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Celebrating 2 Years
Anniversary Special

Schiaparelli & Prada - The Art of Fashion for the Modern Age



The exciting show '[Schiaparelli and Prada: Impossible Conversations](#) at The Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York between May and August will explore the possible affinities that exist between two dynamic doyennes of fashion. [Click to Read More](#)



Treasures from Royal Collection - See & Buy @ HM Shop Online

My ultimate favourite aspect of Her Majesty's On Line Shop would be the Royal Books and Media department. The Fashion and Jewellery is enticing, as are the China items and fabulous 'tole' plates. HM is surely leading the way in the online shopping experience. [Click to Read More](#)



Bikini Girls – Splitting the Atom on Sicily in a Roman Villa

Perhaps the best known of all ancient Roman mosaics are the so-called Bikini Girls. Academically known as the "Coronation of the Winner" they are performing in an athletic competition wearing what appears to be an ancient version of a bikini. [Click to Read More](#)



Giving Dollars of Goodness Support CafeSmart Initiative 2012

CafeSmart will bring together coffee roasters, cafes and coffee drinkers around the country in a simple initiative that will help people for whom a latte is a luxury. [Click to Read More](#)



Netsuke, Mini Art Marvels & Coveted Collectables

A decorative toggle called *netsuke*, pronounced *netskeh*, literally meaning 'root for fastening', made their debut late in the 17th century as an aspect of Japanese costume, specifically for a man. [Click to Read More](#)



Mapstone, Shenzo and Shrestha - Flamenco Fusion @ Brisbane on April 20

Ole! In a flamenco fusion concert at Brisbane on April 20th, Gerard Mapstone will perform high energy flamenco guitar, with the addition of multi layered sounds by guest instrumentalists Shenzo Gregorio on the violin and Dheeraj Shrestha on the Tabla. [Click to Read More](#)



Fashion Elixir - From Studio 54, to Stylists & Top 10 Oscar Dresses. Is Fashion more than a frock?

Jo Bayley's Fashion Elixir published every Wednesday is proving very popular. She was there at the end of March for [Modelco Mania on Hayman Island](#). She asked if would you like to add a little [Studio 54 Style, Decadence & Influence](#) to your wardrobe, or are [Stylists - Just For Celebrities?](#) She advised finding the right one would help you find your own mode of fashion, while guiding your dress and grooming choices. This week she's musing about [My Top 10 Oscar Dresses](#) of all time.



Shanghai Scenes - Australian Artist David Reid

Creative engagement with the landscape of China is something which has fascinated artists, craftsmen and poets for millennia, yielding works of exquisite and expressive beauty. Australian artist David Reid's elegant ink on paper works provide an intriguingly contemporary take on this tradition. They offer us a view that is at once informed by classical techniques, yet it is an entirely modern way of seeing the China of today. [Click to Read Report from our Features Editor Asia Sheena Burnell](#)



Castor et Pollux, Tragédie en Musique Pinchgut Opera 2012

The Pinchgut Opera at Sydney will present Castor & Pollux, a work of ethereal beauty, rich in affecting airs, elegant dances and powerful choruses by French composer Jean-Philippe Rameau for their season in December 2012. [Click to Read More](#)



Tartan, Plaid, Kilts, Clans and Customs Scotland the Brave

The sometimes turbulent history of Scotland has left an enduring mark on its landscape, which has the power to capture the imagination. [Click to Read More](#)



Monet's Garden - Impressions of the Master Artist @ New York

The exhibition Monet's Garden in The New York Botanical Garden from May to October will be a treat for all seasons. [Click to Read More](#)



"What's a Weekend" - Is a 7Day Working Week a Fait Accompli?

Why did Violet, Dowager Duchess of Grantham aka actor Maggie Smith in the successful television series Downton Abbey have to ask her son and heir "What's a Weekend". [Click to Read More](#)



Aussie Baby Boomers - The Generation Thinking Outside the Box

As they continue to face challenges 'Baby Boomers' will offer up their experiences and mentor those who come after, quite simply because they are a generation still thinking outside the box. [Click to Read More](#)



Australian Art at the Art Gallery of NSW - May Celebrations

On the Weekend of May 12th & 13 at the Art Gallery of NSW you can view one of the country's 'finest collections of Australian art, from colonial times to the contemporary age' FREE. [Click to Read More](#)



Raising Awareness of Cultural Heritage

[The Elaich Project](#) funded by the European Union recently approved one of the Culture Concept Circle's videos as an 'advanced video' for Module 2 of their elearning platform of study. [Click to View - What is Classic Architecture. More than a Column](#)



Marriage Equality - Landmark Decision for A Modern Society

If you are unsure about the issues surrounding Marriage Equality this recent article may help you to make your decision. [Click to Read More](#)



The Conservatory, Crystal Palaces and the Climate Revolution

From their early conception to the present day conservatories are bringing about a climate revolution that will in the future, prove life saving for our planet. [Click to Read More](#)