

DEAR DANTE ...

You have been called "Fashion's Favorite Psychic" because you read tarot cards for numerous fashion clients. What do you like most about working for fashion people?

Fashion people are more fun than the typical financial people I get. Fashion people are colorful and have a lot to offer as far as having issues to be looked at.

What has been your most accurate prediction for a fashion client?

A lot of times people ask about career choices and I might be ahead of them so I've had clients where we discussed their career options and how they would play out and they played out exactly as I said.

Do you read your own cards?

I don't usually. I sometimes read my cards but very rarely. My mother reads. Sometimes she reads me. I have a mentor I studied with and she might read me for my birthday or something but I don't get read that often. It's not that easy to read me. It's like the cobbler's shoes have holes in them!

What was your last fashion purchase?

I bought a bunch of tees at Club Monaco. And then at Bloomingdale's I bought a bunch of jeans. I wear Joe's Jeans and I like 7 jeans. I'm in my forties so I have to watch that I don't push the young envelope too much but I look younger than my age so I can still get away with it.

Looking ahead to the next 250 issues of Sportswear International, you were kind enough to do readings for the overall fashion industry earlier this week. What did the cards say about fashion trends in the next year?

They said trends in the next year will be: revamping a new classic look; traditional styles with a twist (i.e. tight fitted clothes juxtaposed with billowing); more buttons and belts; determined, clean looks to say: "I am smart and confident"; colors will be more bold and serious, moving to reds, yellows, corals and oranges; sexy male and female looks showing edginess. And the most important fashion city will be London.

And in five years?

I did a second reading for that. They said that fashion trends then will be: much more individual styling, enhanced with new make-up looks; artistic and feminine looks; earrings as the biggest accessory and extreme footwear; reminiscent of the late '80s/early '90s; no real dominant color trend and more of a free-for-all as fashion enjoys a rebirthing; a trendy new fiber or fabric, possibly metallic; men's fashion softer and more daring. And the most important fashion city will be Rome.

And in 2023?

The third reading said that fashion trends in ten years will be: global conscientiousness enters fashion on a grander scale; a return to a more serious and somber look, even more modesty appears; more cause-related shopping; affordability takes a precedence; men's fashion takes a backseat with more androgyny; colors will be blacks, whites, tonal grays and blues; less accessories in dressing, less high heels, although rings strong (rings hold meanings).

And the most important fashion cities will be Marrakesh and Mumbai.

What do you like to do when you are not working/reading cards?

I like to enjoy the city. I'm a big city mouse and not a country mouse so I enjoy fine dining, Broadway, movies, openings and galleries. I love all that kind of stuff. And I love to travel. I'm a Sagittarius.

So you follow astrology as well?

Very much. I'm not an astrologer at all but I do incorporate some of it into my work. I love to travel and always have a big trip planned. Typical Sagittarius.



DANTE SABATINO AT WORK. FOR THE LAST 30 YEARS HE HAS READ TAROT CARDS FOR THE NEW YORK FASHION INDUSTRY AND OTHER CLIENTS.

Dante Sabatino is a New York-based psychic who reads tarot cards to make his predictions. Raised in Philadelphia, he majored in fashion design at Drexel University and has been reading tarot cards for 30 years. The go-to psychic in New York's fashion circle, he has read for everyone from designer Peter Som and Nicole Miller's fit model to PR honcho Leslie Stevens of LaForce & Stevens and the divisional merchandise manager of handbags at Saks Fifth Ave. "There's a difference between fate and destiny. Destiny basically happens to someone no matter what is going on in their life and fate are the things that we choose," he explains. "I try to focus on what is fated for us and to look at what can make our lives better. I'm an optimistic reader. I consider myself therapeutic in my approach and I am here to engage people to help make their lives better." He can be reached via his website, tarotbydante.com.

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