



SHOPPING



Ready, Set, Shop

Sometimes the name says it all. Nifty for Fifty (Apr. 10; page 16) is a budget-friendly bonanza, where local goods can be scooped up for \$50 or less. Thirty Vancouver designers, jewellers and artists assemble under one roof with their oneof-a-kind wares, including hand-dyed textiles from Daub + Design, playful upcycled clothing from Adhesif (pictured), and handcrafted leather goods from Branzino. Nifty and thrifty? No need to tell us twice.

—Jill Von Sprecken

house gallery also offers a collection of chic antiques, home accessories and fine art photography. 2170 Fir St. 604-738-4284. www.heatherross .ca Map 1: F3

JEWELLERY & WATCHES

FREYWILLE Adorn yourself with art-inspired jewellery handcrafted in Vienna. The bracelets, rings and pendants mix gold with bold-coloured enamels and include collections inspired by Claude Monet and Gustav Klimt. Accessories including scarves, bags, belts and ties also available. 511 Howe St. 604-569-0814. www. freywille.com & Map 1: B6

JADE Mining company Jade West's store offers jewellery, sculptures and specialty items such as golf tees, dice and candles—embedded with BC iade. The staff is knowledgeable about the stone and its history. 375 Water St. 604-687-5233. www. jadestores.ca Map 1: B7

LAO FENG XIANG The first Canadian location for the well-regarded international ieweller founded in Shanghai. Specializes in work with jade and 24-karat gold, 1016 Alberni St. 604-629-9688. www.lfxiewelrv.ca& Map 1: B5

SILVER GALLERY This Native jewellery dealer has cornered the silver market with over 30,000 pieces of unique, Canadian-made items, Haida artists like Ding Hutchinson and Garner Moody display their designs here exclusively. Over 50 artists contribute their creations. 308 Water St 604-681-6884 www.silvertalks .com & Map 1: C6

SWATCH THE STORE The first

Canadian boutique carrying the complete line of watches from the Swiss company. Offers limited-edition watches designed by international artists, sport and fashion watches, and children's Flik Flak watches. Metropolis at Metrotown, 4700 Kingsway, Burnaby. 604-430-1984. www.swatch.com & Map 2: D3

THOMAS SABO This popular jewellery shop from Germany is known for its sterling silver jewellery, watches and collection of charms. Oakridge Centre, 650 W, 41st Ave, 1-866-461-9862. & Map 4: E3 Richmond Centre. 6551 No. 3 Rd., Richmond. 1-866-461-9862. & Map 3: D3 Metropolis at Metrotown, 4700 Kingsway, Burnaby, 1-866-461-9862, www. thomassabo.com & Map 4: E6

LEATHER GOODS

XIXO Visit this well-appointed boutique for handmade leather goods. Find shoes, boots, handbags, jackets and belts in leather and exotic skins