

Somewhere in time...

Like hands on a clock, fashions for fall have come full circle. From Grand Baroque to New Bohemians, they boast a distinctive, timeless flair.

Autumn styles flirt with centuries past—with velvet hooded cloaks, stylish waistcoats and ruffled jabot blouses for women and higher-cut vests under longer suit coats for men. By any fashion barometer, designers have reached back to Old World moods to find that haute couture feel of today. Within this scenario, the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers presents "Somewhere in time...", a special fall fashion supplement to our Oakland County editions. Runways of Paris and New York may spotlight the newest worldwide fashion trends but our focus is tighter: the hottest looks in the aisles of suburban fashion shops. —Bob Sklar

About the cover: From Neiman Marcus, timeless designs by Giorgio Armani. For her: Scalloped shawl collar provides softer feminine lines on the four-button wool crepe jacket in coladon. Loose and drapery celadon trouser displays the ease and relaxed feel of Armani. The jacket and trouser together, \$1,980. Armani uses the vest as a blouse (\$800) in neutral shade of stone. For him: A Neiman Marcus exclusive by Armani Le Collezioni (\$1,155). Blue French-cuff shirt and amethyst and loden stripe tie accent the three-button, single-breasted wool crepe suit, in neutral shade of stone.

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