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PARIS IN THE LIMELIGHT

As if we needed any further proof that Paris is *the* fashion capital. The French Ministry of Culture tapped lighting designer Thierry Dreyfus—best known for his work on YSL's and Helmut Lang's catwalks—to transform the renovated Grand Palais. For the recent reopening party, Dreyfus used mirrors to bounce light off the glass ceiling and hired DJ Frédéric Sanchez to spin, turning the turn-of-the-century exhibition hall into a runwaylike space.

Grand Palais



Cartier necklace

PARIS AVANT GARDEN

Cartier's *Cresse d'orchidées* collection—its first new fine jewelry line in more than two years—was certainly worth the wait. The rings, bracelets, and lariats are adorned with diamond, ruby, and pink sapphire blooms.



Tod's clutch

NYC A CUT ABOVE

In addition to opening a new Manhattan flagship, Tod's has upped the ante on tony accessories: Its Madison Avenue shop is carrying these limited-edition bejeweled clutches.



Georges Zeldis sunglasses

MIAMI TRUE VISIONARY

Georges Zeldis & Co. is the latest contender in the arena of vintage sunglasses. The selection of cat-eye Balenciaga (pictured) and original Rochas frames is virtually unrivaled. Available at Jeffrey NY



Tuleh bikini

NYC TO DYE FOR

With a spring collection full of paint-splattered dresses and dyed metallic fabrics, Tuleh designer Bryan Bradley opted for equally artful ombre fabrics to introduce his swimwear collection.



Mociun

BROOKLYN MONSTER'S BALL

Rhode Island School of Design grad Caitlin Mociun, 24, makes her six-month-old line of tie-front dresses, cotton tops, and her best-seller—a series of adorable monster-print T-shirts—in her Brooklyn living room. At Bird, 718-768-4940

MILAN WHAT'S IN A NAME?

According to new designer Mina Lee, Derercuny, the name she invented for her label, refers to "a mythical woman, with no reference to country or culture." It's a fitting moniker for Lee, who prefers that clothes speak for themselves. Luckily, her romantic empire gowns and egg-shape skirts for spring do just that. Available at www.derercuny.com

A look from Derercuny

