

Harder and edgier feel to clothes by Carroll

City fashion designer's fall line unveiled

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There's nothing more radical about Edmundo Rodriguez designer Stanley Carroll's new fall collection.

In fact, breaking the mould and defying the industry's penchant for "gender labours" women's clothing was no overly what he had in mind.

The result is a clothing line that's edgy, sophisticated and playful, inspired by the film *Black Swan* and artist and dancer Christian Boccia.

"We know that most ladies in the future would be interested, showing up people to live more creative lives," says Carroll.

It was this belief that thought that he wanted to incorporate into his new "Babylove" collection.

"Think more about fabric, structured fabric, more silhouettes and highly textured fabrics made up the collection."

"I had a very futuristic kind of feel," says Carroll, whose fall 2006 line was featured in a fashion show at SoHo on White Avenue last Thursday.

"About 99% of people, including my customers, don't spend time on the red carpet," says Carroll, who has been designing for over 20 years and has a well-known shop at 4201 20th St. N.W.

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"I got away from party and make clothing that is a little harder and more boring and definitely not make-or-buy or buying," he says.

With this line, he sticks to a lot of blacks, greys, browns and silver, wending colors, florals, geometric and patterns.

His pieces are highly unique, including a skirt that looks like a skirt, a dress with an oversized neckline, pleats, ruffles and geometric details with ruffles on necklines.

"I wanted to approach fashion from a revolutionary point of view rather than just conventional," says Carroll.

The fashion can be viewed at www.stanley-carroll.com or by dropping into his shop, which is open Tuesday to Saturday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

His clothing items fall in the mid to high price range. Many of his new pieces retail for around \$300.



Natalie WHE is in a black dress with key-hole neckline (\$200) by Edmundo designer Stanley Carroll, who featured his fall 2006 line during a fashion show at SoHo on White Avenue last week.