

## **Richard Gien: Curriculum Vitae**

**Objective:** Objective: I am seeking opportunities to express my creativity and utilize my training and experience in the fields of art dealing, photography, interior and fashion design, and creative projects on a contract basis.

### **Education**

Urasenke Chanoyu Center (Japanese Tea-Ceremony). New York, New York. M.A. Domus Academy. Milan, Italy. A.I.A. The Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising (Interior Design major). Los Angeles, California.

N.D. The London College of Fashion. London, England. Catholic High School, Singapore

### **Experience**

Art / Design Consultant / Fashion Designer 1995 - Present Directing design of exclusive made-to-measure women's couture collections. Designing for private clients in New York and California Designer/Owner of Women's ready-to-wear "Almost All Year Round" Collection.

### **Art Dealer**

2007 – Present Major Impressionist, Modern, Post - War and Contemporary Art (paintings, sculptures and works on paper) collections available for serious, discreet and private sale.

### **Asian Art Private Dealer**

1996 - Present Handle unique antique textiles and costumes for wear and display in the household. Specializing in antique utilitarian Oriental tea and dishware ceramics (for private collectors & museums) under name Richard Gien Art Consultant. New York, New York

### **Tea Practitioner**

1998 - Present Learning the basics of tea procedure and behaviour, handling tea utensils, in practicing traditional Japanese tea ceremony. Urasenke Chanoyu Center ( Japanese Tea-Ceremony ), New York, New York

**Instructor in BFA Fashion Design Department - Senior Concept Development** 2008 - 2009 Assisting senior year students with creating a thesis of 5-6 looks for their Studio Course and executing a portfolio and croquis book in their Concept Class. Guiding students in focusing on their direction as designers and packaging themselves for their appropriate markets and areas of interest. Parsons The New School For Designs. New York, New York.

**Instructor in Fashion Design Department - Concept Development Summer Intensive Studies** June 2009 Assisting students in gaining an understanding of the fashion design process, promoting / encouraging self-confidence in creating fashion 'collections', exploring the fashion industry and market research. SperoVillioti Elite Design Academy. Johannesburg, South Africa

### **Artistic Director / Interior Design Consultant**

1994 - 2006 Environmental design: assisting in selection and integration of Oriental antiques and contemporary objects into home or office space JGS Inc / The Balm Foundation New York, New York

### **Private Chef**

1994-2006 Offering unique culinary experiences, incorporating spiritual or ceremonial aspects of dining into specially selected and lovingly prepared foods JGS Inc / The Balm Foundation. New York, New York

### **Executive Sales Representative**

2002 - 2004 Edward Carter Gallery, New York, New York Assisting private collectors & museums building collections of Ansel Adams photographs and other 21st century contemporary photographs.

### **Curator of Photography**

1994 -1998 Camera Works Inc. New York, New York. Catalogued extensive 19th & 20th century photography collection

**Fashion Designer - Designed Women's Ready-To-Wear Collections:** Krizia S.P.A. Milan, Italy 1991 Benny Ong International. London, England, 1987 - 1988 Thomas Wee & Mixables Fashion. Singapore, 1985 - 1987

First Stop Pte Ltd. Singapore, 1985 - 1987 Yaohan & Isetan Stores. Singapore, 1985 - 1987 Metro & Tangs Stores. Singapore, 1983 - 1985 Two portfolios are available for review upon request

**Computer Skills :** Photoshop, Microsoft word, Excel and Powerpoint

### **Personal**

Born Singapore Languages Spoken: English, Mandarin (Cantonese), Italian

### **Community Contributions**

Creative Projects Tutor 2007 Artistic / emotional guiding of students ( with parents ) through the final graduation projects / presentations Clinton School For Writers and Artists. New York, New York

### **Volunteer**

2001 - 2003 Fund raising events; visiting house bound seniors. Jassi - Japanese American Social Services, Inc. New York, New York

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