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Collection: Autumn/Winter 2013
Amber Gemstone Dress
Fabric: tulle, embroidered gemstones \$1,900.00



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Fabulous defines anything that makes you excited. It's the utmost level of excitement; the most exciting part of your day. Or even the real dictionary definitions apply: wonderful, marvelous.

This section features pieces from Christian's Autumn/Winter 2013 collection. Inspired by the lavish interiors of Saint Petersburg's Mariinsky Theatre, the opulence of the royal 1880's was translated into a decidedly wearable collection of sleek black cocktail dresses, moto jackets and luxe fur coats. Pieces were sophisticated in structure- think nipped-in waists, raised necks, pleated swing skirts and rich in texture with liberal use of velvet, furs, lame, leather and even metallic wool. Siriano deftly played with and riffed on the classic Russian style (a milkmaid bonnet here, a fur hat there) creating a collection fit for a modern day Czarina.



Gold Trim Dress
Collection: Autumn/Winter 2013 Fabric: silk organza, nylon tulle \$4,500.00

*W*ith opulent Russia as his guide, Siriano easily could have relied too heavily on gilded embroidery and over the top extravagance. Instead, he kept it fresh and modern. Embellishment was done tastefully, and only occasionally, with lovely Miriam Haskell jewelry. His girl is a modern day Russian princess with a devil may care attitude and an affinity for leather. She rocks her layers of tulle and sequins with the same edgy spirit as her cropped vest and dominatrix over-the-knee boots.

Highlights of the collection included a gold embossed jacquard moto jacket and matching pencil skirt (complete with a sky high slit) which seamlessly married opulent texture with wearable, modern silhouettes that would look just as at home on a Parisian Editrix as a runaway Czarina. A silver lacquered coat with tulip hem and shiny lacquer finish continued the brocade trend. While the palette was restrained to inky black and gold, there was one bright spot of color in the form of three metallic fuchsia wool looks.



Gold Trim Dress
Collection: Autumn/Winter 2013
Fabric: silk, organza, nylon tulle \$4,500.00



Gold Floral Dress
Fabric: printed silk crepe
\$198



Gold Lace Gown
Fabric: silk organza, gold trim lace
\$1,800



Patterned Suit
Fabric: textured leather
\$1,000



Fur Coat
Fabric: faux fur
\$1,400



Belted Ruffle Dress
Collection: Project Runway Finale
Fabric: tulle \$2,400

This elaborate multi-toned ruffle dress with Christian's trademark belted profile was one of twelve pieces of his final collection from Project Runway which was shown at New York Fashion Week 2008.



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Complete perfection, like a seven-inch stiletto. People can look flawless, as well.

Everyone aspires to be flawless, because it's the highest level of perfection

Designs from Christian's Spring/Summer 2013 collection are featured here. He took a softer approach for this collection both in colour and style, as opposed to his usual bright and showy collections of seasons past. Inspired by the ballet, in particular a performance of *The Dream* by the American Ballet Theatre, Siriano created pieces mainly in pastel hues of pink, blue, and

white, that were wearable for day and night.



The Dream Gown
Collection: Spring/Summer 2013 Fabric: tulle \$3,700,000



Feather Maxi Dress
Fabric: leather piping on mesh
\$1,000



Silk Cotton Blazer
Fabric: silk cotton, silk brocade
\$1,450



Ballet Print Waist Dress
Fabric: silk
\$1,000



Pink Silk Coat
Fabric: cotton silk
\$1,000



Pas de Trois Dresses
Collection: Spring/Summer 2013
Fabric: tulle
\$2,400.00



Crimson Lady Vamp Gown
Collection: Autumn/Winter 2012 Fabric: silk organza and nylon tulle \$5,800.00



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The high point of being flawless and fabulous.
It is not so much a definable word; it's just a state of being.

Christian was inspired by Vampire Bat, a horror film from 1933 for his Autumn/Winter 2012 collection. This would explain the Nineties-Thirties hybrid thing that was going on in the latter part of the collection – the flip from a leather biker with flowing gown-esque skirt in tulle, to little bodiced minidresses and onto caped gowns, and then retro red carpet numbers. And all the while in deep shades of black and burgundy to match that of the lips above.

Christian's color palette for his vampire inspired collection, included black, gray, purple, gold, rich wine, burgundy, and white. He evoked the dark winged creatures with dresses and shirts with shoulders equipped with capes fluttering in movement, along with black leather shifts and mesh skirts with leather appliqués. Printed blouses tucked into pencil and A-line skirts were inspired by Fay Wray, the elegant protagonist from the grainy film. Secretary chic underlined part two of the collection, which teamed over with knit turtle-necks, wool palazzo pants, chiffon scarf neck blouses, and faux croc A-line skirts.

Accessories included fur stoles, chain handle shoulder bags, and fuchsia croco, gold glitter, black pony hair, and gold lorix. Footware consisted of an assortment of metallic heeled Christian Siriano for Payless Pumps and ankle boots with shiny hardware, and wedges with sculptural platform soles



Black Jacket & Sheer Skirt
Collection: Spring/Summer 2013 Fabric: tulle \$3,400.00



This elaborate multi-toned ruffle dress with Christian's trademark belted profile was one of twelve pieces of his final collection from Project Runway which was shown at New York Fashion Week 2008.



Collection: Project Runway Finale
Ruffle Collar Coat
Fabric: tulle, wool \$1,200.00



Collection: Autumn/Winter 2012
Black Occasion Dress
Fabric: silk crepe, tulle \$1,800.00

Of course no Siriano show would be complete without ball gowns boasting trumpet skirts, beaded scalloped details, and tulle crepe. He offered several breathtaking options, but clung to his theme by affixing winged sleeves and tulle shoulders to his black, beaded creations.



Grey Fur Coat
Fabric: fur
\$980



Grey Fur Shaw
Fabric: fur
\$250



Sequin Skirt
Fabric: silk, sequin
\$1,000



Lady Vamp Casual
Fabric: silk, cotton
\$198



Gold Corset Dress
Fabric: black, gold sequin
\$450



Bat Vein Dress
Fabric: leather piping on mesh
\$1,800



Bat Vein Leather Jacket
Fabric: leather, piping on mesh, chiffon skirt
\$298



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The state of being when something is totally fabulous but not necessarily fierce. It's often something you do, such as styling your hair a certain way. This can make you extra ferosh.

For his Spring/Summer 2012 collection, Christian's inspiration was exotic tropical underwater specimens found while traveling to Bali, Honduras, and Belize. "I was inspired by these underwater creatures their origins and how they developed these textures and colors. They are truly stunning and inspirational."

Pleated Spiral Gown
Collection: Spring/Summer 2011 Fabric: silk organza and nylon tulle \$7,500.00

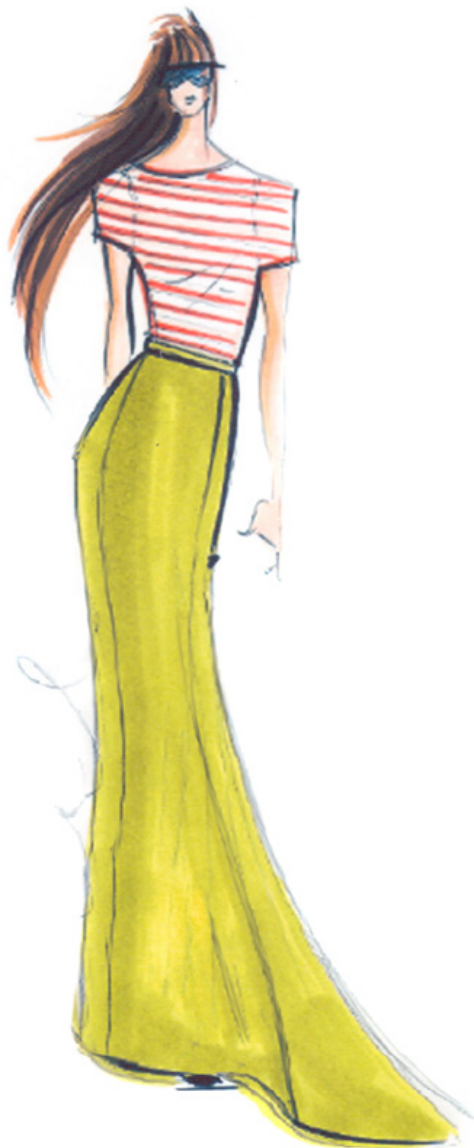




Chartreuse Skirt

Fabric: cotton silk

\$490



Chartreuse Drawstring Pant

Fabric: silk crepe

\$180





Tulle and Fur Gown
Collection: Spring/Summer 2011 Fabric: silk organza, tulle, faux fur \$4,500.00

Christian worked with stylist Danielle Nachmani for the second time for his Spring/Summer 2012 collection's runway show. Backstage, he cited Katharine Hepburn as inspiration—an unexpected reference. (Certainly she could be described as fierce, but not the way he means it.) The first half of the show reflected that no-nonsense glamour in simple shapes like T-shirts belted into lean bias skirts, and crisp white shirting with paper-bagged palazzo pants, hopped up by acid hues.

During later part of the show, it seemed as though Christian couldn't bear the restraint anymore, and in rolled a storm of flocked tulle and organza, capped off by a dramatic finish of dimmed lights and streaming models. The crowd ate it up. It's what they were waiting for.



Salmon Ruffle Blouse
Fabric: cotton, metallic linen skirt
\$350



Tulle Blouse & Fur Skirt
Fabric: tulle, faux fur
\$1,000



Chartreuse Cocktail Dress
Fabric: silk crepe
\$1,400



Chartreuse Gown
Fabric: tulle, silk crepe
\$2,000



Salmon Tube Dress
Fabric: silk cotton
\$1,250



Cream Fur Dress
Fabric: tulle, faux fur
\$1,800

