

# One to Watch

**WHO** Catherine Gee, age 32

**WHAT** Chinese-American artist, former Arts Fund director, and fashion designer

**WEAR** Gee's simple silk bias-cut slips (from \$398), camis (from \$124), and maxi dresses (from \$448) have caught the eye of *Vogue*, *WWD*, and boutiques nationwide.

**WHERE** Her wood-beamed, Haley Street studio adjacent to The Mill is part of a buzz-worthy business neighborhood recently dubbed The Lagoon District, which is burgeoning with plenty of creative entrepreneurs.

**YOU SHOULD KNOW** Last fall, Gee won the 2016 WWD**MAGIC** and *Galleries Lafayette* (Paris) Emerging Designer Crème de la Crème competition.

**LOOK FOR** More strong streamlined silhouettes prominently influenced by our Mediterranean climate. **GINA TOLLESON**

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*“The Lagoon District is quietly buzzing with entrepreneurs and businesses doing really cool and inspiring work within a few blocks of each other. It’s poised to experience substantial growth and I love working in this area—it’s incredibly vibrant.”*

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Clockwise from top left: Gee's **HALEY STREET STUDIO** is filled with colorful silks and inspiration boards; a design moment; the two-toned **BIAS-CUT SLIP** is a Gee signature.



## Catherine's S.B. BLACK BOOK

I love abstract painting, and it's always great to discover galleries that highlight our local abstract painters. Palettes and forms at **GRAYSPACE**, 805-886-0552, [grayspace.gallery](http://grayspace.gallery), inspire and inform how I approach design.

The **SANTA BARBARA INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL**, [sbiff.org](http://sbiff.org), is the cultural highlight of my year. Cerebral and exciting!

The **AD&A MUSEUM**, 805-893-2951, [museum.ucsb.edu](http://museum.ucsb.edu), at UC Santa Barbara for a balance of fine art, architectural drawings, and designs by many California-based contemporary artists.

I love perusing vintage furniture design and objects at **THE BLUE DOOR**, 805-364-5411, [thebluedoorsb.com](http://thebluedoorsb.com)—a Funk Zone gem.

I get my daily teas and **SUN POTION**, [sunpotion.com](http://sunpotion.com), tonics at both **AH JUICE**, 805-968-1032, [ahjuice.com](http://ahjuice.com), and **KOTUKU ELIXIR BAR**, 805-897-3382, [kotokuelixirbar.com](http://kotokuelixirbar.com).