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This Indian print-and-textile focused label has two new international collaborations

D'Ascoli, the Delhi-based label known for its boho-chic dresses, started by husband-and-wife duo Cecile and Peter D'Ascoli, is expanding into accessories and children's wear with these new collaborations

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New Yorker and global artisanal nomad Peter D'Ascoli travelled the world studying decorative arts for a decade. In 2006, after setting down roots in Delhi, he started Talianna Studio, developing craft-focused, luxury fabrics for interiors. Nearly a decade ago, his wife, Cecile, began experimenting with garments at the studio. Her easy bohemian vibe translated well into a collection of dresses and blouses that soon garnered the attention of modern travellers. Over the years, with the help of an in-house printing facility, they've enhanced their focus on designs which bring together ancient and modern craft techniques.



D'Ascoli

The label, which is available on Matches Fashion globally, and on their own website, is now working towards several partnerships, including children's wear, accessories and a home and entertaining capsule at the end of the year. "We've enjoyed a great deal of exposure in the past few years thanks to our design philosophy and our sustainable approach towards small-batch production and craft focus," says Peter.

Vogue India has the details.

TAMARA MELLON X D'ASCOLI

The collaboration with Tamara Mellon was based on the label's New Bohemia collection. Mellon is the woman famously known for creating the global brand Jimmy Choo.

"Last year, as we were emerging from our first lockdown in Delhi, Tamara emailed me out of the blue saying that she was a big fan of our aesthetic and asked if we would be interested in collaborating on a capsule collection. I was flattered and delighted that something we make could resonate," says Peter.

The two-style collection includes Oasis, a flat leather sandal, and Utopia, a sexy heel which comes with a wrap-around scarf for the ankles. "My favourite from this capsule collection is the Oasis flat with the printed silk ankle ties in the terracotta colour. The quality and colour of the leather, with the stylish silk scarf tie, is sexy and modern," he adds, highlighting that ten per cent of the proceeds will be given to CITTA.ORG for COVID-19 relief in India.

MAISONETTE X D'ASCOLI

"Just as we went live, Maisonette announced a round of US\$30 million funding," Peter tells me excitedly. The boutique e-tailer, started by former *Vogue* editors Sylvana Durrett and Luisiana Mendoza Rocchia, is known for creating a luxury children's marketplace. With this capsule, D'Ascoli worked on Mommy & Mini Me looks—coordinated pieces for mothers and daughters that are sure to be perfect Instagram fodder for the summer months ahead. "I am especially proud of this collaboration because it gave us the opportunity to feature our Indian hand-spun, hand-woven cotton that we print and hand-embroider at our atelier in Faridabad."

