

TRENDS

The Rhythm of the Night

The latest fashion sensation to sweep Hollywood these days hasn't descended from the couturiers of Paris or the moguls on New York's Seventh Avenue. No, this year Rodeo Drive fashionables take their cues from the rhythms of South America and the savvy of Spain. Ever since *Tango Argentino* became "the" play to see in Los Angeles some time ago, the stars have been carrying on a Latin love affair that is only now reaching the heights of its passion.

Designers like Jean-Paul Gaultier, ▶ Norma Kamali and Sonia Rykiel have incorporated Latin looks into their latest collections. Singer Nicolette Larson, best known for her hit "(Gonna Take A) Lot of Love" looks like a Spanish princess ready for romance in this polka-dot petticoat. Any available toreadors out there?



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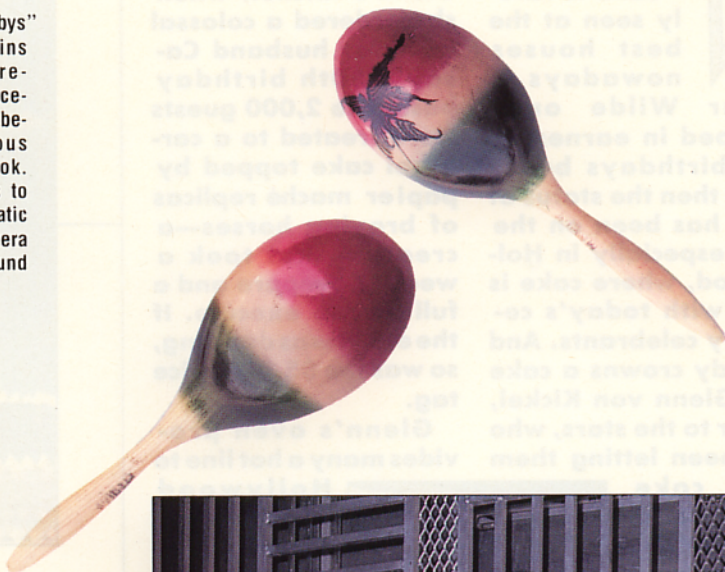


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◀Eva Peron might be a little green with envy if she could see stunning Melba Moore in this form-fitting Fabrice gown with pink taffeta bubble flounce. Melba admits the designer is one of her all time favorites.

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◀ Beautiful "Colbys" star Tracy Scoggins sports the bare-shouldered, flounce-skirt style that has become synonymous with the Latin look. Seems Tracy likes to add a little dramatic flair to her off-camera engagements around town.



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▲ Singer Jody Watley, formerly of Shalamar, whose hit single "Looking for a New Love" has already sold over 400,000 copies worldwide, gives flamenco flair an eighties look. A bolero jacket, sexy accessories and plenty of polka dots are all this beauty needs to heat up the evening.