



## Chicago Shopping Spree

What's hot from coast to coast!

### Chicago Fashion: Innocent Chic

Two for the price of one...When we discovered Chicago designer Cyndi Chan at Gen Art's "shop Chicago" last month, we were floored. Not only did she showcase her "made in Chicago" tank tops with amazing decals and details under the brand "Zen Tee", but she also debuted her more formal couture collection, under the label "Ori-en" – a line so striking and completely different from her more casual offerings we were shocked to learn she was responsible for both.

Ever since watching her first fashion show at age 11, the Hong Kong native knew she was destined for fashion. After interning for Donna Karan and putting in some time with hip hop artist Nelly's clothing line, Vokal, as well as a whirlwind of other design apprenticing. Chan launched her dual collections to waves of fan fare. When asked how she sums up her Spring/Summer 2006 issues, she answers, "Innocent Chic, a delightful expression of my obsession with contrast, that's kept in perfect balance."

For the fashion-forward working girl, we find tailored jackets and bubble skirts with adorable schoolgirl pleats. And for the woman about town, we cheer loudly for Chan's unfettered dresses in rich colors like aqua and gold, cut soft and loose with gentle cutaway hems.



Blue Short Sleeve Silk Blouse, \$120  
Blue Silk Skirt, \$99



Blue Silk Burnout Dress, \$280



Burgundy Silk Crepe Dress, \$260



Orange Strapless Dress, \$280



Mint Silk Sundress, \$260



Zen Tee's Summer Flower Ribbed Tank, \$24

Zen Tees are available for purchase on-line and at these Chicago stores: Shorty's, 1410 N. Milwaukee Ave; and The Silver Room, 1442 N. Milwaukee Ave.

Ori-en is sold at Casa de Soul, 1919 W. Division, with the designer's showroom in the rear of the boutique space.