

# TIME TO SHINE

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Welcome to the holiday season. What better reason to splurge on the guiltiest of pleasures than a month of festivities and fun? There is no sparing camel – this season's most coveted colour – to add warmth to party dresses and shoes all round. Gentlemen, get ready to lace up Italy's newest and most luxurious footwear, and suit up in the season's finest. And it wouldn't be a party without a little sparkle, would it? We introduce the latest addition to designer jewellery boutique Leblas, Choo Yilin. Feast your eyes on all our favourites from the latest ethical collections

## EMESHA



Black silk cocktail dress, £678

Hailed as one to watch, Emesha creates pieces for the powerful woman. The covetable AW10 collection combines androgynous pieces with ultra-feminine elements. A neutral colour palette allows the wearer to accessorise the pieces easily. Emesha uses fabrics that are 100% natural and fully biodegradable.

[emesha.com](http://emesha.com)

Black silk jersey dress, £595



Corseted cocktail dress, £730

## MATT AND NAT

Matt and Nat's bags tick every box. They are made of vegan leather and 100%-recycled lining made from plastic bottles. The collection combines a modern approach to primitive – using beads and metal ornaments – with understated colours for a romantic vintage feel. These party favourites are the perfect accessory.

[mattandnat.com](http://mattandnat.com)



LONDON, £133



Beet, £55



Santogold, £145

## NEUROTICA

The *Thief in the Night* collection gathers Neurotica's strongest and most celebrated prints, shapes and themes and explores abstract darkness. All Neurotica products are made from custom-woven fabrics that have been hand-dyed and hand-printed locally to the highest standard.

[thisisneurotica.co.uk](http://thisisneurotica.co.uk)



Dove Labyrinth maxi dress, £130



Bodycon Solitaire dress, £75

## CHOO YILIN FOR LEBLAS

The *Beza'* collection by Choo Yilin is made from 100% recycled 18ct rose-gold-plated silver. It honours the traditional bezel setting of gemstones in jewellery, and reinterprets it with a heavily hammered look. Choo Yilin collaborates with Thailand's tribal artisans to create a old-world luxury feel mixed with modern design.

[leblas.com](http://leblas.com)



Chequerboard open bangle, £265



Small bezel drop earrings, £240



Teardrop ring, £220

## GWENDOLYN CARRIE

Gwendolyn Carrie wants women to feel 'confident in their heels – not crippled by them'. Using materials such as natural fish-skin leather, she assures us that 'comfort need not mean compromise'. Blending day- and eveningwear, Gwendolyn Carrie creates sophisticated shoes a woman can take from work into town. The designer strongly opposes today's throwaway culture, and believes her luxury brand will encourage sustainability. *Sublime* has found a new shoe goddess!

[gwendolyncarrie.com](http://gwendolyncarrie.com)



Karla, £460

Jimmy, £520

Vari, £340

Vanessa, £416

## BEAUTIFUL SOUL

The all-new Beautiful Soul menswear collection includes a capsule range of casual blazers and tailored suits upcycled from vintage kimonos and retro bird prints. The collection is made to complement Beautiful Soul's collection for women, both in ethos and design. Available from Spring 2011, but there are studio visits currently on offer for on the Kimono fabric and a capsule range will be available in December at Mary Portas Westbourne Grove, London shop.

[beautiful-soul.co.uk](http://beautiful-soul.co.uk)



Pink/Purple Retro Bird Print, £494

Kimono (One of a kind), £548

## ZANACCO

Luxury men's designer Zanacco combines eco-friendly materials with artisan Italian shoemaking. The brand prides itself on loyalty to Italian craftsmanship, promising 'impeccable quality, design and sustainability'. Zanacco transforms a trainer from informal to smart, elevating sportswear to luxury status.

[zanacco.com](http://zanacco.com)



Gianmarco Plumbeo (SS/11), £325

Castello Dimgrey (AW/10), £265