FRESH NEW FACE

Young designer Su-Hui Chu's newly launched collection **Ella Peru** is getting a lot of attention early on. First winning the Generation Next competition during BC Fashion Week, then getting buzz in the Vancouver fashion scene, Chu's work is now being carried by select boutiques in Toronto and Montreal.

Su-Hui began designing after traveling the world — travels that appear readily in her first collection. "I take what I see from everywhere, at home or on my travels. I find inspiration in the way people express themselves through fashion," says the designer. Harem pants, a style that she fell in love with on a trip to India in 2002, star in the collection alongside black and white Aboriginal print inspired by a trip to Australia. With travel in mind, Chu's pieces are lightweight stretch and woven cotton, making them easy to wear and pack.

Top: Model Katie Bull rocks the graphic prints and harem pants that characterize Ella Peru's collection. Photos: Angela Fama. Bottom: Jenny Bird's Crossbody Grommet Pouchette are one of the designer's faves. Photo: Courtesy of Jenny Bird

One to watch . . .

Toronto accessories designer **Jenny Bird** is garnering buzz south of the border with her eponymous collection. After 10 years in the industry, she launched her line of inventive takes on the little black bag and retro-inspired jewellery, which has already cropped up on CTV's fashionista-favourite show *Gossip Girl*, as on set with *Melrose Place* stylists, and actresses Sienna Miller and Zoe Saldana to name a few. **T**