



## International Fashion Event Comes Home To Brisbane, Australia

\*commonthreads\*

On the evening of **Wednesday 24 November**, in the heart of the **Brisbane Powerhouse**, all fashionable eyes are on Australia as part of an **international charity event \*commonthreads**, showcasing **36 leading Australian fashion designers and contemporary artists in the guise of customised vintage kimonos**...and you could own of them!

As part of its world tour, **\*comonthreads** kicked off in **Tokyo on Friday 15 October** featuring **35 of Japan's best fashion designers in a candlelit temple in Ochanomizu**, Tokyo, with funds from their hi-tech auction going to Japan's **AAR** (Association for Aid Relief).

Next on the world stage is **\*commonthreads London** on **Thursday 11 November** when **30 hot UK and European designers** exhibit their wares and hail Britannia at the groovy Trumann Brewery with proceeds going to **TRAID** (Textile Recycling for Aid and International Development).

And then... **\*commonthreads** travels back to its birthplace; On **Wednesday 24 November**, **\*commonthreads Brisbane** will feature leading and emerging **Australian fashion designers, artists and select retailers** on the catwalk in a seductively, sublime show. **It is a chance for the public to bid for their very own one-off piece of haute couture from the cream of Australia's fashion industry!**

**WHY?** 'Look Good and Feel Good' goes hand-in-hand on a night when creatives join hands to **address some of the negative issues that surround conventional textile production:**

- **promoting the fair-trade story**
- **disposal of clothing by recycling and customizing**
- **using organic textiles which in turn promotes high ecological standards.**

**Founded two years ago by Brisbaneite, Emma King**, who now resides in London, **\*commonthreads** inaugural charity event was successfully launched in Brisbane in 2002 to an audience of 1500 leading lights of the fashion, media and design industries, amid the splendour of Brisbane's Tivoli Theatre, whilst raising over \$12,000 for St Vincent de Paul.

The quiet determination and success of **\*commonthreads** now sees this Australian innovation as an **International Fashion Event spanning the UK (London), the ORIENT (Japan) and the ANTIPODES (Brisbane)** seeing high profile designers and contemporary artists deconstruct, redesign, reinvent and revamp vintage denim and original vintage Kimonos to be auctioned at three exclusive events in three cities.

Brisbane's **\*commonthreads** catwalk element will be laced with surprises, sound-scapes, salubrious screens, signature cocktails and competitive bidding.

The snappy **\*commonthreads** audience promises to be transported into a mantra of '*gimme-gimme-gone*' by our 'it-boy' celebrity Auctioneer with all proceeds going to **Australia's beneficiary, St Vincent de Paul.**

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For Tickets and Pro gram Information: [www.common-threads.net](http://www.common-threads.net)

TICKETS ARE \$39.40 including booking fee  
(includes complimentary drinks and bites until 9pm)

\*Tickets also available at Brisbane Powerhouse Box Office: 07 3358 8600 or [www.brisbanepowerhouse.org](http://www.brisbanepowerhouse.org)

For a more details, including profiles of some of the commonthreads\* key players, visuals, interviews and images (historic and newly shot), please contact JANE BALKIN @ Jane Balkin PR & Projects on 07 3254 2191 or 0419 772 550 or [janeybalkin@bigpond.com](mailto:janeybalkin@bigpond.com) or [janeybalkin@bigpond.com](mailto:janeybalkin@bigpond.com) or [jane@common-threads.net](mailto:jane@common-threads.net)



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