Madeleine Cunningham

Artist Statement:

I am a Minneapolis based women’s wear designer with a deep passion for fashion history, fueled by my love of classic films, literature, and theater. I have a particular affinity for garments from the early 20th century. I strive to integrate the beauty and elegance of these decades in my designs.

I approached this collection as if I were creating a paper doll book. My character is a fictional actress – Irene Donovan – from Hollywood’s Golden Age. Ms. Donovan, a French couture lover, is sailing from Europe to America aboard the Queen Mary. My collection features a few of the outfits she sports on her oceanic voyage. Each piece is inspired by popular Parisian couture designers from the 1930s.