



Holiday Pop-up store: Circle of Fashion in Port-au-Prince, 11th-12th December 2015

CIRCLE OF FASHION

On the 11th and 12th of December, ITC Ethical Fashion Initiative and USAID are organising the Circle of Fashion Holiday Pop-up store to showcase and celebrate the work of Haitian designers and artisans. Five Haitian designers will be showcasing special limited edition accessories made especially for the pop-up: D.O.T, Osklen E-Ayiti, Pascale Théard, Paula Coles and Simbi.

The Circle of Fashion pop-up will take place at Azul, 81, rue Grégoire, Pétion Ville, Port-au-Prince. A launch event will take place on Friday 11th December from 5-9pm and the store will be open from 10am to 6pm on Friday 11th and on Saturday 12th December.

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The Ethical Fashion Initiative works closely with Haiti craftspeople with a variety of skills including horn carving, fer découpé, papier-mâché, beadwork, paper beads and patchwork quilting. Based on this skillset, the Ethical Fashion Initiative's fashion partners have primarily focused on producing jewellery and accessories in Haiti.

In Haiti, the Ethical Fashion Initiative team provides technical expertise and assistance in managing production and quality control as well as facilitating capacity building workshops. Since 2015, USAID funds the Ethical Fashion Initiative's work in Haiti.

DESIGNERS

D.O.T, The Design, Organization, Training Centre (D.O.T) in Port-au-Prince, Haiti was created by Donna Karan, Urban Zen, Parsons School of Design, and Haitian artisan and businesswoman Paula Coles to help bridge Haiti's traditional artisan techniques with the modernity and design innovation needed to succeed in today's global marketplace. The D.O.T center in Port-au-Prince acts as an incubator for Haiti's artisan community. D.O.T fosters innovation, provides resources and materials, and enables artisans to scale while preserving the wisdom and integrity of their culture.

Osklen is a Brazilian ready-to-wear brand founded by Oskar Metsavaht that produces high-end fashion that integrates ethics and sustainability to its design. Osklen partners closely with Instituto-E, a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting sustainable human development in Brazil. Osklen, Instituto-E and the Ethical Fashion Initiative have partnered working together to develop products in Haiti.

Pascale Théard Créations is a Haitian fashion accessories brand that works primarily with leather. The brand creates shoes, jewellery and key rings. Pascale Théard champions Haitian creativity and savoir-faire. In her designs, Pascale Théard combines her creative Haitian heritage with her knowledge of leather inherited from her French mother.

Paula Coles is a Haitian accessories brand that makes bags using 100% recycled fabric scraps from t-shirt manufacturing factories in Haiti and jewellery made together with Haitian horn and bone artisans. Paula Coles Haiti has a mission to provide education and a brighter future to thousands of underprivileged children in Haiti while caring for our planet.

Each Paula Coles product is a unique work of art, a canvas of culture and creativity crafted with 100% recycled fabric scraps by native Haitians.

Simbi is a high-quality, handcrafted accessory & fashion line recognized as much for its cool beach and surf style as it is for purifying water and transforming the everyday lives of Haitian people. The Simbi collections are conceived, designed, cut, sewn and proudly handcrafted in Haiti in an effort to bring jobs, improve and empower lives of the women of Haiti.

ITC ETHICAL FASHION INITIATIVE

The Ethical Fashion Initiative is a flagship programme of the International Trade Centre, a joint agency of the United Nations and the World Trade Organization. The Ethical Fashion Initiative works with the rising generation of fashion talent from Africa, encouraging the forging of fulfilling creative collaborations with artisans on the continent. The Ethical Fashion Initiative also enables artisans living in urban and rural poverty to connect with the global fashion chain. Under its slogan, “NOT CHARITY, JUST WORK.” the Ethical Fashion Initiative advocates a fairer global fashion industry.

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