



CARLISLE COLLECTION RINGS IN NEW YEAR WITH THE LAUNCH OF SPRING 2012 COLLECTIONS

Collections Showcase Spring 2012's Must-Have Pieces from a Homage to Vintage Beauty with Lace Redefined, Bright Contemporary Color Blocking and Bardot Inspired South of France Get-Away Wear

(January 11, 2012) NEW YORK, NY – The Carlisle Collection proudly launched their Spring lines for both [Carlisle](#) and [Per Se](#) today in their New York City and Greenwich, Conn. showrooms as well as through select trunk shows across the U.S.

The two contemporary, upscale clothing lines designed for busy, stylish women, are known for being the top wardrobing choices by high-profile women looking for smart ways to refresh their wardrobes. Indeed, executives from diverse corporations and boards such as Bloomberg, Sotheby's, Greenwich Hospital, and JPMorgan Chase shop with Carlisle and Per Se due to the quality wardrobes they achieve along with the highly personalized service they enjoy with a Carlisle personal wardrobing expert.

"Spring is my favorite time of year, and that's reflected in both of our new collections' celebration of colors and textures. Our palette of color pulls from juicy, earthy, maritime and urban – cut with tumbled metals for subtle shine," said Susan Klope, Lead Designer of the Per Se Collection. "These collections are packed with personality. Each garment is a perfect little something new. We're mad for eyelets, embroideries, appliqués; it's Artisan-inspired texture. Color blocking is redefined and we embraced the use of softer, sexier leathers. Mad Men looks continue with some downtown girl style with 60s polish. Our prints are executed like modern art pieces. Plus there are timeless, romantic nautical pieces inspired by the South of France."

The Carlisle and Per Se design teams recommend exploring the following trends to freshen-up every woman's wardrobe for a Winter get-away or a clean Spring look:

1) LACE AND EMBROIDERY REDEFINED

A cut above. Less frilly and flirty. More executive sweet. Actresses including Cate Blanchett, Kate Bosworth and Claire Danes have been spotted taking the lead with this updated lace trend in both bright colors and muted tones. Our homage to vintage beauty, the collection standouts this season include a sequined hand-embroidered raffia A-line and a crisp black lace tunic over a marble silk georgette slip.

2) AVANT-GARDE APPLIQUÉS

Exquisite workmanship. Atelier-inspired. Featured looks for the season include a braid-trimmed jacket fringed with printed organza, skirts appliquéd with layers of supple glove leather on silk and eyelash embroidery on wool crepe.

3) SUPPLE LEATHER SILHOUETTES

Liquid. Laser-cut. Soft leather that's sexier than ever. Actress Paula Patton owned this leather trend on the red carpet, and Blake Lively has been spotted showing it off with bold outerwear. Standout looks in this season's collection include a jacket featuring foil-glazed granite suede that drapes like liquid metal and buttery driftwood laser-cut into petal-like rosettes.

4) 3D PRINTS & COLOR BLOCKING

Modern. Brights set off by graphic white. Brush-stroked. The collection features an architecturally color-blocked crepe de chine blouse, a citrusy dip-dyed sweater and a crinkled patent jacket paired with an orange cigarette pant. The 3D trend is found in a hand-fringed silk woodblock print topper and in skirts that capture Calder-like shapes and an abstract brush-stroked horizon.

5) SOUTH OF FRANCE NAUTICAL

Shades of St-Tropez. Modern "la marinière" meets Bardot. Model Miranda Kerr has been seen



embodying sophistication with this timeless mariner style. A French sailor-striped jersey in navy, silver and white with mirrored buttons and a chiffon tie is a standout piece in the collection. A relaxed bow-tie top nods to a chic 60's Bardot when paired with a little white pant.

6) NATURAL APPEAL TEXTURES

Tribal. Earthy. Multi-dimensional. Emma Stone and Eva Mendez are fans of this earthy trend featuring textured garments in organic tones. Exemplary garments in the collection that feature this trend include a raffia-woven structured jacket and a hand-embroidered silk skirt, along with a rustic silk hand-loomed jacket lined in silk habutai for contrast.

In all, Carlisle and Per Se's designers have come up with over 500 unique pieces for Spring, available in sizes 0 to 18, that work both separately and in unison to give women the most exciting wardrobes possible for their money.

Here are further details on how women can shop:

When: Susan Klope will present a Spring Preview Fashion show at the Greenwich, Conn. Showroom on January 11th. The Carlisle and Per Se Showrooms in Manhattan and Greenwich, Conn. will then begin seeing clients on Jan. 12th. For details, contact Kathleen Lucente at (512) 217-6352. Trunk shows in consultants' homes across the U.S. will begin on January 13th.

How: Carlisle and Per Se's NYC-based design team creates four collections a year: Spring, Summer, Fall and Holiday. These collections are made available to clients through wardrobe specialists in the Carlisle Showrooms in NYC and Greenwich, as well as via trunk shows across the country. Women can locate a representative and make an appointment in their community by calling (212) 246-2555, ext. 3653 or sending an email to myconsultant@CarlisleCollection.com.

Carlisle's Greenwich, Conn. Showroom:

For appointments call Showroom Director, Christy Carlin at (203) 422-2464

Carlisle's New York City Penthouse Showroom:

For appointments call Showroom Director, Leena Gurevich at (212) 751-6490

To preview the new collections, visit www.carlislecollection.com & www.persecollection.com.

For a full listing of the Spring trends forecasted by Carlisle and Per Se's design teams, visit: <http://www.carlislecollection.com/collections/spring2011/trends/> and <http://www.persecollection.com/collections/spring2011/trends/>

About the Connaught Group And Carlisle/Per Se:

Headquartered in New York City, The Connaught Group, Ltd. is a leader in designing and delivering direct-sales, high-end fashion combined with a superior personalized shopping experience for stylish, busy women. For over 29 years, Connaught Group has cultivated a reputation for creating exquisite clothing held to couture-level design standards with the Carlisle Collection, Per Se Collection and affiliated brand, Etcetera. Sold exclusively through appointment-only visits to showrooms or trunk shows four times a year, Carlisle and Per Se offer sophisticated, modern clothing for well-heeled women who are confident in how they dress and demand the best. To learn more, visit www.theconnaughtgroup.com

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