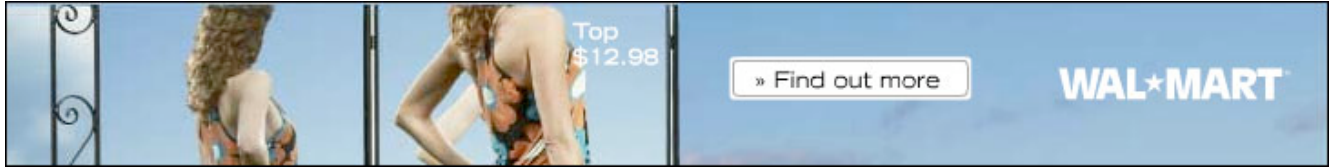


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WHO

I can't resist the urge to boast that fashion designer Megan Fischer once roamed the streets of Calgary. Now residing in Shanghai, China, Fischer is successfully producing her own line **MATSU**, which she created for fellow foreigners living in Shanghai. Now Canadians on this side of the globe will get to experience MATSU's Spring 2008 collection at **WORTH**. The line is young and progressive with a soft touch of luxury.



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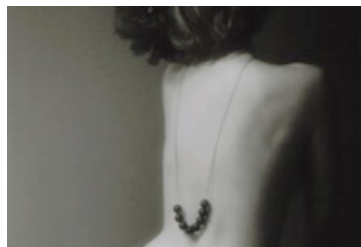
WHAT

We can never have too many belts and handbags, and to take this notion even further, **Kara James**—a new Canadian accessories line—marries our two loves to create the ultimate accessory. The geniuses behind Kara James are Cara Sinclair and Erin Ogston, both Calgarians who share a love of fashion, noticed that the look of a handbag can change with the switch of a decorative strap or belt. Their revolutionary idea caught the attention of the Accessories Council of America, which declared Kara James handbags as a must-have during this past New York Fashion Week. The line consists of eight different styles, then an endless option of belts and straps (sold separately) to create our bags around our wardrobes! Kara James is available online at karajamesbags.com, Blu's Womens Wear, Focus Clothing and O'Connors in Calgary.



WEAR


Jewellery designer Melyssa Nielsen is a mistress of accentuating our sexy curves with her line **Melncoly**. Don't let the sound of the name fool you, there is nothing depressing about Nielson's designs—the name is simply an extension of her nickname Meln. Her latest collection called The Muse is dark seduction on a silver chain. Composed of black onyx and Japanese glass pearls, this collection can be worn as a necklace, down the back, on the waist, or on the head as a modern tiara. **The Muse** and other collections can be purchased online.



WHEN

Art meets fashion at **EUNOIA**—*An Evening of Beautiful Thinking*. Hosted by Artists Within School of Makeup in conjunction with Jax Wax Entertainment, prep yourself for a night of beauty. Meet some of Calgary's finest, such as fashion designer Shae Barry, photographer Greg Gerla, and artist Tony Wong, and at the same time help raise funds for the Calgary Women's Emergency Shelter. The event takes place Thursday March 20th at the Gerry Thomas Art Gallery (100 - 602 11th Avenue SW). For ticket information, contact [Artists Within School of Makeup](#).



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WINE

Attention all foodies, now is our chance to dine out all week and maintain a healthy bank account! **Edmonton Dining Week** allows us to dine at participating downtown restaurants for lunch or dinner on a set menu that will cost no more than \$35. Now is our chance to get our culinary groove on at our favorite haunts or eateries that we've always wanted to try. Edmonton Dining week runs March 7-16th, contact the Downtown Edmonton Association (780- 424-4085) for information on participating restaurants.



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