



# Easy Street

A visit to New Orleans yields all of the music and magic you'd expect—along with a mélange of swishy skirts, smart jackets, and great bolts of bright color.  
Photographed by Oliver Hadlee Peach.



**HAPPY DAYS**

LEFT: New Orleans native Tarriona "Tank" Ball—whose funk/R&B group Tank and the Bangas released their second studio album, *Green Ballroom*, in May—makes sweet, sweet music in a **Rodarte x Universal Standard** dress, \$200; [universalsstandard.com](http://universalsstandard.com). **Lulu Frost** earrings. ABOVE: A fiery leather skirt set gives retro power suiting a modern makeover. Model Binix Walton wears a **Gucci** jacket (\$4,980) and skirt (\$3,200); [gucci.com](http://gucci.com). **Manolo Blahnik** shoes. Fashion Editor: Carlos Nazario.







**TAKE FIVE**

Like voices in a choir, jewel-toned jackets and tops coalesce in joyous harmony. Smalls, seated beside R&B artist Ian Isiah, wears a Fendi jacket (\$2,350) and skirt (\$2,290); fendi.com. Bottega Veneta earrings. At back, FROM LEFT: Model Selina Forrest wears a Balenciaga blouse, \$1,850; Balenciaga, Beverly Hills. Model Adesuwa Aighewi wears a Duro Olowu blouse, \$1,100; khrum, Chicago. Model Paloma Elssesser wears a Jason Wu/ELOQUII blazer, \$70; eloquii.com. Walton wears a Givenchy jacket (\$3,530) and pants (\$1,285); Givenchy, NYC. Isiah wears a Prada coat.



**SWING TIME**

LEFT, two takes on tailored suiting—the classic and the fantastic. Model Anok Yai goes toe to toe with a dapper companion in a Tom Ford velvet jacket (\$2,950) and silk trousers (\$1,990); select Tom Ford stores. The Marc Jacobs blouse, \$350; marcjacobs.com. Givenchy earrings. Dior shoes.

**PUTTING IT TOGETHER**  
 Dior's iconic bar jacket still cuts a fine figure, whittling a shapely waist, while tea-length skirts stick to the elegantly straight and narrow. Aghew and Forrest both wear Dior blazers, skirts, and shoes; Dior stores. On Aghew: Aurélie Bidermann earrings. Elbesser wears a Marina Rinaldi jacket, \$1,065; marinainaldi.com. Dior bodysuit and skirt; Dior stores. Roger Vivier shoes. Swarovski earrings. On Forrest: Oscar de la Renta earrings.



**MOOD INDIGO**  
 An on-pattern tie about the neck is the perfect blues turnaround on a floor-length Chloe dress; Chloe, NYC. Erdem earrings; Elizabeth Locke ring; The Row shoe.





#### IN GOOD FAITH

There's strength in numbers—and in ensembles that make every day feel like a special occasion. CENTER LEFT: Smalls, surrounded by members of the Mount Kingdom Missionary Baptist Church, wears a **Carolina Herrera** jacket (\$2,490) and skirt (\$1,690); Carolina Herrera, NYC. **Carole Tanenbaum Vintage Collection** earrings. **Brock Collection** pumps. ABOVE: Forrest wears a **Celine by Hedi Slimane** cardigan (\$1,950), blouse (\$820), and culottes (\$3,200); celine.com. **Marlo Laz** earrings. Walton wears a **Celine by Hedi Slimane** dress, \$4,700; celine.com. **Hermès** watch.



**STRIKE UP THE BAND**  
 CLOCKWISE FROM RIGHT:  
 Aighevi sidles up to singer  
 Dev Hynes in a **Celine**  
 by Hedi Slimane dress,  
 \$4,700; celine.com. Hynes  
 wears a **Gucci** jacket, shirt,  
 and pants. Pose actress  
 MJ Rodriguez strikes one  
 of her own in a **Bottega**  
**Veneta** coat (\$3,850) and  
 belt; bottegaveneta  
 .com. **Ben-Amun** by Isaac  
**Manevitz** earrings. Aighevi  
 keeps time in a **Louis**  
**Vuitton** jacket and pants;  
 select Louis Vuitton stores.  
**Jimmy Choo** shoes. Yai's  
 Sunday best involves  
 a **Tory Burch** blouse  
 (\$348; toryburch.com)  
 and **CO** wide-leg pants  
 (\$895; net-a-porter.com).  
 Batiste wears a **Gucci**  
 jacket, shirt, and pants.





#### JACKET REQUIRED

Take a page from the prep-school handbook and match your prettiest knife-pleated skirt to a muted coat or blazer. FROM FAR LEFT: Smalls wears a **Burberry** jacket (\$2,750), shirt with tie (\$2,690), and skirt (\$4,190); burberry.com. **Carole Tanenbaum Vintage Collection** earrings. **Manolo Blahnik** mules. Yal wears a **Burberry** jacket (\$2,350), shirt (\$1,350), and skirt (\$1,950); burberry.com. **Givenchy** earrings. **Tabitha Simmons** shoes. Kofi Siriboe, who stars in the television series *Queen Sugar*, wears a **Burberry** suit, shirt, and shoes. ABOVE: **Tory Burch** coat (\$998), shirt (\$498), skirt (\$498), and shoes; toryburch.com. **Echo** scarf.

**CHEF'S CHOICE**

Elsesser sends her compliments to the New Orleans-born chef Kevin Belton, a specialist in Creole cuisine. Marni dress, \$4,500; Marni shoes. Ben-Amun by Isaac Manevitz earrings. Oscar de la Renta ring. Paco Rabanne shoes.



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**THE LONG GOODBYE**

Among American cities, Nola seems a particularly good place to live *la vie en rose*. Exaggerated proportions only lean further into the fantasy. FROM FAR LEFT: Forrest wears a Balenciaga jacket (\$3,500), shirt (\$1,090), and pants (\$895); Balenciaga, Beverly Hills. Aigheewi wears a Valentino cape and dress; Valentino stores; Designer Korty Jean Raymond wears a Berluti suit; Tom Ford shirt. In this story: hair, Cyndia Harvey; makeup, Susie Sobol. Details, see In This Issue.