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## Macy's to spotlight local fashion designers

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Marshall Field's owner unveiled Wednesday the first step in its commitment to support Chicago-area fashion designers: 47 collections that will be showcased in the newly revamped Macy's store on State Street.

Fourteen of Macy's buyers and trend managers judged 70 entries for the Chicago Indie Designer Shop, a shop that will showcase local designers' goods at the State Street store, starting Sept. 9. The Field's conversion to Macy's takes place Sept. 7.

The "pop-up" shop, on the main floor near Randolph and Washington, will include cutting-edge fashions such as vintage women's wear, hand-finished women's hats and handcrafted totes. It will be open during September, after which the fashions will be moved into their appropriate departments throughout Macy's flagship store.

The number of designers selected to show their wares is more than double last year's 19 collections that were featured as part of Fashion Focus Chicago 2005.

Among the designers whose work will be in the shop are:

\*Joelle Minasslan of "Joelle Nadine," designs handbags in unique shapes and combinations of metals and leathers.

\*Paul Lewin and Ryan Wither of Tivi create clutches and cuffs of leathers, stainless steel, exotic wood.

\*Stiles Anderson of BYA Denim creates men's clothes from organic fabrics.

\*Cyndi Chan of Ori'en by Cyndi Chan creates funky coats with patterned materials.

\*And Michelle Tan creates women's clothing with edgy, fashion-forward designs.

Macy's chose designers who offer a range of tradition and fashion-forward collections that show quality, trend and fit, said Field's spokeswoman Andrea Schwartz.