

# FALL INTO FASHION

WITH MIKI GARCIA

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Standing in front of Edgar Orlaineta, Modular Kalsinas #1-15, ceramic, in four parts, Miki Garcia wears a Harold multi jewel color dress by Isabel Marant/Etoile, Han leather moto jacket by Iro and Malte, and mineral suede black heels by Rag & Bone (all from **DIANI**, 1324 State St., 805/966-3114, dianiboutique.com). All jewelry is from Garcia's personal collection. Makeup by Tomiko Taft and hair by Taryn Bozzell of TropiCali Beach Beauty Boutique.

**ART AND THE ART OF** dressing came together flawlessly at the Museum of Contemporary Art in downtown Santa Barbara (653 Paseo Nuevo, mcasantabarbara.org), with MCASB's Executive Director and Chief Curator Miki Garcia modeling fall fashions.

Autumn is the time to get ready to embrace a new season of clothes and must-have accessories. Local boutiques tempt us with fresh neutrals, lux fabrics, velvets, tweeds, olive green feminine military jackets, buttery suede, soft-to-the-touch leather moto jackets, jewel tones, boots high and to the ankle and, of course, handbags to die for.

Whether she's dressing up for high profile art events in other cities or gallery openings at MCA Santa Barbara—including at Hotel Indigo (121 State St.), where MCASB has a satellite site—with a keen eye for art and fashion Garcia has a definitive style. When not dressing up for personal social events with local donors, her chic leisure ware includes yoga clothes, a passion that keeps her in the Zen zone, and spending time with her lovable and devoted companion Nacho the pug. ☺



Carrying a dark brown saddle bag by Johnny Farah (from **Wendy Foster**, 516 San Ysidro Rd., 805/565-1506, wendyfoster.com), Garcia wears a Miranda Bennett white denim tribute dress, Rachel Comey long khaki trench (perfect for layering) and Rachel Comey Praise suede ankle boots, all from **Whistle Club**, 1235 Coast Village Rd., 805/565-2800, whistleclub.com. Jewelry is from Garcia's personal collection.



A megawatt smile and passion for educating and cultivating donors, Garcia's job includes taking them to important sites, which makes it seem not like work at all. In the last few years, trips have included Venice, Switzerland, New York, Santa Fe, Mexico City, Guatemala, Cleveland and Detroit, with future plans to visit Paris, Marfa, Scandinavia, Germany and Cambodia/Vietnam. As curator, Garcia travels around the world to visit artists, important exhibitions, and colleagues for juries and lectures, while she delights in keeping a keen eye out for emerging artists.

While traveling, she haunts small boutiques that feature the fashions of those regions,

and adds to her personal collection of art and accessories and high heel shoes (a personal passion).

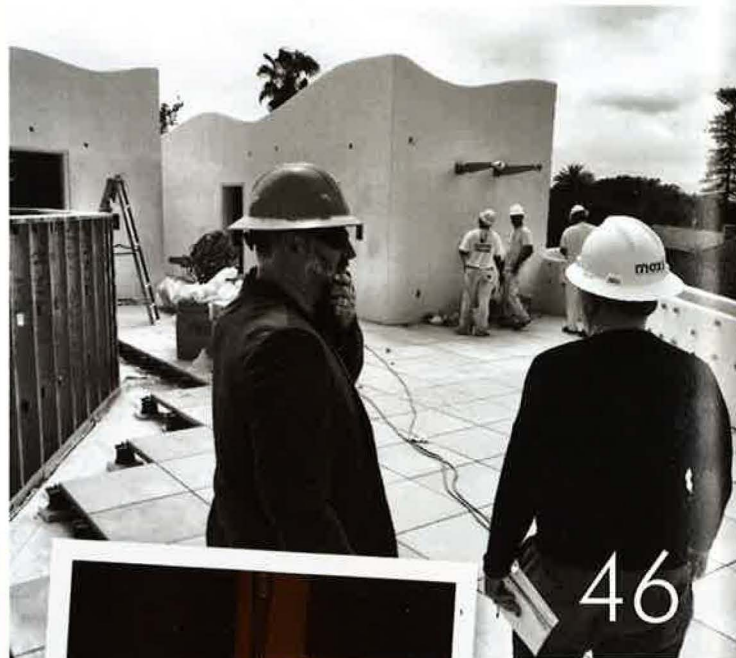
Whatever style path you choose, you can do no wrong. Creating your own look is part of what makes every woman her own artist. ♦

Clockwise from top left: (1) Garcia wears a long vest and pencil high rise skirt by Zero+Maria Cornejo, silver and diamond necklace, and black peep toe pumps by Damico Milano, all from **Allora by Laura** (1269 Coast Village Rd., 805/563-2425, [allorabylaura.com](http://allorabylaura.com)). The painting behind her is *why do boob vases lactate inside a tesseract rotating aimlessly in hyperspace?*, 2015, by assume vivid astro focus. (2) Spike bead lariat by Piper

Dano, from **DIANI**. (3) Glasses from **Occhiali Fine Eyewear** (1046 Coast Village Rd., 805/565-3415, [occhialiefeyewear.com](http://occhialiefeyewear.com)); mega scarf by Destin, Tibi Rose cashmere sweater, Daniel Wellington watch and blazer by Closed, all from **Whistle Club**; Newbury boots and Harper jeans by Frame, all from **DIANI**; and Johnny Farah **cross** body brown leather bag from Wendy Foster. (4) Pink, baroque and Tahitian pearl checkers on leather cords, from **Whistle Club**. (5) In front of two copper plate pieces by Nicholas Mangan, Garcia wears an Isabelle Marant dress, mini flight black saddle cross body bag, necklace and black leather ankle boots by Isabelle Marant, all from **DIANI**; and bangle bracelets by Samantha Goldstone. (6) Oxidized sterling silver jewelry by Fantasy Jewels, including the diamond x ring and diamond large chain link bracelet, is all from **Allora By Laura**.



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