



NOW OPEN

Hello, my name is Vince

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Contemporary sportswear line Vince has earned a good chunk of floor space in fashion specialty stores such as Barneys, Neiman's and Saks. Now the 8-year-old label has an address all its own — and in chichi Highland Park Village, no less.

Late last month, the doors opened on Vince's first free-standing Dallas store, a prime spot at the easternmost end of the former Harold's store, directly opposite HPV hive Starbucks.

The store itself is beautiful, with walls blasted back to their original dark reddish-brown brick, original tongue-and-groove vaulted ceilings and a trio of tall, arched windows infusing the space with just the right amount of natural light. (Manager Stacy Gibbons says Vince co-founder Christopher LaPolice "told us our store is the prettiest.")

Nearly half the floor is devoted to menswear. Sweaters and slim-cut jeans in a murky urban palette of charcoal, marine and army green; and appealing versions of the season's ubiquitous plaid shirts in thick cotton flannel all hang neatly on industrial rolling racks. Soft-touch staples in cotton and cashmere also dominate the women's side, with evenly spaced rows of cardies, leggings, tees and slouchy sweaters broken by the occasional fashion item: a halter-neck jumpsuit, trim leather jacket, or Cher-ish Mongolian lamb vest.

One pair of black leather leggings was so supple — and, at \$895, budget-busting — I was actually relieved the store had already sold out in my size (and after just a single day open, I might add). But with cashmere sweaters averaging \$195 to \$295, most items at Vince fall in the price range described as "accessible luxury." And that alone should make it a hit.

Vince, 94 Highland Park Village, 214-559-0033



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Stuff you just wanna touch: Soft cotton and cashmere are prominent among the men's and women's items at Vince, newly open in Highland Park Village.



TOUT

"We believe in a dream house, a dream car and a dream life."

From the Jonathan Adler Barbie manifesto

A more bon vivant Barbie

Bring on the hot-pink lacquer. Barbie just found a new BFF this fall with happy-chic designer Jonathan Adler. The prince of eye-popping interiors has done a capsule collection of decor pieces for Mattel's famed doll, which turned 50 this year (yes, she's had work done).

Among our favorites? For Adler's collector edition Barbie, doll-size furniture such as a pink lamp and sofa inspired by the designer's grown-up works, a rocking geometric print dress

with candy-hued stilettos, even a mini throw-pillow adorned with words such as peroxide. For big kids, give your space a Malibu makeover with a full-size pink Nixon throw or set of black-and-white-striped canisters labeled for Barbie-worthy necessities such as glitter and eyelashes.

Prices for both Barbie-size and adult pieces range from \$18 for lacquer bath accessories to \$350 for a stack of slick pink nesting cubes.

Order online at www.barbiecollector.com.

Christopher Wynn

Pieces from the Barbie Loves Jonathan Adler collection



Mattel



FASHIONABLY FRUGAL

Hear staff writer Jason Sheeler discuss the week's fashionably frugal finds with Rick O'Bryan, Victoria Snee and Josh Hart on KDMX-FM "Mix" (102.9) Fridays at 8:05 a.m.



Music and lyrics

Wear a bracelet, save the music. It's not exactly that simple, but with jewelry company Carolee partnering with VH1's Save the Music Foundation, it's a start. The collection offers limited-edition sterling silver bangle bracelets inscribed with mantras written by some of pop's hottest singers, including Estelle, India.Arie and Natasha Bedingfield. And Patti LaBelle. (From Estelle: Baby, what did you expect?) You might not call a hundred-dollar bracelet frugal,

but the collection is \$15 less than Carolee's standard sterling collection. Plus, 10 percent of sales will benefit the channel's foundation, which provides funding for music education programs across the U.S.

Have a little less cash and want a little more flash? The collection also includes sparkly bangles in gold, silver and hematite tones for \$50 available at Dillard's. To order and for more information, go to www.carolee.com.

Jason Sheeler

FASHION FLASH

What to buy, see and know this week

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► So you already know *The September Issue* hits Dallas today. The documentary follows *Vogue* editor-in-chief Anna Wintour as she puts her team through the paces creating the magazine's largest, phone-book-size edition ever, the September 2007 issue. Biggest shock? Anna isn't Miranda Priestly. (Not on camera, anyway.)

► *Paper Nerds* owners Tish Brewer and Shannon Driscoll offer a regular lineup of DIY workshops, such as Japanese bookbinding, out of their Commerce Street studio. On Sept. 20, leave the glue at home. The creative coalition turns its attention to homemade beauty products such as scrubs and lip gloss. (Think Christmas gifts.) For more info or to sign up for the \$60 workshop, call 214-827-0200. Prefer paper? Next month is lantern-making.

► A new reason to hit Preston Royal's *Merge* on Saturdays: makeup artist Jamie Hermosillo. The beauty industry vet is now offering in-store tutorials every Saturday from noon to 4 p.m. using Susan Posnick Cosmetics (above). His current fave? Posnick's new Janis lip color, which he says is the perfect coral for late summer. Also coming soon: next-door-neighbor- to-be Pinkberry.

► A well-groomed brow could be the accessory of the season. Find the right shape for your fall face Saturday at Nordstrom NorthPark in a session with an expert from *Anastasia Brow Studio*. A \$30 fee, which can be applied toward a purchase made during the event, secures your appointment. Bonus: purchase \$85 or more in Anastasia products and receive a complimentary follow-up service. Call 214-231-3900 for more information and to schedule your visit.

► Lilly Pulitzer at NorthPark is donating 10 percent of Saturday's sales to *Fashion Benefiting Youth Artists*, a Dallas-based charity that provides scholarships and mentorship to artistic high school students.



► Hear *Project Runway's Shirin Askari* (above) dish about fashion when the Season 6 designer and Dallas native kicks off the *Fashionistas Two* lecture series Oct. 5. F2, as it's known, is an offshoot of local fashion proponents the *Fashionistas*, tailor-made for couture-minded high school and college students. The lecture will be held at South Side on Lamar at 7 p.m. For info, go to www.thefashionistas.org and click on Calendar.

► Make an appointment now for *Message Envy's Massage for the Cure* on Tuesday. The one-day fundraiser at all 500-plus *Message Envy* studios offers \$35 massages, with \$10 going to Susan G. Komen for the Cure. Click to www.messageenvy.com for locations.

► Grapevine Mills' Gap outlet is now *Gap Generation*. The same discounted merchandise is there, but the space boasts a freshened look and cool new name. The company is testing the concept and may redo all outlet locations to match.

► *Designed With Care*, a cocktail party and silent auction benefiting the Children's Cancer Fund, is Monday. The charity was established to support research in childhood cancer. The evening's Humanitarian Award will go to Dallas-based fashion show producer and all-around good person *Rhonda Sargent Chambers*. For \$45 advance tickets, call 214-634-0204.

