

# WWD WEDNESDAY

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## The Long Road

The romantic wanderers are back. For resort, designers infuse long dresses with a bohemian flare, creating a fresh approach to hippie chic looks, such as Hilton Hollis' silk dress, worn here with Dallin Chase's washed leather vest. Erickson Beamon necklace; Dinosaur Designs bangles. For more on the trend, see pages 6 and 7.

### Another Shining Rei: Vuitton Pushes Edge With Kawakubo Line

By Miles Socha

**PARIS** — When Rei Kawakubo goes out for the evening, she carries her essentials in what she describes as a “no-name black tote bag.”

And the maverick Japanese designer behind Comme des Garçons has so far resisted opening her wallet for Louis Vuitton, a powerful French luxury brand present in Japan for 30 years.

Not that any of this has stopped one of her most improbable and anticipated collaborations to date: designing evening bags for Vuitton, which will be unveiled next Wednesday at a temporary concept store in Tokyo's trendy Aoyama district.

“We thought it was so interesting to combine two opposite worlds,” said Yves Carcelle, Vuitton's president and chief executive officer.

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