



CLOSET INTRIGUE

WITH THE NIGHTCLUB IMPRESARIO, THE SUPREME DIVA, AND THE VINTAGE VIRTUOSO

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Ah, it's time once again to peek deep inside the closets of some local notables. Allowing a stranger to visit the most intimate of home spaces deserves great kudos.

Every closet has a story and our victims, uh, I mean this month's celebrated guests, share the details and the memories they keep in this sacred space. We've added a gentleman to the mix because, after all, men keep treasures in their closets, too.

Thank you, ladies and gentleman, for allowing us to peer behind the closet doors.

Let's sneak a peek inside...

Jesse Waits

MANAGING
PARTNER, XS
AND TRYST
NIGHTCLUBS AT
ENCORE AND
WYNN LAS VEGAS

What would a visitor say about your closet?

That I'm very organized and color coordinated. My life and my space need to be organized. If anything is out of place, I get lost when I'm getting ready. I have cool stuff but no excess.

What's your most sentimental item?

That would be the photos of my Mom. She passed away when I was young. I also have a brown shirt my Dad gave me from the 1960s.

What's your go-to outfit?

For work, that would be a black custom-made suit, a white shirt and my D&G black patent leather tennis shoes. I really like shirts and suits with a Nehru collar. I think they're rockin'! I used to wear colored shirts and match the socks to my shirt. Now, I just wear black and white; then, I have fun with my socks. I love the shoes because I'm on my feet a lot and they're really comfortable.

For a casual outfit, I just wear jeans and a deep v-neck t-shirt. I like AG jeans because they're thin, light and comfy. For white t-shirts, I wear a lot of American Apparel and Banana Republic.

Who's your favorite designer?

That would have to be Jean Paul Gaultier.

What's the oddest thing in your closet?

I collect old skateboards and skateboard decks, some of them are signed. I hide them



in my closet. When I have a son, I want him to either ride them or take them.

What's your best bargain?

I'm a big bargain shopper. I always look for bargains. I just bought a lot of stuff at Mojito's at 70 percent off. I got these two flannel shirts there, too.

You have a lot of shoes.

I do. I love shoes. I had a Louis Vuitton shoe fetish for awhile.

Tell me about these red crystal ones.

Those were a New Year's gift from Victor Draï. They're Jean-Michel Cazabat dress shoes

he bought at a boutique in Hollywood.

So, you like baseball caps.

Actually, I just collect them. I rarely wear them.

You also have a lot of ties.

When you wear suits all the time, people give you ties and cuff links as gifts. I don't wear either. I like a nice, clean look. I leave the cuffs of my shirts open, and the only accessory I wear is my watch. It's white gold because I don't like to look gaudy or wear a lot of jewelry. I just want a very simple look.



Mary Wilson

SUPREME SINGER, ENTERTAINER AND HUMANITARIAN

What would a visitor say about your closet?

Oh, I think that a very eccentric, exotic woman lives here. But, I'm the most normal person you'll ever meet, although I do like beauty and I choose Heaven.

I see you have a lot of hats.

Yes, most of them are from the 1960s and 1970s. I keep everything, hoping it will come back. On occasion, I do wear them. I was very upset when they went out of style. I go to the Kentucky Derby every year, and you have to wear a hat to the Kentucky Derby. So, I redecorate this one hat to match my outfit.

I do have some vintage handbags as well, mostly from New York. I also have this really cool Chinese style handbag. And, I have a small crystal Coca-Cola handbag. I've had it for years. We had a national endorsement for Coke in 1968.

What's your go-to outfit?

There are different outfits for different cities. I have a black tuxedo jacket by Escada Elements that I wear quite a bit. You can dress it up or dress it down.

What's your most sentimental item?

I've lived in so many places and time frames, it changes. However, the one item I've had in every home I've ever lived is this painting of me that was done in 1965 by a Canadian artist.

You have a lot of jewelry.

It's all costume. I used to buy the real thing, early in my career, until they somehow got away from me. Now, all I own is costume jewelry.

What are some of your favorite items?

I bought this beautiful red Escada oriental beaded and silk piece, then added the black feathers to it. It came at the right time. I didn't need it, it was outrageous, but I love it!

Another favorite is this fox stole from Luther Vandross. He took it off one of his backup singers and gave it to me.

Who is your favorite designer?

I wear everything! I have to wear what fits my body. I have extremely long legs, and a short waist, so I have a bit of everyone.

Hmmm...you have yellow mannequins in your closet.

Yes, there was a store going out of business, and I saw them and bought them. They're my girls.

What's your best bargain?

I don't shop like that. I see what I want and that's what I get. It looks good or it doesn't. I can afford it or I can't. It's more a matter of how it looks on my body. That's the most important thing. Mostly everything I have is pretty practical.

Where are your shoes?

I have a separate shoe closet. Don't ask me how many I have. I lost count.

Where are your gowns?

I have a lot of stuff in storage, but I also have a gown exhibit that's traveling in England. Most of those are Supreme gowns. I'm hoping to get a museum built here in Las Vegas. It would also be great if I could get an extended run here in town.

What's the strangest item in your closet?

I guess that would have to be the bar. We purchased it at World Market Center. It fits in the closet, but I really want to keep the space open and airy, so it will get moved to the hallway.

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INTRIGUE

Annie Lee

CO-OWNER,
ANNIE CREAMCHEESE
VINTAGE BOUTIQUE,
THE SHOPPES
AT THE PALAZZO

What would a visitor say about your closet?

That a very fashionable, chic and colorful person lives here. Black is a staple, and I do have some, but I love color. I also love prints. I'm not afraid to mix prints. I would hope that you can tell a fun and happy person lives here.

You have a full-size steamer in your closet.

Yes, I love it! I use it every day. It's so much easier than ironing.

What are some of your favorites?

I love this Pucci velvet jacket from the 1960s. Another favorite is a peacock leather jacket. It's a crazy, funky piece. I had it in my store for a year and no one bought it, so then I feel it's meant for me.

What's your most sentimental item?

I have a Chanel bracelet that my husband bought me. It was five years ago on Rodeo Drive. We finally came into a little bit of money, and it was the first time we didn't have to ask how much it cost. He just said, "You want that? Wrap it up." It's a symbol of our success.

What's the oddest item in your closet?

I like to display stuff in my closet, as well as in my stores, like mini-stories, vignettes. I love the rocker image this year, so I have skulls in my closet. It's just a fun, funky display. I think they're cool and badass.

What's your best bargain?

I just bought a Beba top for 65 percent off \$46. It was originally \$420. That's practically free! This is a revived label from the 1970s and even though it looks vintage, it's brand-new.



What's your go-to outfit?

I have a 1970's dress that has an ornate print on top but it's mostly black. I can wear it with my favorite gladiator sandals or boots. It's chic, vintage and no one else will be wearing it. And, with the ornate top, I don't need any jewelry. For work, I mix vintage with new, but for events, I wear only vintage.

Who are your favorite designers?

Missoni, particularly the vintage pieces, because I love prints and color. Pucci for prints and color, and also because those pieces fit so well with the Las Vegas lifestyle. Balenciaga, Phillip Lim, Sonia Rykiel and non-designer labels that are vintage but high end. And Chanel accessories. I love Chanel

accessories and jewelry! They're very classic and conservative, not generally my taste.

Are all your shoes vintage?

I love vintage boots, but not shoes. They're not as comfortable as new ones.

Tell me about your handbags.

I love newer handbags -- Alexander McQueen, Gucci, Chanel, Chloe. However, I do think vintage jewelry is really cool.

What item do you feel is missing from your wardrobe?

I'd like more colored boots, maybe a hot pink over-the-knee style. I tend to gravitate to beige, brown or black but yellow or purple would be fun, too. Actually, I'd just like more of everything! ◻