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A Fashionista's Guide to Fall Fashion

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It's that time of year again that some of us love and others despise: Fall. Can't you just picture those crisp fall days when you're walking through campus with your morning coffee in hand, seeing the leaves change colors while finally wearing your cute new fall clothes? Before you go shopping, check out my picks for this fall's biggest trends so you can get exactly the right outfit. I've scoured countless numbers of fashion magazines to bring you the top fall wardrobe essentials!

This fall, color is everything, and the hot colors are red, camel and gray. The simple and natural look is really big, and these colors have been popping up on everything from jackets to dresses to handbags. It's all about keeping the color and outfit simple and not overdoing it with too many accessories. Keep your outfit simple yet chic. Chunky sweaters are really in for fall fashion, and they're perfect for any college girl! We all want to be comfortable in class, and sweaters are great because they are stylish and comfy. For going to dinner with friends, one really cute look includes a ruffled top with classic jeans. For those chilly days walking from class to class, trench coats are the coat of the season. They're making a comeback, and there are some really cute new styles to choose from, so instead of looking like Inspector Gadget, they look more girly.

Another rising trend is the cape, as in the Little Red Riding Hood type of cape. If paired with the right outfit (simple, solid print top and black or gray pants) these can actually be really cute for those brisk mornings and chilly nights. Animal print still remains a hit, and leopard continues to be all the rage in both clothing and accessories. Leopard has turned into a classic print that is quickly becoming essential for everyone's wardrobe. Just a tip, when wearing any animal print, don't pair it with other animal prints; stick to just one animal print piece at a time, or else you will look like an animal yourself! Faux fur is huge this fall. Never fear, animal lovers: no animals will be harmed! Furs are really

warm and comfy and look great as jackets and vests. The other big faux fur trend is faux fur handbags, which are soft handbags big enough to hold all the things you need for class or a day at the mall. Lace is popping up in many outfits; perhaps a dress with a lace trim is what you want for the White Iris Ball. Lace is really pretty and will give you that simple yet elegant look. Military style continues to remain popular, and leather is now branching out from just leather jackets. Leather pants are on the rise, but be careful: these do NOT flatter all body types. If you really want to wear leather but don't have the shape for the pants, a classic leather jacket is always in style.

Handbags are a lot more sophisticated for the fall. No more slouchy handbags; the sophisticated business women is more the look this year! As far as shoes go, bigger is not better. Tall heels are out and short heels are in. This fall is all about comfort, and sky high heels are the shoes of the past. Why kill your feet in four inch heels when you can still look cute in flats? Booties are also popular; these have a short heel (most of the time) and can look great with a cute pair of jeans, a tee shirt and a leather jacket. Riding boots are really on the rise and are super cute with jeans. Girly ballet flats are back in style in classic colors and adorned with bows and tassels.

Hopefully this advice helps you jumpstart your fall shopping!

Fall Performing Arts Schedule

gathered by Sarah Sugg

September 16 - October 3 - Carolina Ballet presents Weiss' Classic Firebird (see carolinaballet.com for details; student rush tickets available)

September 29 - October 3 - Stillwater Theatre presents Right Place, Right Time (Studio Theatre, Jones Hall; \$10 students) 8p; 3p Sunday performance.

October 1 - Downtown Raleigh First Friday (free) Art galleries open late; Dance Seen performance (Arts Together, free) 7p.

October 1-3 - 25th Raleigh International Festival (Raleigh Convention Center, \$7 adults); see international-festival.org for details.

October 1-3 - Cirque de la Symphonie (Meymandi Concert Hall, see ncsymphony.org) 8p; 3p Sunday performance.

October 7 - Jeff Dunham: Identity Crisis Tour (RBC Center, \$43.50) 7:30p.

October 10 - Cuarteto Latinoamericano (Fletcher Opera Theater, \$10 students) 3p.

October 14 - Poetry Reading: Modern Occitan Poet Miquèl Decòr (Carswell Concert Hall, free) 8p.

October 15 & 17 - North Carolina Opera Debut: Puccini's "Tosca" (Memorial Auditorium; see website for details)

October 15 - Art in Music: Friday Favorites Series (Meymandi Concert Hall, see ncsymphony.org) 12p.

October 22 - Faculty Recital: Kent Lyman, piano (Carswell Concert Hall, free) 8p.

October 22 - The Erik Deutsch Band (Marsh Woodlands, \$12) 8p.

October 22 & 23 - Duke Medicine Classical Series Raleigh presents Composer Portraits: Tchaikovsky (Meymandi, see ncsymphony.org) 8p.

October 29 - NBC's "Last Comic Standing Live" Tour (Meymandi Concert Hall, see progressenergycenter.com for details) 8:30p.

October 30 - November 14 - Billy Elliot the Musical (Durham Performing Arts Center, see DPACnc.com for ticket prices and times)

November 5 & 6 - Duke Medicine Classical Series Raleigh presents: From Brahms to Bach and Back Again (Meymandi, see ncsymphony.org) 8p.

November 19 & 20 - Orchestra Showcase: Beethoven's Eroica (Meymandi, see ncsymphony.org) 8p.

December 7 - 24: Broadway Series South presents "A Christmas Story" (Fletcher Theater, ticket prices vary)

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