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pick of the week



Crowned Royal

Even with haircare product promotions abounding all over Los Angeles, there are still going to be times when an carefully chosen hat will cure all that ails you-remedying a bad hair day, making a fashion statement and keeping the sun out of your eyes and away from sensitive facial skin. At Kari Feinstein's MTV Movie Awards, BookLA.com alum Goorin strutted their stuff with new designer and artist-inspired hat collections. However, at Melanie Segal's MTV Movie Awards in Hollywood, Christys' Hats—a British millinery staple for more than 225 years—was primed for its close-up.

Miller Christy developed his craft over a seven year apprenticeship to master the "art and mystery of feltmaking" needed to create stylish and durable hats. While styles have changed, and the company name sake may be a little surprised with the directions millinery history has taken since his days, style and materials wise, the commitment to quality and the techniques he originated are as valued as ever.

For summer 2008, the early to mid-60s is the inspiration, with models ranging from casual-hipster fedoras that could work readily on The Rat Pack for men and swinging caps for women inspired by Mod-era London. For fall, the focus will be on rich tweeds and fabrics that finish off the more polished outfits of the season.

Christys' hats can be viewed at www.christyshats.com or tried on for size at Kitson, Hats in the Belfry, Hartford York and Headchange.com.

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