JAKE dress (jake.clothing)
Christian Louboutin pumps (Saks Fifth Avenue, San Francisco)

And speaking of Karl, **Jake Wall** has incorporated His Foginess into a witty print custom-made for the latest looks from Wall's popular namesake label. The mod dress, part of the designer and Project Runway alum's East-meets-West-inspired collection, entitled Dangerous Liaisons, "is both fit and flare," says Wall. "There's a little bit of form to it, but it also kind of kicks out. It's a little bit more playful. The sleeve has versatility so that you can leave it undone and have more of that open sort of bell-bottom flare shape. You can tie it up and give it more a ruched sensation. You can wear it as a dress itself or you can pair it with skinny jeans or great leggings and boots so that it also can move. Again, remember that perennial word. It can move through our more seasonless climate of San Francisco and be something that you can wear on its own or mix and match it." When the weather warms up in springtime, however, forgo the tights and work this look from luxe lunch to cocktail hour.



GALA SURPRISE

Tokyo Gamine jumpsuit (tokyogamine.com)
Aquazzura sandals (Saks Fifth Avenue, San Francisco)

Since captivating SF society in her own brightly hand-painted gown at the 2015 Opera Ball, **Yuka Uehara** of Tokyo Gamine has enjoyed stunning success outfitting **Sakurako Fisher**, Menlowe Ballet dancer **Chantelle Pianetta** and more. For the Gazette's Spring Fashion issue, the Japanese couturier created a one-of-a-kind formal onesie with luxurious dove-gray silk. How many mavens are likely to pull up to the red carpet sporting something that's not a dress? You're guaranteed to stand out, and win points for originality, in Uehara's creations. "I love something that appears effortless even though it looks really elegant," she says. "For this piece, because it's actually a jumpsuit, I feel that it's very empowering and it kind of adds a little casual look for the spring." Unexpected, yet utterly glamorous.