

DISCOVER

LEATHER AT THE...



Leather & Silver Works

Pace-setting Leatherwear
Fine Silver and Gold Jewelry
Look for us at: 116 E. 4th Street
Rochester 652-9210
OPEN DAILY: 10-6 Fri. 'til 9



Mary McFadden's "Marii" pleated taupe evening gown with gold and burnished bronze macrame requires 12 yards of fabric for each yard of pleating. With it she suggests sun gold cord, which is knotted and wrapped around the head to accent the stylized golden foil leaf ear sculpture. Hattie's, Inc., Birmingham.

Gala events request utterly feminine look

For an afternoon of football on the first really chill fall day, you couldn't do better than select a new Bonnie Cashin coat that combines cotton canvas and simulated fox.

On the other hand, if it's the Detroit Symphony opening that is high on your calendar, there's no one more imaginative than Oscar de la Renta who creates sheer elegance in black or royal blue chiffon and metallic brocade.

These are just two of the types of outfits Pat Rousseau calls quickly to mind when she thinks of helping the fashion-conscious woman come up with the perfect garb for a spectacular occasion.

Special occasion outfitting is a specialty with Ms. Rousseau and the fashion department of Walton Pierce in Troy.

While names of well-known customers are kept confidential—the late Mrs. Edsel Ford frequently stopped by for a cup of tea and conversation about fabrics and styles—it's never been a secret that more than three generations of Detroit society have sought the store's advice with debuts, weddings and gala openings. This fashion coordinator can recall many occasions when society called for her expertise to help them pick a special costume.

"They pick from the styles as modeled in our showrooms," she said, "and then they choose from a selection of fabrics available." For others there are one-of-a-kind designs, such as the handsome fur-lined coats and coats that Detroit Lions owner Bill Ford's wife, Martha Firestone, selects prior to the season's opening. "I find these special order customers have very good taste," said Ms. Rousseau. "They have definite ideas about what they want. That's fine with us, because

what we want to do is help the customer make her selections rather than tell her what she should wear."

NOW, HOWEVER, Ms. Rousseau said, the store is stressing its ready-to-wear department, so the kind of fabulous styles that have excited fashion leaders are more accessible to all.

For example, there's a Kimberly knit that has been dubbed "Globe Trotter," because it is so perfect for travel, whether a weekend jaunt in Toronto or a trip around the world.

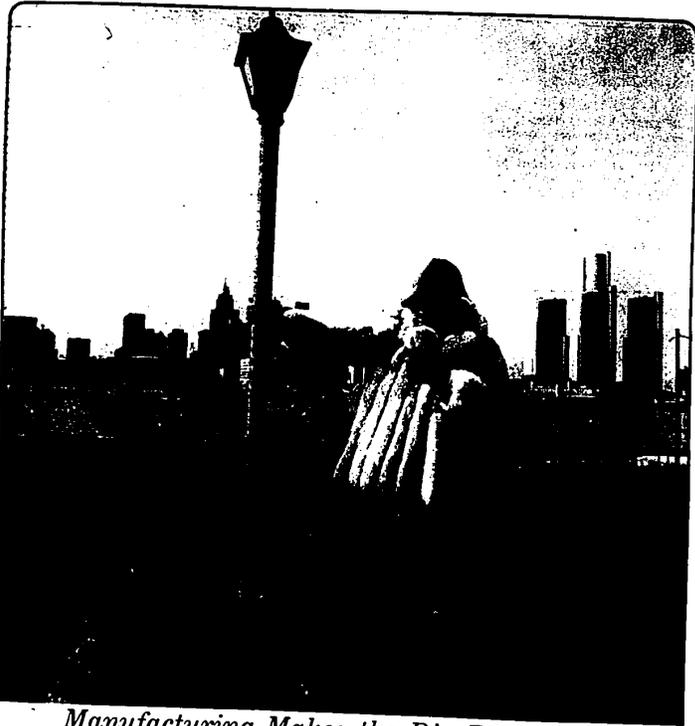
Ms. Rousseau pointed out that the outfit is designed in a high-twist micron with a soft skirt and elbow-sleeved sweater distinguished by an openwork yoke. It's handwashable and available in black, eggshell, wine and pink.

Bonnie Cashin's football-perfect coat is starred in her first Weatherware Collection for Russ Taylor and rates the description of deep-freeze snugger. The coat features a hood and an easy-tie front, and the warm lining is from Walden Mills.

Oscar de la Renta's designs for symphony or theater feature one of fall's top silhouettes, narrow-leg pants topped by a tunic. Also of interest is the metallic strand belt that pulls in the froth of flower-embroidered chiffon in the tunic. Another of his opening night showstoppers is a royal blue chiffon swirl-pattern gown featuring a ruffled neck, long raglan sleeves and its own matching fringed shawl. Both are utterly feminine and undeniably Oscar de la Renta.

"This one is absolutely superb to wear," said Ms. Rousseau, pointing out the versatility of the two-piece de la Renta design. "Besides combining for the new tunic and pants look, the two parts can be great worn separately."

—by Margaret Miller



Manufacturing Makes the Big Difference

Illustrated is a Canadian Norwegian Natural Blue Fox Jacket from \$995

Our Prices are much Lower.
The Duty & Sales Tax is Refunded,
Plus 12% Exchange on U.S. Funds

Dealers of Canada Majestic Mink

Hours: 9-6 daily 9-9 Friday

Algervais

762 Ouellette Avenue
2 blocks from tunnel exit
1-519-253-2111



For symphony or theater openings, gala events at the Detroit Institute of Arts, nothing could be more elegant than Oscar de la Renta's black chiffon and metallic brocade tunic with silver glitter flowers and metallic strand belt. Underneath, luscious black charmeuse narrow-leg pants. Walton Pierce, Troy.