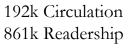


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STRANGELOVE NYC

This gold Strangelove

NYC necklace is holding a

phial of its Deadofnight

comforting fragrance

Christophe Laudamiel,

this was the scent that

by master perfumer

the brand's founder

Elizabeth Gaynes and

Christensen chose to

at Harrods.com

Perfume brand

NCP OLFACTIVES

NCP Olfactives and

its pendant. The Piece.

were the brainchild of

actor Noomi Rapace

- who was fed up of having to scrabble in her

bag for her scent before walking the red carpet.

The body of the pendant

twists out of the cap to

reveal a miniature roll-on

of your choice of the brand's fragrances.

Pendant, £173. Refills,

from £20. Both at

Selfridges.com

creative director Helena

launch with. From £195,

pure perfume oil. A warm,









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What Celebrity Facialist Joanna Vargas Can't Live Without

By Joanna Vargas as told to Hilary Reid

StrangeLoveNYC deadofnight perfume

I've been wearing it for about four years. My friend Helena Christensen created it and I'm completely obsessed with the <u>musky smell</u>. It's just super sexy — I wear it every time I go out. My strongest association with it is when Helena actually gave me some that came with a necklace — it's in a little vial on a chain. The vial of perfume sits between your boobs. She put it on me and was like, "It sits right between your cleavage, and heats up with your body heat." Helena is so sexy and cool. It was one of those moments where you have a girlfriend and she's teaching you how to be cooler than you are.



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5 Unique Ways to Wear Fragrance

Yes, you can now buy a scented designer bag.

BY - CHRISTINA TOURIOUKIS - JAN 17TH 2020

Wear It as a Necklace

Never be without your signature scent again: Strangelove dreamed up a perfume necklace after creative director Helena Christensen learned that natural body heat can greatly enhance scent. The brand filled a 24-karat-gold-plated charm with its signature Melt My Heart scent (among others) and hung it on a 24-inch chain to create what just might be the perfect accessory. Strangelove Pure Perfume Oil Necklace (\$343, strangelovenyc.com)



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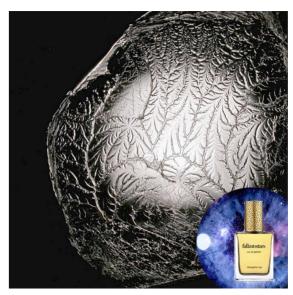


Strangelove NYC FallintoStars Review (Christophe Laudamiel) + An All Fraction DRAW

Strangelove NYC FallintoStars by Christophe Laudamiel is, in a premiere for my nose, self-mirroring. The opening is bright and whole, in a strange way, as if you're looking at a bigger, complete picture not unlike a Koch snowflake, unique but built within the confinements of a circle- in this case, a wood body. There's soft, creamy, steamed wood; there's hard, smoky, luscious wood; there's herbal, medicinal oudh. All—smooth and crystal-clear, extremely clean, and perfectly balanced. Off the main body shoot the main spokes, branching out like arms, strong but mobile: sweet resins, sticky labdanum, some vegetal musk. All there from the beginning, all integral to the picture, and all, too, crystal-clear.

As you zoom in, the surprise: the spokes, too, have spokes of their own, seemingly so small that their role is of detail: peppery peaks of green citrus, crunchy spices (ginger?), and even a bit of lively indoles; you think that's that, and you rest. But as you do, more and more of the same shows up in wafts, more and more recognoscible with each breath; the accelerated zoom-in shows that spokes keep branching, replication themselves faster and faster, ad infinitum, until you finally understand that you'd seen it, beautiful and perfect, since the beginning.

Notes: Indian oud, French jonquil, rosewood, amber, pink pepper.



- dana sandu, Sr. Contributor



Fashion Group International Adds All Gender and Sustainability Categories to Rising Star Awards

The competition celebrates brands that have been in business between one and six years.

The group's 23rd annual Rising Stars awards luncheon will be held at Cipriani 42nd Street on Jan. 28. To make the final cut, the contenders took part in a "Presentation Night," touting their products and relaying their respective brand story. The finalists were then winnowed by FGI's board of directors and committees. The competition celebrates brands that have been in business between one year and six years. The Sustainability award is being sponsored by Maison de Mode and the company's cofounders Hassan Pierre and Amanda Hearst will present it.

This year's winners will be selected by FGI members via online voting and the winners will be revealed at the upcoming event. Competing for the All Gender award are: Bossi Sportswear's Alex Bossi; Claire Fleury's Claire Fleury; Henry Rose's Michelle Pfeiffer; Rinat Brodach's Rinat Brodach, and Strangelove's Elizabeth Gaynes.



Valentine's Day Gifts So Good She'll Love You Just That Little Bit More

Flowers and chocolates are fine, if you want to be totally predictable and uninventive. But if you've got a lovely lady friend in your life who loves <u>fashion</u>, fine fragrances and all things chic and cool, you can do better than a classic gift this Valentine's Day.

'Melt My Heart' perfume necklace

Strangelove NYC - £195

SHOP NOW

Part jewellery, part perfume, the 'Melt My Heart' fragrance necklace was dreamed up by model Helena Christensen, so you'll be treating her to the most fashiony of Valentine's Day treats.



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The Best Sea-inspired Scents For Men

13 JANUARY 2020 BY KELLY SULLIVAN

Just like a great pair of swim shorts or a stylish pair of sunglasses, a good scent is a yachting essential for any serious sailor. The power of scents can transport you back in a whirl of nostalgia, so even if you're not on board currently, you can reminisce through your favourite fragrance. Make sure you smell as fresh as the ocean breeze with our edit of the best sea-inspired scents for men to buy now.

Strangelove silencethesea

Created by New York-based perfumer Stangelove, which uses oud as the base for all its fragrances, silence these a combine notes of salty jasmine and earthy tuberose with pure ambergris in this potent roll-on oil that promises a truly modern olfactory experience. This roll-on oil is perfect for on-the-go top-ups.





Strangelove NYC: American Oud

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Strangelove NYC emerged from the love of its American founder, Elizabeth Gaynes, for the legendary oud oil, one of the most precious ingredients in perfumery. She first tried it in Southeast Asia, exploring how she can help local farmers who grow various plants for perfumery purposes. She tried it, and fell in love with it. She had a dream (Americans love to dream!) to create something dizzyingly unusual, maximally natural, and mega-creative on the basis of oud oil, which costs more than gold.







The Danish model and photographer Helena Christensen became the art director of the brand, and for the famous perfumer **Christophe Laudamiel** (Abercrombie&Fitch, Humiecki&Graef, Mugler, Nest, S-Perfume, The Zoo), new **Strangelove** fragrances seem to be the first experience in creating fragrances based on natural oud oil. It's rather surprising that Christophe agreed to limit his perfume palette by this; after all, he advocates freedom of expression for perfumers and the equality of synthetic and natural ingredients. Probably the opportunity to work with rare and expensive components of perfect beauty outweighed all others, and he agreed to compose all perfumes based upon oud oil.

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Getting Lost in a Foreign Garden

Helena Christensen and Eva Herzigová working together again. Gigi Hadid gave them access to her secret place, a place she has never allowed anyone to visit before.

"See you in the lobby tonight, we'll have a drink."

We are both in Milan for work, staying at the same hotel. We know after the second glass of red wine arrives - drinks will turn into dinner: "Come to Bice, let's meet my friends there."

It's fashion week and everyone is in town. Helena's guests at the table are none other than Gigi Hadid, her friend Gabriella from New York, designer and actress Georgina Chapman and our agent Gavin.

During our biggest years in fashion, we spent all our evenings at Bice. Followed by after-parties in our hotel room, then going straight to work the next day. Happily there weren't any iPhones at that time – there is no embarrassing evidence. Strong experiences create strong bonds, our bond continues to this day. Actually, it would be great to work together again, to support one another, we say. At that moment, I can hear myself saying: "We can, come shoot a story for Vogue."



Foto: EVA HERZIGOVÁ
Helena Christensen

Apart from obviously being absolutely the most gorgeous woman in the world, you yourself have very little concern about playing by the rules. You eat what your heart desires. And I have witnessed your appetite on a few occasions. You pick the most fattening meals on the menu and order enough food for two

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Refillable Beauty Is Here To Help Tackle Our Plastic Problem

— Packaging too chic to throw away.

Helping us to break the consume-and-discard cycle at the centre of our single-use plastic panic, refillable beauty products allow us to side-step the waste and top up our most trophy-worthy packaging as soon as the contents get low. When you think about it, it makes perfect sense – why invest in all those beautiful products, only to toss them aside once you've scraped the lipstick tube or snipped open the shampoo bottle to squeeze out the final suds?

Like cotton tote bags, refillable water bottles and metal straws, (all of which have slipped seamlessly into our everyday routines), these keep-forever products are a drop in the ocean, yes, but they're a worthy start.



PERFUME OIL NECKLACE

Strangelove NYC

Net-a-porter.com

£195



PERFUME OIL TRAVEL SET

Strangelove NYC

Net-a-porter.com

£113

Now Smell This

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now smell this

Strangelove NYC Fall Into Stars ~ new perfume

Strangelove NYC will launch Fall Into Stars, a new unisex fragrance.

fallintostars is a meditation on the universe itself: dark, mysterious, yet leaving a trail of powerful illuminations. The scent contains a core of pure oud, which gives fallintostars a deep, primal quality, emphasized with amber and labdanum notes. It's complemented by ingredients like pink peppercorn and rosewood, which make the scent dreamlike and ethereal.

[...] Master Perfumer Christophe Laudamiel explained how the fallintostars concept was the perfect invitation to combine golden ingredients harvested from all over the planet: "The stardust and pollen effect come from natural and wild French daffodil; a golden amber effect comes from a Fairwild certified Peru Balsam and a Siam Benzoin resin, which cast light from the back of the scent; and an illuminating solar effect comes from fresh ginger, bergamot and saffron. That ensemble is nested in a combination of ouds. For Life-certified roses, and henna flower."

Strangelove NYC Fall Into Stars will be available in 15, 50 and 100 ml Eau de Parfum, 10 ml rollerball or 1.25 ml perfume oil necklace. It will be at Harrods this month, then more widely available starting in October.



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FOUNDED IN 2013 BY ELIZABETH GAYNES,

strangelove nyc is passionate about creating highly concentrated, complex fragrances using rare ingredients chosen for their historical properties and sustainably sourced from around the world.

The collection is comprised of four distinct scents—deadofnight, meltmyheart, silencethesea, and lostinflowers—in both an eau de parfum and pure perfume oil format. Each bottle is crafted from the finest French glass and topped with a custom 24 karat gold-plated cap inspired by the 'golden ratio.'



The brand's first and most seductive scent, dead of night, is made from the precious aromatic wood resin, oud. To balance out its aphrodisiac effects are Damask Rose, natural violet leaves, vanilla balsam, sandalwood, amber, and musk. This one is made for the risk takers and the unabashedly indulgent.

meltmyheart is an opulent oriental that owes its warmth to pure orris butter. Oud, sandalwood, ylang-ylang, a hint of absinthe, and French sage boost spirits while purified ginger, mandarin, and dark chocolate complete the adoring scent. This one is made for the hopeful romantics and those bonded for eternity.

silencethesea uses pure ambergris to conjure marine life mysteries and gets its leathery edge from black oud and blue chamomile as well as gentle notes of natural narcissus, tuberose absolute, and mimosa place. Freshened with white truffle and purified angelica, this one is for those who love to make waves.



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Ditch the Spritz: 12 Cool New Ways to Smell Good, Sans Perfume

F or centuries, perfume has been applied from a bottle either via a spritz or by dabbing the scented liquid onto your pulse points. In 16th century France, the upper classes and nobles were particularly enamored with the power of perfume and got everything scented, from furniture to gloves. They were ahead of their time. These days, perfumers are looking to more innovative ways to allow us to scent ourselves (and our homes).

Wearing this gold plated necklace allows your body heat to enhance the scent inside. You simply unscrew the bottle of perfume oil and dab onto pulse points when you want to reapply. With Asian lime, tuberose, jasmine and woody oud, this is a heady scent that will have people asking, "What are you wearing?"

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FRAGRANCE

The Most Luxurious, Expensive Perfumes in the World



In honor of National Fragrance Day, we're sharing our favorite Rich BitchTM scents.



Courtesy of brand

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Strangelove Dead of Night Eau de Parfum

Strangelove's Dead of Night Eau de Parfum is made with delicate florals like violet leaf, jasmine, and rose, sweet dried apricots, and a rare oud distilled from agarwood trees that are sustainably grown on the island of Borneo in Southeast Asia. Because the oud oil is produced by farmers slowly and carefully without the presence of chemicals, it's especially pure and strong. However, the aforementioned notes help to soften its intensity while still allowing it to shine through and be the standout. It's the epitome of luxury in a bottle.

\$795 for 3.4 oz. (Shop now)

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After-Dark Scents That Are Perfect For The Winter Season

The aromas du jour are a heady array of heavy full-bodied florals and rich musks...







Goody Bags: All the Best Holiday Fashions, and the Suitcases to Pack Them In

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Strangelove NYC perfume necklaces, \$260 each, bergdorfgoodman.com





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ON BEAUTY

Musks for Men Who Appreciate Subtlety

Lush without being overpowering, these new fragrances celebrate the scent's multitudes.



This season welcomes an abundance of fragrances that celebrate musk in all its diversity. Stora Skuggan's Fantôme de Maules (\$139) is at once earthy and spectral, like a country gale. Le Labo's Another 13 (\$184), rich, with a touch of pear, calls to mind Donald Judd's orange enamel boxes — bright, clean and boldly artificial. For those who like their perfume both boozy and powdery, there's Nasomatto's Baraonda (\$150), a heady blend of whiskey, musk mallow and rose that smells like bourbon on the breath of angels. For something more primal, sink into Strangelove NYC's Silence the Sea (\$475), a tenebrous blend of natural ambergris, oud and truffle oil.

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"I fell in love with oud and it sparked my passion for beautiful ingredients"



STRANGELOVE NYC
THE FINEST NATURAL MATERIALS, BEAUTIFULLY PRESENTED
THE MAGICAL, TRIO OF ELIZABETH GAYNES, an expert in natural

melt*my*heart

THE MAGICAL, TRIO OF ELIZABETH GAYNES, an expert in natural fragrance materials, master perfurer. Christophe Laudemia and supermodel Helena Christensen make up innovative perfure label strangelove. Gaynes and Christensen met through their sons, who attended school fogether, and became finerist, Christensen now acts as creative director as well as being the face of the brand Sustainability is part of its DNA, with perfurees and scented oils made using ethical yound bearinast from around the world.

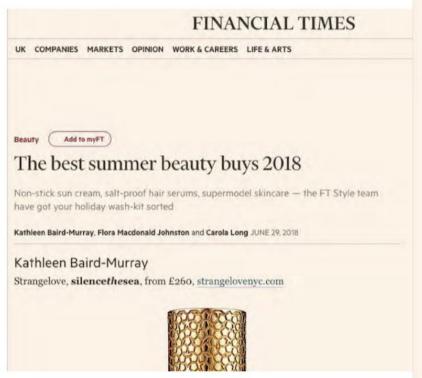
Among strangelow's favoured notes are pure ambergins fa waxy substance with a blasmin fragance screeted by the disjective system of sperm whales, which is washed up naturally from the sea but now rarely used in perfurency led champiac from India (Grown as the joy oil, if is been used as a mood enhancer for centuries, says Gaynes) and oud from Borneo, used as a mood enhancer for centuries, says Gaynes) and oud from Borneo. The latter is farmed on a sustantable 60-once plantation Glygories nutrues in partnership with flagjance development company Gausdan as part of the GasDen initiative, which aims to improve the way raw metericals are cultivated. "Before I started strangelioxe, I worked for several years with this pulnation raising aversees for eithoid farming," Gaynes explosive. This was growing agarwood tires, which create the restni that is distilled to make oud. If lell in low with out and it sparked my passon for the beautiful impredents."

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Beauty from the Sea, by the Sea

Inspired by the sea and the coastlines, these fragrances and face and body accoutrements are worth diving into.

Strangelove NYC - silencethesea

Creator of niche perfumes, **Elizabeth Gaynes** captures a marine note blended fragrance that is profound. The fragrances harness a lover's gaze—soundless yet eternal—a creative direction realized by **Helena Christensen.** This potion is deep and warm as if it's sourced from the soul of the ocean. Musky notes of ambergris, rare oud, and a whiff of white truffle, followed by true tuberose and a salty splash of jasmine, make up this unique scent that feels primal. Housed in a pale sea-blue lacquered box with a 24-karat gold-plated bottle cap, it's indeed a statement of immortal love. Price: \$475 (50 ml.); strangelovenyc.com



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10 Natural Fragrance Brands To Get To Know

And the scents they recommend for spring

BY JENNA IGNERI - MARCH 19, 2018



The natural, or "clean," beauty industry is booming, and there are plenty of natural skin-care and cosmetic brands popping up every day to support that. However, one sector of the beauty industry that often tends to be overlooked by natural beauty enthusiasts is fragrance.



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Strangelove

Elizabeth Gaynes felt compelled to create a line of natural fragrance after she witnessed firsthand the devastating effects of global over-farming on agarwood tree crops. Thus, <u>strangelove</u> was born, boasting Helena Christensen as its creative director and Christophe Laudamiel as its master perfumer.

Strangelove's compelling scents are created with rare ingredients sourced sustainably from all over the world, such as oud, or is butter, red champaca, and ambergris. "I believe that natural is always the best when it comes to the quality of fragrance, and strangelove prides itself on that, regardless of cost. We want our customer to experience the power of real ingredients," says Gaynes. "How can one truly experience the profound effect of fragrance when they're not smelling the real, natural ingredients?"

For spring, she recommends the brand's latest, <u>lostinflowers</u>, a scent bursting with pure flower essences such as gardenia enfleurage, champaca, and lily of the valley.

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HUNGER'S CHRISTMAS GIFT GUIDE 2017: THE FRAGRANCE EDIT

[F] ragrance is one of the most luxurious and memorable gifts to give this Christmas. 2017 has been an incredible year for the art of perfume – with independent, niche brands thriving, and familiar names launching more creative scents than ever before.

To help you with your Christmas list, we've gone in search of the finest fragrances from around the world. From a truffle-infused oud by Strangelove NYC, to a Spanish flamenco-inspired scent by Ramon Monegal. Venture off the beaten path with our decadent selections below.



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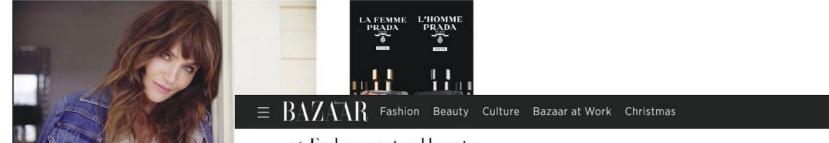
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Helena Christensen shares her advice for improving your wellbeing

And how to think outside the fitness box

By Becki Murray Oct 24, 2017

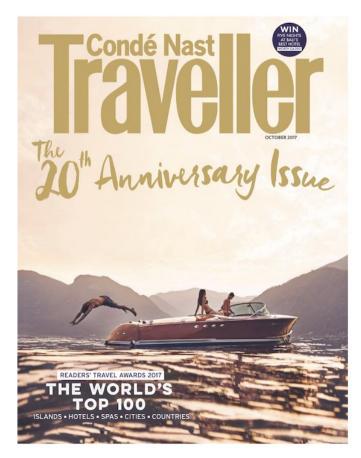


14. Embrace natural beauty

"I have a perfume company, **Strangelove NYC**, and we use very rare, pure ingredients, so I learned a lot about natural beauty. I've recently been using a lot of coconut oil, yellow turmeric masks and, after emptying the espresso machine, I put the coffee grinds into a bowl and place it in the shower so I can use them to wash my body. When putting products onto your skin, you definitely feel so much better if you use ones that you know are clean and healthy. It's also the little changes in all areas of our lives that, in the end, will have a big impact on the world. Hopefully that is something we will instil in the next generation."

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Which one product do you always pack in your hand luggage? I'm never without my gold Strangelove perfume oil necklace. I got the idea for storing a scent in a pendant from virtage lockets that women used to wear around their necks with hand-painted portraits and locks of hair inside?

Where is the best place you've stayed? The Colombe d'Or in the South of France. It is a beautiful hotel in the mountainside medieval village of 5t Paul de Vence. The staff are lovely and the courty and restaurant has the prettiest setting, covered in vines. It's full of incredible art, including sieces by Picasso. Lalways make a point to visit the nearby Marght Foundation gallery, which has an amazing collection of works."

> Where is your favourite beach? There is no place more magical than Pink Sands on Hurbour Island in the Bahamas; the sand is made of crushed pink seachells."

How do you protect your hair from sun damage?

T put raw coconut oil on it in the morning and leave it on all day. I might add a dab of fernon juice to create highlights."

TRAVELS WITH MY WASHBAG

HELENA CHRISTENSEN

ONE OF THE ORIGINAL NINETIES SUPERS, THE DANISH MODEL-TURNED-PHOTOGRAPHER SHARES HER BEAUTY SECRETS WITH OLIVIA FALCON



How do you look after your skin on a plane journey? spritz my face with Nimue's Vitamin C Moisture Mist then put on the label's Super Hydrating Mask. It absorbs quickly and smells refreshing and citrusty."





holiday escape? Strangelove's new fragrance, Elizabeth Gaynes and I beauty essentials?

Where is your ideal

Have you been on a spa retreat? Whenever I visit Los Angeles I go to Beverly Hot Springs for the milk-and-honey body treatment. I also enjoy going to Moroccan hammams where they scrub you down then rub in eucslyptus oil."

Do you do anything to get in shape before a holiday? India is a destination I'm Thouall year round and have just started always drawn to. We used learning how to pole dance, which is champaca from there in insanely hard it's basically vertical ballet: Lostinflowers (Strangelove Over the past 20 years, what is a fragrance brand my friend have been your enduring

founded four years ago). It's "Elizabeth Arden's Eight Hour Cream has one of the rarest ingredients always been my go-to travel fix. It's so verin perfumery, and known for satile - I use it on my eyelids, lips and preading joy and uplifting cheekbones, And Hove Cacharel's Anals pirits - I feel India does that Analis; it was my ever first fragrance. I've been using it since I was 13 years old."

From left: Super Hydrating Mask, £34, Nimue (nimaeskin.com). Rouge Allure Velvet Luminous Matte Lip Colour in La Fascinante, £28, Chanel (chanel.com). Analis Analis eau de tollette, £15.50, Cacharel (theperfumeshop.com). Meltmyheart perfume necklace, £127, Strangelove (harrods.com). Eight Hour Cream Skin Protectant, £27, Elizabeth Arden (elizabetharden.co.uk)

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Into the Gloss

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INTO THE GLOSS

Helena Christensen

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I was going to show you my perfume because my friend and I have this company called <u>Strange Love</u>. Our creative director made <u>these necklaces</u> so that girls could carry their fragrances around their necks. I just love the image of memories and how fragrance triggers that. Since I was in my early teens I was into antique perfume bottles and that's kind of where this idea came from—havin saying something. around your neck with a photo of your loved one. We base all our scents on pure oud. It's absolutely hypnotic, you don't go anywhere wearing this without people





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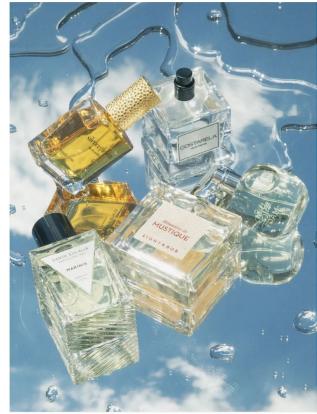
It's high tide for ocean-inspired fragrances

SILENCE THE SEA [by Strangelove NYC]

Most sea scents rely on a gloss of coconut-y sweetness to mask any tangy undertones, but not this new perfume from the niche house Strangelove NYC, which does not shy away from its pungent ambergris heart.

Ambergris, for the uninitiated, is a waxy secretion from the bile duct of a whale, the result of indigestible matter like eel beaks. It smells like no other substance on earth: ancient, musty, almost feral, like being inside an underwater cavern.

Silence the Sea (\$600) rounds out its edges with oud and tuberose, but make no mistake: this is a perfume for the adventurous, for those who are not afraid to waft a little crustacean funk in public.



Perfumes that smell like the beach. Ocean and beach-themed scents have been popular since the time of the ancient Greeks, and these are a few ways to achieve that perfume trend in modern times. The New York Times

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5 Ways to Smell Like the Beach Silence the Sea, Strangelove NYC

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Three little WORDS

Model and photographer Helena Christensen talks about her additional role as creative director of perfume brand Strangelove NYC

By JAN MASTERS

What made you want to go into the fragrance business?

I didn't know I wanted to. That's not how my mind works. I'm more influenced by incidents and circumstances. In this case it was hanging out with the mother of one of my son's school friends, Elizabeth Gaynes [who has worked extensively in the fragrance industry]. She was trying out some samples of pure oud for a project, and the smell was absolutely incredible. I'd never smelt anything like it. I told her that whatever she was looking to use it for, I wanted to be part of it. She was like, "OK, that's kind of crazy, but very cool. Let's do this." We spent three years developing our first scent for Strangelove NYC, working with [perfumer] Christophe Laudamiel, We now have three fragrances - Deadofnight, Meltwybeart and Silencerbesea - and we're working on the fourth.

Have you always loved scent? My sense of smell is one of my strongest

senses, and I find it unbelievable how it transports me to moments in my life. The smell of pine trees elicits a very strong, powerful memory for me and so a pine scent takes me right back to those moments. Laudamiel is known for his creativity. Do

you see making fragrance as an art form? Yes. I don't ever get involved with anything that doesn't feel like it's multilayered. We don't just create products with the thought that this is going to make money. I never think about things in that way. I probably should - it was a constant frustration with my [modelling] agents; I would turn down jobs and they were like, "Don't you realise how much potential this has financially," and I would say, "It just doesn't feel right in my stomach," and they would say, "God, you're so annoying!" But

look, I'm still in this business, and maybe my attitude has helped with that longevity. Why are your fragrance names always three words written as one?

I've always been drawn to poets such as Edgar Allan Poe and Edward Gorey, and I was reading a book about Edward Gorey that had a single word made up of separate words, which I associated with the first scent. So I started putting words together and it resonated. For our third scent, Silencerheses, we'd used ambergris, produced by whales, so I wanted a name that had something to do with water, spray or foam. And because I love standing completely still by the ocean, and because whales communicate across the oceans, I came up with that name.

What inspired the necklace concept? I've always loved lockets that you can put things inside, such as tiny letters, I kept smelling all the little sample bottles; then I

thought. What if I could have that scent inside a locket? I considered a cream version, then

a miniature bottle with a beautiful stopper and that's what we ended up making into a necklace. The chain is just the right length so the bottle sits between your bosoms - it's close to your skin and the perfume is nicely warmed. Which are your favourite notes?

Oud has become my favourite. I'm also interested in citrus scents, and I love herbs such as rosemary and sage. And we are currently working with lily of the valley, creating a poetic summery scent.

What's next on your photographic schedule? New Orleans. But not the garden district, which is almost too pretty to make an interesting photo. I want to go to the outskirts where there are sprouting art areas.

What are you wearing most this summer? Turquoise vintage shorts with big buttons all the way down one side - paired with embroidered Mexican tops and flats.



Inspirelle- France June 2017

Strangelove nyc Perfumes the City of Love

By Inspirelle - June 15, 2017





There's an unfamiliar fragrance in town, a scent smoldering with Oudh and precious materials to arouse the senses. A perfume as unique as its creator: strangelove nyc, born from a collaboration between American businesswoman Elizabeth Gaynes, Danish fashion model and photographer Helena Christensen and French master perfumer Christophe Laudemel.

Town & Country-Philippines

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Evening Standard December 2016

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50 best perfumes, candles and fragrances for him and for her this Christmas

36. For the one close to your heart

Strangelove NYC's hypnotic Meltmyheart has been concentrated in a perfume oil and suspended in an 18ct gold necklace for the coolest way to say "I love you". (£175 for 125ml, harrods.com)



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10 Natural Perfumes That Are Changing the Fragrance Game

From a British perfume company eschewing synthetics to the blend of a former supermodel (Helena Christensen) that is taking essential oils from hippie to haute, above are 10 all-natural and organic fragrances that are as good for you as they smell.



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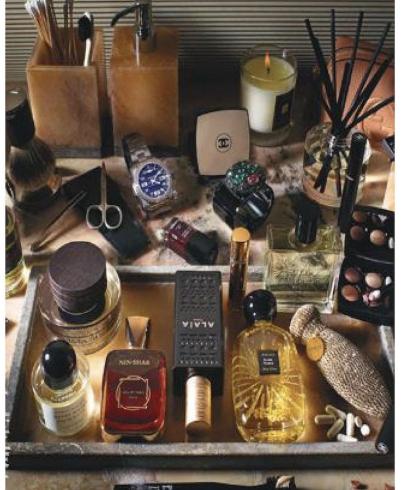




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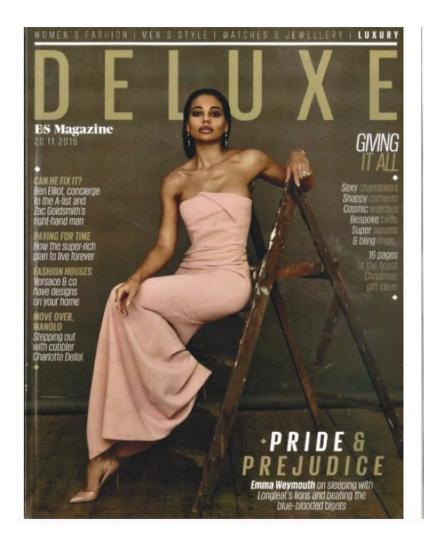
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Helena Christensen and
Elizabeth Gaynes of
Strangelove NYC have teamed
up once again with perfumer
Christophe Laudamiel to create
Melt My Heart (from £180), a unisex fragrance of oud, dark
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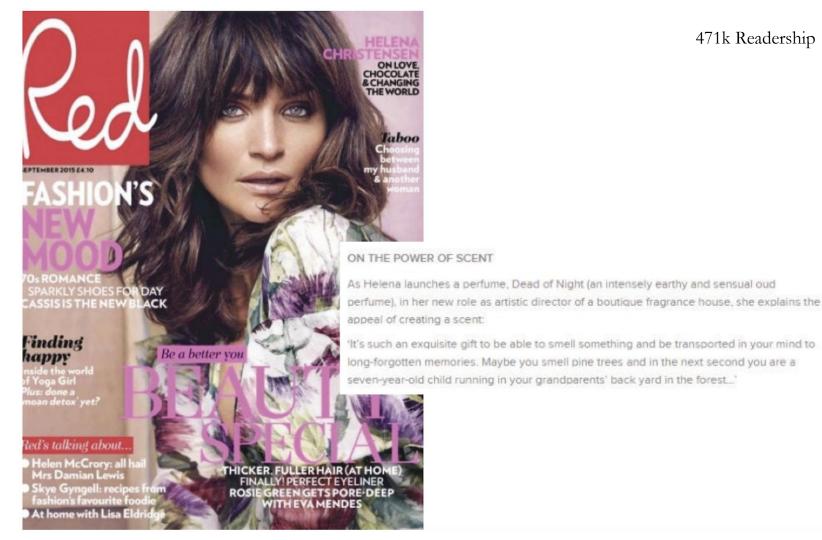
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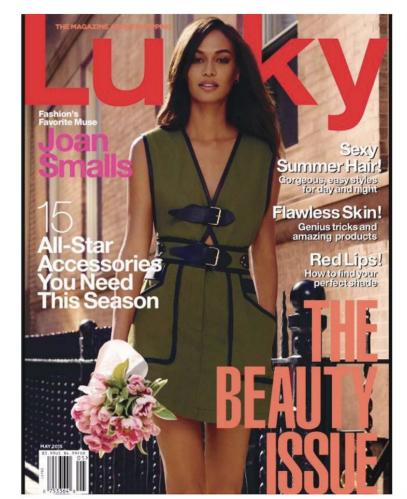


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mandarin orange and
creany wood base satisfies
afternoon sugar cravings.

Marie Jacoba Daly for to Park Ballion this year). But this new one holds an edgist, when shappuns—2.2 am, promiss. "It's dark, deep, animalic, necrosic and very easy," announced Christophe Rayes and, one of the perfumenc, at the sense. In the pass few years, more and more fragmance houses have coleaned after-bours versions of their classics, mostly in myreurious black bortles. Inside, the notice are deams and demander out, spices, miber. No justy white thereis or plucked-from-the-beach necessitals have.

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Then, rose—the nar ingredient in both juices. It's far less powdery than the original, thanks to a chasse called cypcial, a smoky, leathery note related to Indian payerus. Mental image: a bondagey rose deagging on a cigarette.

And, finally, a kick of chocolatey praline "to give it an addiction," I recall Raymand saying in his harry French accent.

I emerge from the bathroom, feeling a newfound secret seriness.

"Sorry the steak auched," my boyfriend says.
I welk pust him and give my hair a shake. Nothing.
Ditto for round two in the confines of our elevator.

We get to the bar, a cullage hangout we're argushly too old for. After 30 or so hallo huge, a female frianch finally includges me: "You smell good," the says, picking out the venilla note. I don't bother explaining its OD₂ currection.

Momenta later, a group of girls squeezes part ut, and I hear a voice say, "Someone smalls really good have."

"lit's her!" my friend says loudly, pointing to me.
"lit's f-cking delicious!" adds a cuts brunetts with
a bugs smile.

The night goes on, and I cory up to my man again and again, but he's seemingly oblivious to my perfunne's power. When I jimmy myself between two gays to grab another round at the bar, they're saken only by my shilips to carey four drinks do to our table. I guan it's like how your girlfriends will feen over your me highlights while it'd take a bant out for your beau to notice.

The night unds without any morie-southy measures of panion. But the next mounting, as I catch a whilf of that heady parlume still linguring in any hair. I'm reminded of the mann I dound myself-with it is the ring plact. I graftly seath my serm second the manufactures shumbering beside me, histing the back of his lightly reward pack. So what i'll his nows is summirably challenged? Maybe the fragmant's true transformative mounts in the singular street in the second section.



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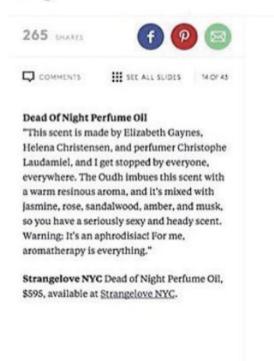
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DY TENDEM NEMELL

New and newly popular boutique fragrances are breathing fresh life into the ancient tradition of perfume making.

vault. Similarly, Elizabeth Gaynes, in partnership with supermodel Helena Christensen, created Dead of Night with precious purity in mind. Her musky batches of oil are sourced from a sustainable agarwood farm in Borneo; when a certain fungus attacks the tree's heart, the oud resin is released. The pair officially launched their fragrance in September, and by October they were invited to sell in Harrod's Salon de Parfums, which only takes eight niche brands at a time. "Every ingredient is expensive. It is artisanal. It is hand-done," says Gaynes of the fragrance, which retails for \$690 for 20ml. "It will never be mass-produced." The same goes for Frédéric Malle, who considers himself an "editor of perfumes" and works with various noses and other talents to craft Editions de Parfums, a sort of library of fragrances sold in limited quantities. His Carnal Flower took perfumer Dominique Ropion 18 months to get just the right balance of milky-sweet tuberose and other animalic notes. >

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FASHION & STYLE WHAT'S NEW

Oud: Short Name, Big Effect

By SHIVANI VORA NOV. 19, 2014



ERH1012 DEAD OF NIGHT PERFUME OIL (from \$55 at erh1012.com).

Made in small batches in downtown Manhattan, this unisex oil from a yearold fragrance company is formulated with oud sourced from trees organically grown on a plantation in Borneo. Sensual and musky, the oil is absorbed into the skin slowly and lingers long.

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THE BEAUTY OF | Pure Essence

Forget "fruity floral." The fragrance buzzword du jour is "transparency." Consider the latest addition to industry giant Givaudan's Innovative Naturals program, which as of January ensures the sustainable planting and local distillation of Malaysian patchouli via a partnership with Borneo's Balung River Plantation. It's a coup for the responsibleingredient-sourcing movement-and for GaiaOne, which helped broker the deal. Set up by New York-based entrepreneur Elizabeth Gaynes, the company has helped Balung market its essential oils since 2008. But before teaming with Givaudan, Gaynes had another high-profile partner lined up: Helena Christensen. "We both have boys at the same school," the Danish supermodel says of their introduction. Now the duo, under their newly minted artisanal perfume brand, ERH1012, is offering deadofnight, a blend of Balung's oud oil, violet leaf, amber, sandalwood and white musk for an "intoxicating and hypnotic" effect, says Christensen.

-Celia Ellenberg

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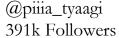






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helenachristensen Had the great pleasure of watching a one-off performance by the truly lovely and talented beauty @annehathaway at @carnegiehall a couple of weeks ago for



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admiddleeast Scent design takes on a whole new dimension with @strangeloveny - an NYC-based fragrance brand by founder Elizabeth Gaynes and creative director, supermodel and photographer @helenachristensen (who wears the strangelove nyc perfume oil necklace). Handcrafted, exclusive and limited-range scents are made by master perfumer @christophelaudamiel from sustainably sourced

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Founder Elizabeth Gaynes with the sensational @eddieizzard and our strangelove necklace! 🦙

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