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Afternoon Tea and a Movie: Saloni Lodha's Very English Presentation



Saloni Lodha's designs are already beloved by London girls like **Caroline Sieber**, **Sophia Hesketh**, and **Gabriella Windsor**. After she hosts a tea tomorrow to present the new Saloni collection, there may be a whole new list of (New York) ladies. Between preparing for the party (to be held at the Bowery Hotel), Lodha's been supporting friends, stopping by both the Thakoon show and the Halston presentation, and hanging out with fellow Fashion Week transplants like **Poppy Delevingne**, **Charlotte Dellal**, and **Alexia Niedzielski**. Dellal's Charlotte Olympia shoes are featured in Saloni's video that will debut at the tea, as are jewels by **Maria Francesca Pepe** and **Anna Haber** and **Sabine Roemer**. "I didn't want to make a look-book but more a mood film," says Lodha of the short, shot at the house of artist **José María Cano**. "It looks like something out of Peter Pan: wooden staircases and mad art everywhere!" Green florist **Bess Wyrick** of Celadon & Celery is creating the flowers for the tea party, to coordinate with the collection's prints. The patterns are based on the ink calligraphy of Korean artist **Suh Se-ok** and are meant to be easily layered over one another. Of the film and collection's spirit Lodha says, "The idea's a girl going in and out of her dreams, a girl who falls asleep and escapes into different worlds." Her first two stops? London and New York.

—*Stephanie LaCava*

Photo: A still from Saloni's film. (Andrea Gelardin).

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