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# Boutique Magnifique!

SEARCHING FOR THE ULTIMATE CLOTHES SHOPPING EXPERIENCE? TRY THIS ON FOR SIZE -- A CHARMING BOUTIQUE FILLED WITH STUNNING SELECTIONS SO IMPECCABLY TAILORED, YOU WILL BE COMPLETELY CAPTIVATED. A SHOP WHERE YOU WILL BE WELCOMED WITH SUCH GRACIOUS WARMTH AND HELPFUL HOSPITALITY, YOU'LL HAVE AN ASTONISHING FEELING OF BEING IN JUST THE RIGHT PLACE AT EXACTLY THE RIGHT TIME.

by Robin E. Glowa



When Catherine Hiriart opened Catherine H. in downtown Milford, CT, two years ago, she hoped to find a following for the fashions she painstakingly seeks out. Her amazing artistic sensibility, honed by her European upbringing (in the Basque region of France) and extensive experience in the fashion industry have made her an expert at locating highly original, ultra feminine clothing lines.

"I love originality", says Catherine, "my buying is a very personal affair, but my selling is even more so...I seek out the ultimate pieces for my clients as well as pieces that fulfill my vision of beauty. I look for the fabrics, the trims, the unique details, the cut and quality that is exquisite, so that women can look and feel fabulous."

"I buy from both US and European designers who are creating the most beautiful pieces, many who make organic and eco conscious clothing as well", adds Catherine. "I carry classic to cutting edge clothing for a wide range of sizes and I absolutely insist on the best fitting designs possible. I try everything on myself to be sure of the fit and the quality. I want to offer clothing that my clients love, that is just for them, completely unique and perfectly enhances the body. This is why I buy only a few pieces from each designer, so you will not see the same clothing wherever you go!"

Catherine selects pieces suitable for every moment of a woman's life, from shimmering champagne silk pants, stunning, body hugging, little black dresses, a recycled petal pink cashmere sweater embellished with cream colored skull and crossbones, pearl buttons and ruffled cuffs, an adorable bomber jacket made of faux python skin with hot pink accents, casually elegant t-shirts that

are impossibly soft, silky, sensuous charmeuse tops, to darling, delicately detailed dresses that caress the curves.

Spectacular accessories include a handmade white leather bracelet clasped with antique buttons and garnished with cascading semi-precious stones, a cowhide belt dusted with gold leaf, chunky, waist cinching studded belts, a camouflage fabric messenger bag glammed up with silver mesh, striking cuff bracelets that are fiercely feminine, regal oversized rings, dramatic abstract earrings and handmade, animal free shoes in rich shades of purple, green, silver and red.

Catherine's vision is a smashing success and the little boutique is now open seven days

a week, frequented by fashion loving followers who drive from as far as Manhattan to fill their closets with gorgeous garments and amazing accessories and to bask in the attention that Catherine and her staff lavish on customers.

Come experience the sheer joy of a superlative shopping experience. □

Catherine H.

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Open 7 days a week and by appointment

11:00-5:30, until 7 on Thursday.

Sat: 10-5:30 Sun: 12-4

