

A NOTE
FROM THE EDITOR

*Last of
Winter Blues*

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Via La Moda in Jozi's Industria North is truly one of the city's style secrets. We were lucky enough to go to Fashion Week armed with ostrich leather clutch bags by Via La Moda.



IMAGE: COURTESY OF AFI/SDR PHOTO.

Although we were wowed by the amazing display of design talent at Cape Town Fashion Week 2011, I have to say that the talented Danielle Margaux stood out for us as a refreshing newcomer. Visit www.daniellemargaux.com to fall in love with her fabulous creations.

I'm not a winter baby. I make the best of it, mostly because it seems to happen every year - but having grown up in Kwa-Zulu Natal, I would choose hot-and-bothered over cold and red-nosed any day. Still, there's something to be said for embracing winter and all it involves. In fact, I'm starting to tolerate Gauteng winters with such enthusiasm that I'm almost going to miss it when it's over!

And so, welcome to our farewell-to-winter guide, where we bid the chilly season a fine farewell in true VOILA! style. This month, we've got the blues – and we show you where you can buy them too. We shopped for everything from smurfs to cars and music. Guest Beauty Editor Leigh Toselli shows us how to pamper our skin with much-needed moisture whilst the talented Kelly Fraser does denim with a difference on page 53. With our bags packed for Oppikoppi (while certain people are still more or less within the acceptable age limit), we share some tips on how to bring a touch of class to an open air music festival. And for those who are not about to pitch a tent at a bushveld bash, we look at a few cosy winter getaways where crackling fireplaces await.

This is Issue 6 of VOILA!, South Africa's first FREE style fix. From humble beginnings six issues ago to appearing as the official publication at Cape Town Fashion Week last month, VOILA! has made big waves in a short space of time. On a daily basis, we are humbled and motivated by your letters of encouragement, advice and admiration. You are what makes us tick, what keeps us going and what drives us to create a publication that is unlike any other on the market.

It also takes a brave and formidable woman to head up such an innovative publishing project and fortunately for the team – and for our readers - Daleen Henning is that and more. I couldn't be more excited or proud to be part of the magazine that's got everybody talking.

Fashionably yours,
Nimi



Every member of the VOILA! team has a favourite Pond's range. Some – I won't share names – love the Age Miracle range, others are glowingly impressed with Flawless Radiance. In winter, we all love the Intense Moisture collection.



Dear Santa, please bring me a Cartier Tank watch, the one with the classic blue hand. One day when I grow up...



The VOILA! team recently decided that GLOSS Nail and Beauty in Birdhaven centre is the perfect place to have important meetings and catch-up sessions with the girls. From the breathtaking décor to the royal treatment you'll receive from Natalie and her amazing team, a visit to GLOSS is an unforgettable treat. **♥**

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