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The same way you adapt the season's trends based on your personal style, an actress takes her own unique approach to each script. "I'm attracted to people who believe in themselves, are unique and aren't afraid to be who they are," says casting director/documentary filmmaker Jennifer Venditti. "Those who go against the grain a little bit." Jennifer's debut documentary "Billy The Kid" was a hit at Sundance and her resume includes casting countless high fashion photo shoots with real people—making her the ideal collaborator for this project.

We worked with Jennifer to gather a group of up-and-coming actresses and had them choose pieces from the Fall 2009 collections that appealed to their personal styles. Giving them a choice of two scripts, we filmed their monologues, showing just how different amd special each actress is. "This is my dream job," says Jennifer. "Casting, filming, getting to play with different characters and going deeper within the actresses and what they feel about the process and the experience." How does she recognize talent within the many interesting, driven people she meets? "That's like asking someone what the color green looks like to them, or asking them what is beauty—it's an instinct."

Check out the film at bloomingdales.com/screentest



Exclusively at Bloomingdale's Black Mongolian lambswool coat, 725.00. Deep poppy dress with felting, 385.00. Black turtleneck, 85.00. Grey printed leggings, 115.00. Select stores.



mickey summer in MADISON MARCUS Military silk studded jacket with sequins, 328.00. Select stores.

jillian leigh federman in HELMUT LANG
Black blazer with bold shoulders, 635.00. Black leggings, 460.00 Grey X-ray print iersey top, 320.00 Saloct stores

Eggplant/black ruffle skirt, 258.00. Grey bow sweatshirt with beading, 340.00. 59th Street.

Jackie stewart in GRYPHON AND GRAHAM & SPENCER Sequined gold silk racerback tank, 345.00. 59th Street and Soho. Black suede-front leggings, 284.00. Made in USA. Select stores.



aleksandra ørbeck



A great actor is endlessly versatile, hence, Aleksandra looks as lovely in this sexy Marc by Marc Jacobs dress (above) as she does dressed in downtown chic Elizabeth & James (opposite). She traded in her lush homeland for the gritty city that is NYC, and it's been quite the emotional rollercoaster. "You see people pushing each other on the subway and they're furious. You see people cry, they're devastated. But when they're happy, there's nothing to describe the happiness they're feeling."

Brown silk/cotton sash dress 548.00. Select C. MARC B Black crushed faux fur skirt, 285.00. White signature tee, 95.00. Select stores.

Brown silk/cotton sash dress 548.00. Select C. MARC BY WARC JACOBS

paz de la huerta



In Jim Jarmusch's latest film "The Limits of Control," Paz is credited as "Nude," so needless to say, these body-hugging leggings (above) are a perfect showcase for her famous curves. "My mood inspires the way I dress," says the NYC native. "Sometimes I want to hide and sometimes I don't." Even in destroyed jeans (opposite), her inner glamour comes through. Her favorite thing about acting? "The uncertainty. I'm totally adventurous and I live in the moment."





Distressed straight-leg jean in Invade wash, #000, 180.00. Black muscle tee, 66.00. Combed cotton vest, 141.00. Made in USA.



jackie & halley in JUICY COUTURE On the left: Black leather ballet flats with silver studs, 175.00. Also in bronze. Women's Shoes. Select stores. On the right: Black leather ballet flats with silver studs, 175.00. Also in bronze. Women's Shoes. Select stores. On the left: New at Bloomingdale's Dark brown leather harness boot, 298.00. Women's Shoes. Select stores. On the right: New at Bloomingdale's Dark brown leather harness boot, 298.00. Women's Shoes. Select stores.

amy seimetz



Amy's as comfortable in front of the camera as she is behind it—making her a hot commodity in the movie biz. Her style is just as flexible. One day she's rocking a leather jacket and flannel (opposite), the next, it's superglam sequins (above). "I got into independent films in when I was 16," she says. "As soon as I saw that offbeat way to tell a story, I knew that's what I wanted to do." She recently produced "Medicine for Melancholy" and directed her first feature "A City on a Hill."







emily meade

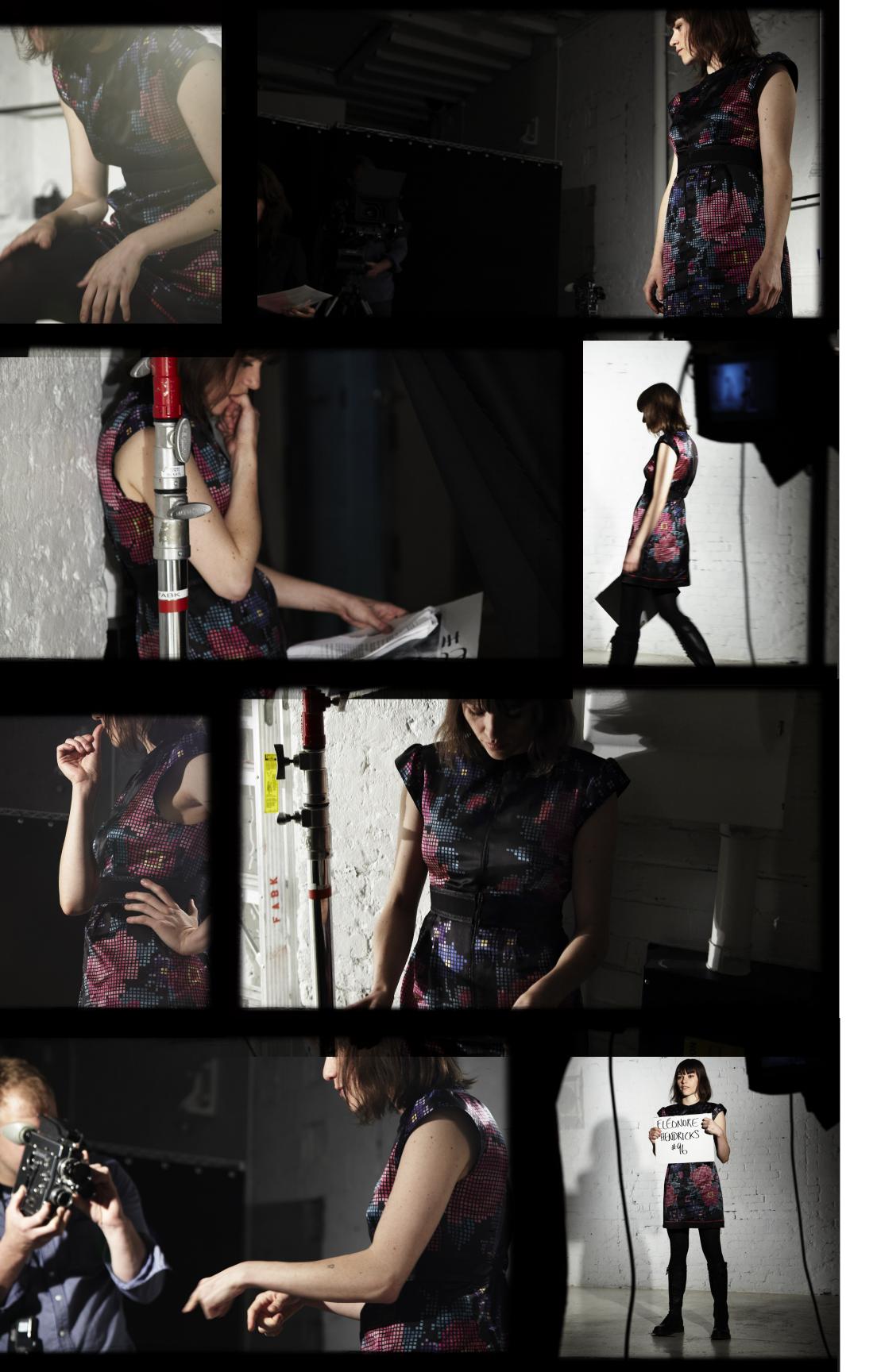


The reluctant girl-next-door, Emily is cute and sweet on the outside, with an independent streak that shines through. This sexy leopard print and leggings look (above) and the rock chick look (opposite) show off her wild side. She just finished Wes Craven's thriller "25/8" and is now filming "Twelve" with Joel Schumacher. "When I was little, I got such a high off making people laugh," she says. "That turned into a love of telling stories and affecting people."



Animal print ruffle racerback cami with asymmetrical hem, 88.00. **ELLA WOSS**Black saddle-stitch leggings with button snaps, 78.00. Both made in USA.

AUDITIONS JV8 Inc. Key in COMMUNITY Skinny leg jean in Blue/Black wash, 154.00. Select stores. Faryl millet in POSTAGE Skinny le Military silk studded jacket with sequins, 328.00. Select stores. shelly zander in DL 1961 Slim straight leg jean in Brooke wash, 158.00. Select stores. athena currey in PRVCY New at Bloomingdale's Skinny jean in Dark wash, 225.00. Select stores.



eleanore hendricks



"I love to dress up like a specific character in my mind," says Eleanore. "And it doesn't always have to be super girly." During our shoot, she showed off two different sides (above & opposite). "I'm one of those people who's not necessarily a drifter, but I like to explore different things." Check her out in her new project she's working on with her boyfriend called "The Pleasure of Being Robbed," where she plays a character loosely based on herself.





cristin milioti



Sure, this New Jersey native had a role on "The Sopranos," and can speak the accent with the best of them, but she's got so much more. She plays a reluctant Syrian-Jewish newlywed in "Stunning" at Lincoln Center, and a supermarket femme fatale in "Year of the Carnivore," her first lead in a feature film. "Not to use an actor-y term, but you have to go to 'dark places' and be willing to show people that you've been through things." She shows off her playful side with the layered leggings look (above) and this poufy party dress (opposite).



Black strapless bubble dress, 396.00. Select stores. ALCE & OLIVA

Shrunken denim jacket, 198.00. Exclusively at Bloomingdale's Turquoise and black striped racerback tank, 98.00. Black leggings with button detail, 118.00. Black cashmere wool sweater vest, 198.00. Select stores.



halley webryn gross in VELVET New at Bloomingdale's Skinny jean in Dark wash, 225.00. Select stores. Black vintage lace legging, 84.00. Made in USA.

Racerback striped jersey tunic, 48.00. Black high-wasted jersey leggings with zippers, 59.00. Black cotton fleece motorcycle jacket, 99.00. Made in USA. Select stores.

Carrie getman in JOE'S JEANS

Racerback striped jersey tunic, 48.00. Black high-wasted jersey leggings with zippers, 59.00. Black cotton fleece motorcycle jacket, 99.00. Made in USA. Select stores.



katherine waterston



A statuesque beauty—Katherine's long legs and delicate features don't need a lot of dressing up. This super comfortable jumpsuit (above) and classic jean (left) are totally open to interpretation. "I'm growing into more and more of a uniform person during the day—wearing neutrals, greys, blacks," says Katherine. "I pair them with my odd vintage finds and hat collection." See her in Ang Lee's "Taking Woodstock" and in "The Factory" with John Cusack.

on the left page: TRUE RELIGION Black jumpsuit, 325.00. Select stores. VINCE on this page:

Black silk/cotton flower print dress, 398.00. Made in USA. Select stores.

nicole beharie



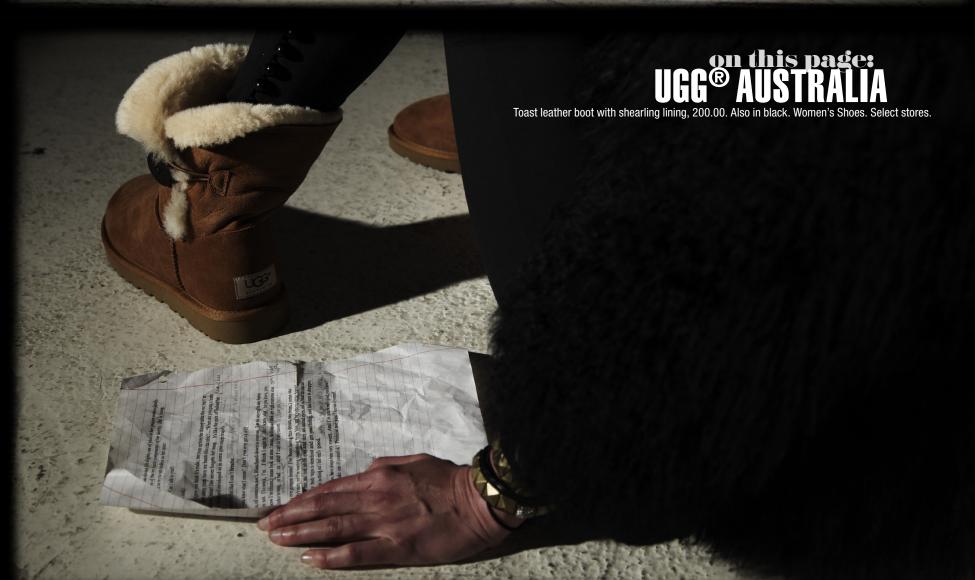
It's been a busy year for this recent Juilliard grad. She recently acted in her first leading role in "American Violet," she played in a show at the Public Theatre and taped a pilot for CBS. "I'm just sort of playing around, seeing what's out there and enjoying every minute of it," she said. It's her professional attitude and easygoing spirit that make bright pops of color (above & opposite) so suitable to her. "A lot of what it takes to play a character really comes from inside—it comes from yourself."















LIGHTS * CAMERA * FASHION a few of the pieces we were loving on the set



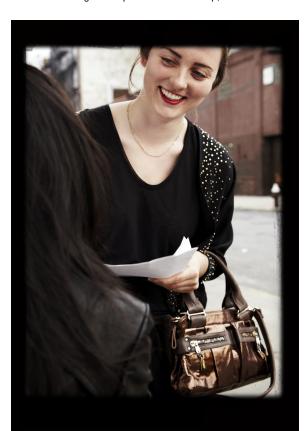
alexandra c. / actress TORN BY RONNY KOBO



jennifer venditti / director **DOMA** Light blue plaid micromodal top, 88.00.



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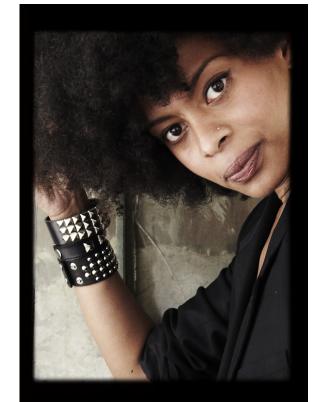
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key/actress Light blue plaid micromodal top, 88.00.



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