

With Class

Michele Thomas Captures Her Special Image By Dressing

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A noticeable dresser has his or her own style to capture a personal image of taste and Michele Thomas prefers to capture her special image by dressing with class.

"I like to dress with class, because it is very different to me. I enjoy dressing in suits and dresses and other very nice things. I like the image of being a woman," relates Thomas.

Dressing in outfits that fit her personality is a definite yes for this stylish dresser who says she likes the elegant "Dynasty" look.

"Your style of dress reflects the type of person you really are. I want my clothing to reflect to people that I am a serious-minded, career-oriented, professional young woman," Thomas describes.

The 24-year-old "Best Dressed" candidate admits that she is a bargain shopper, but doesn't say no to expensive things. Thomas reveals that she buys a lot of name brand and designer clothing such as Gucci and Agner and tries to make it first priority as she puts it "not to see herself in the same outfit too much." Thomas describes her style of dress as a nice stylish dress, combined



Michele Thomas
.....Drawn to "Dynasty" look

with a piece of jewelry, necklace and bracelet to match. She continues with a pair of pumps and handbag to match. How does this brief description look in living color: Well, she tells us, "To give you an

outfit, it would be an orange and white designer dress, tailored fitting. A pair of white earrings and white and gold necklace to accent the orange and white dress. I would complete the outfit with a pair of white hose, white

pumps, and a straw spring bad," Thomas formulates.

Thomas stands 5'6" tall and considers herself a more conservative and conventional dresser. She tips the message that she is not into fads, but prefers more of the "Dynasty" look which has a lot to do with the matching up of her accessories.

"I make sure my shoes are matched with my outfit. There is no special section that I concentrate on the most, because I like to match from head to toe. My nails are polished to the color of my outfit and so is my jewelry when it comes to blending with the outfit," details Thomas.

The classy dresser buys her accessories at the stores where she purchases her clothing. She tips that the same store usually has the jewelry to match. The stores that lure this best dresser to an adventurous shopping spree of silk and satin are Montaldo's, Dana America LTD, Ivey's, August Maxx, and Boutique.

Still there is another

special part of her wardrobe that reflects Thomas' personality and her image of being a woman. "In my everyday goings, I always carry my handbag. Times when I may go to a nice dinner, I would carry my bag and gloves. I don't just take them and leave them in the car, but I actually carry them as part of my outfit. My wardrobe counts as part of me being a woman and this is one of those things that I insist on doing," states Thomas.

Thomas' favorite colors in her wardrobe are lavenders, pinks, whites, and blacks which she says give her that dressy and classy look. Her chosen material of clothing are linen and silk.

Her suggestions on dressing well communicates, "People should understand that they cannot wear anything, because of their shape, size and color of clothing. When dressing, a woman needs to pick a color that complements her skin tone and height and remember

accessories such as nails are just as important and can be used to accent her dresses. A good makeup needs to blend into the outfit and not stand away." The greatest problem of her wardrobe are her shoes, she says.

Thomas is an employee of the Charlotte Housing Authority and works as the Human Services Coordinator. She is a member of several organizations such as the National Federation of Business and Professional Women, Juvenile Guardian Ad Litem, Board of Directors-TAPS, Mediator for Charlotte Mecklenburg Community Relations Dispute Settlement Program and 1986 Christmas Bureau Policy committee. She attends Little Rock AME Zion Church where she serves on the Adult Choir and Woman's Day Committee.

This best dresser credits her fashion choosing to herself and her mother, but she subscribes to Essence, Glamour and browses through Town and Country magazine.

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As you might expect, her ambition has long been to become a professional designer. She's taken classes but somehow just has never gotten around to finishing. Her hopes are to open a shop for individual designs in the next year.

Mrs. Paysour's flair for fabric is not limited to clothing. She loves interior decorating and makes her own draperies, slipcovers,

cushions, etc. Her house, like her wardrobe, reflects her personality.

She is a member of Friendship Baptist Church and belongs to Guys and Dolls. A lot of her time is

spent working with area children.

Barbara and Wallace Paysour have two children, Wallace Jr., who is 14, and a married daughter, Sheryl. They also have one grandchild.

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