

Closet Case: Style Interview with Kellie Haynam

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Kellie Haynam is a fashionable free spirit. Haynam, the self-professed “high-class hippie” has eclectic taste. This “hippie” never took up tie-dye, bell bottoms or Grateful Dead shirts. Kelly prefers Marni, Missoni and Vuitton. From Woodstock to Winston (Harry), I suppose. She can often be found in gauze-like gowns from Gucci circa 1970s, quirky printed Missoni tunics and dripping in overstated gold jewelry.



Her home in Arcadia does nothing to dispel her all-embracing sense of style. The Missoni sheets, Hermes-orange cabinets and antique tile from Paris that resembles Louis Vuitton monogram mirror the closet and style of Kellie Haynam. She'll take lucite over diamonds, disco-balls for chandeliers and Goyard over Gucci.

I sit down with fashion-rebel to get her thoughts on style...

How would you best describe your personal style?

High-class hippie.

If you had to wear one article of clothing for the rest of your life, what would it be?

One can only wear a Halston gown for so many hours. Nothing pleases me more than my lime green Grinch robe from Neiman Marcus. I've had it forever. Nothing drops the jaws of my guest like when I throw it on at the end of a cocktail party.

If you could steal one person's wardrobe, whose would it be?

The previous editor of Paris *Vogue*, Carine Roitfeld.

What is the crown-jewel of your closet?

Besides the sea of shoes, Missoni gowns and Hermes accessories, I would have to say that my vintage, mushroom-print maxi dress would be my favorite.

What advice would you give to others about fashion?

Simply, be yourself and stay relaxed. As you say Corbin Chamberlin, “It's fashion, not fascism.”

What are you lusting for at the moment?

My friend John's vintage Versace belt. It's exquisite. I can't deny myself of vintage Versace.

What are six items of clothing no one should be without?

Firstly, an amazing pair of shoes, a unique handbag, no closet should be without a black dress, a vintage scarf and a great pair of jeans!

What is the biggest mistake people make when it comes to fashion?

When they try too hard. Or equally sinful, trying to copy another's style without making “the look” their own.

What trends do you love at the moment?

I really don't follow trends. Personally, I take my style-notes from history, fictional or non. It's all about the fantasy.

In your opinion, who has the best style?

Bianca Jagger

Must-have beauty product?

24kt gold lip-gloss from Terry.

Favorite local boutiques?

Vintage by Misty, Barneys and of course Bungalow.