

# CLEMENTS RIBEIRO

**Clements Ribeiro** is the partnership of husband and wife **Inacio Ribeiro** and **Suzanne Clements**. The couple met and graduated at St Martin's, the design school that has been the training ground for many of the most influential talents of the last decade.

Stemming from their quintessential differences both in background and personality – Inacio is Brazilian, at once articulate and introspective; Suzanne is British, intuitive and dynamic – their line absorbs familiar fashion elements, subverting them with wit and intelligence. Their collections explore a vast array of themes, displaying the designers' wide scope of interests and the essential vital energy that comes from such a mix.

One of Britain's great design talents, Clements Ribeiro have brought about many strong trends. Their mix and match approach to patterns and colours, texture and decoration is often referred to as Bohemian and eclectic – creating a distinct signature of eccentric individuality. Their design vocabulary is instantly recognisable and has been hugely influential in fashion over the last decade and continues to be so.

In 2000 the designers took over as creative directors of Cacharel, Paris. This led to an extremely dynamic enterprise that brought a radical modernization of the brand to great critical and commercial acclaim. Over seven years, Clements Ribeiro refreshed all aspects of the French house, including accessories and childrenswear. In the process, the designers engaged in creative collaborations most notably with Julie Verhoeven and Celia Birtwell, whom the designers rediscovered in 2005, leading to a major revival of the famous print designers' work.

Their Spring Summer 2010 collection came hot on the heels of their limited edition Projects, which the designers launched during 2008. These unique, hand-drafted designs sold out at Net-a-Porter as well as select stores around the world including Barneys New York, Colette, 10 Corso Como, Isetan, Liberty and Dover Street Market.

Due to the great success of their Spring Summer 2010 presentation Clements Ribeiro will continue to show their collections during London Fashion Week as part of the official schedule. January 2010 sees the launch of Project #4 'Scarfmania' which consists of unique pieces entirely made out of vintage scarves as well as signature fabulous knits.

Despite not courting celebrity endorsement, their clothing enjoys cult status around the World, having being worn by Thandie Newton, Nathalie Press, Madonna, Nicole Kidman, Demi Moore, Kylie Minogue, Jarvis Cocker, Tom Cruise and Mick Jagger.

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