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# Soft Escape

An editorial love letter to  
slowing down in Chicago.

Features:

WENDY  
CALLUPE

on style, movement &  
creative identity

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# Editor's Note

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## IMBUED FASHION MAGAZINE

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Three years ago, I started a personal project, Imbued Fashion Magazine with one goal in mind: to help elevate Chicago fashion. Eleven issues later, I'm still in awe of what the creatives in this city have to offer.

This issue, *Soft Escape*, feels especially personal.

In these pages, we slow down. We chase summer light, effortless beauty, and the *feeling of freedom* that comes from stepping away from the constant grind we all seem to live in. From our Q&A Feature with Wendy Callupe to our summer style guide filled with the season's best shoes and must-have beauty products, every page was created as a small escape. A reminder to romanticize our life in this beautiful city.

Our cover story continues a visual journey that began in our Spring Issue 0009. This time, the story leaves the parked car behind and heads down the lakeshore on a bike ride with no destination. Chasing warmth, freedom, and that unmistakable feeling of a *Chicago summer*. The slow movement of the water in the story feels symbolic in many ways. Growth rarely happens standing still.

As this issue releases, I'm also preparing for a new chapter personally. After this publication, Imbued will be taking a sabbatical while I step back to reset, refocus, and create more balance within my workload and life. Building this magazine has been such a rewarding experience, but I've learned that rest is also part of the creative process.

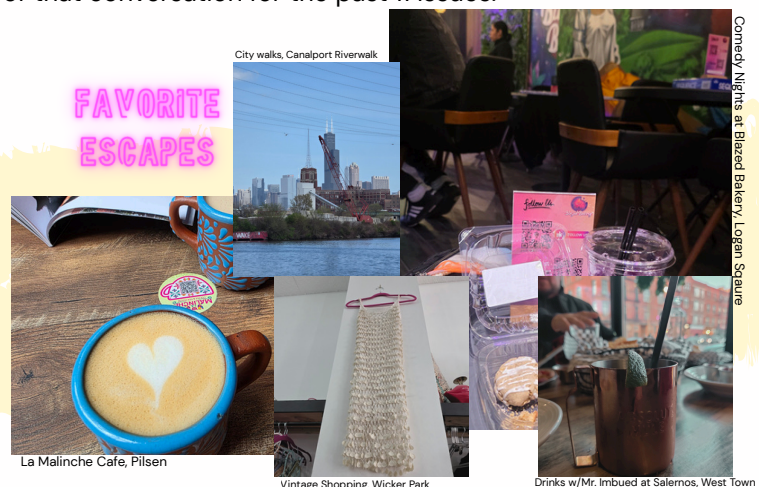
Most importantly, this magazine has always been my love letter to the city, whose streets helped raised me.

Chicago Fashion is evolving into something *undeniable*. The world is finally beginning to notice what many of us have known all along: **Chicago does not need permission** to be a fashion city. The talent has always been here. The vision has always been here. The culture has always been here.

Thank you for allowing Imbued to be part of that conversation for the past 11 issues.

This isn't the end. *Just a soft escape.*

XO,  
  
Editor-in-Chief  
@stilett0b0ss\_





*Marlene's Edit*

# SOFT ESCAPE

A quiet getaway.  
Soft fabrics, slower moments, and  
pieces that move with you.  
Wherever you're going or avoiding.

1.

## OVERNIGHT BAG

Marc Nolan,  
Weekender

Room for  
everything,  
and nothing  
you don't need.



2.

## HEADPHONES

Apple, AirPods Max

Noise out,  
Daydream in.



3.

## SCARF

Isabelle  
Gougenheim  
Voyager Silk

Tie it. Wrap it.  
Let it move.  
Make it yours



4.

## BOOK

Rick Rubin  
The Creative Act:  
A Way of Being

For the train ride,  
the porch, or the  
in-between



*Manfene's Edit*



5.

**JEWELRY**

Adorn 512

Double Stack Ear Cuff

The piece you never take off.



6.

**SKIRT**

Fashion Nova

Romance Me Satin

Made for movement,  
Made for now



7.

**LACY BRA**

Bella Oter

Peru Cup Bralette

Designed to hug you  
all day long



8.

**WEDGE**

Charles & Keith

Mesh Sculptural-Heel Wedges

A little lift.  
A lot of intention.



9.

**LIP GLOSS**

Clam Skincare

Shae Plum Lip Gloss

A little color.  
Just enough shine.

Photo courtesy of brand



# THE ACCESSORY

Etro, Solstice Sunglasses, \$79; [www.solsticesunglasses.com](http://www.solsticesunglasses.com)

## TRENDING TRIO



Photo courtesy of brand

# THE BAG

Coralia, Butterflyvilla, \$80; [www.thebutterflyvilla.com](http://www.thebutterflyvilla.com)

Photo courtesy of brand



# THE SHOE

Ellie Braided Sphere Mules, JW PEI, \$159; [www.jwpei.com](http://www.jwpei.com)

Features:

# Q&A

SIT DOWN WITH THE FOUNDER OF  
CHICAGO FASHION SHOWCASE



With Wendy Callupe →

Now 38 years old, Wendy Callupe launched Chicago Fashion Showcase in 2015 when there were scarcely fashion shows being produced in Chicago. This wasn't just a fashion show, it was the beginning of a new wave.

Photo: By Zeldá Trejo



**Q What ignited the idea for Chicago Fashion Showcase?**

Honestly, I was so inspired by everything I had learned while working in LA. The fashion shows there and in NY were at a level of production not seen in Chicago. I moved around a lot as a kid, I've lived up North and South, and even the suburbs (which I know isn't Chicago), With all of that comes deep appreciation and love for a city that became my home after immigrating here from South America. I wanted better for Chicago. I didn't see fashion shows taking off here and I wanted to bring that here. It wasn't about being the first or the leading charge, I just set out to make a change.

**Q What's been your biggest challenge as a founder?**

The biggest challenge is complex. There are elements that play into my background, the fact that I'm a woman of color, and a woman in general, I don't come from an affluent background. I think that can subconsciously either motivate people to support you or to see you as their secret competitor. So it's interesting, I drown out the noise, it's not my concern to wonder what others think or will do. There are many challenges that founders face on a daily basis, I take things one problem at a time, knowing that there is always a solution and in its time.

**Q How has CFS changed over the years to remain relevant?**

What I love about the question of relevancy is that a brand/organization doesn't really need to change in order to stay relevant. Getting caught up in this can be to your detriment. I focus more on what's captivating for me. I need to be in constant motion when it comes to my artistic creation. I started working in fashion at 14 years old, backstocking at a clothing store. I've been painting since I was 16 years old. As producers and artists what we need is to stay inspired and everything else will follow. That's what keeps you relevant.

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**Q What keeps you motivated, especially in today's political climate?**

Today's political climate really has an effect on all of us. Our mental health has been put through a lot. For myself seeing people like me and like my family being treated less than human is very dehumanizing and frightening. Things I do to stay above it, it's a long list. I love being outside in nature. Running and competitive sports is a great hobby of mine. Right now I'm training so I'm at the gym almost everyday. Creating new ideas for events and shows is also great mood booster. I'm a visual person, everything plays like a movie in my mind, I love imagining and creating new events.

**Q What's a memorable moment in your fashion career?**

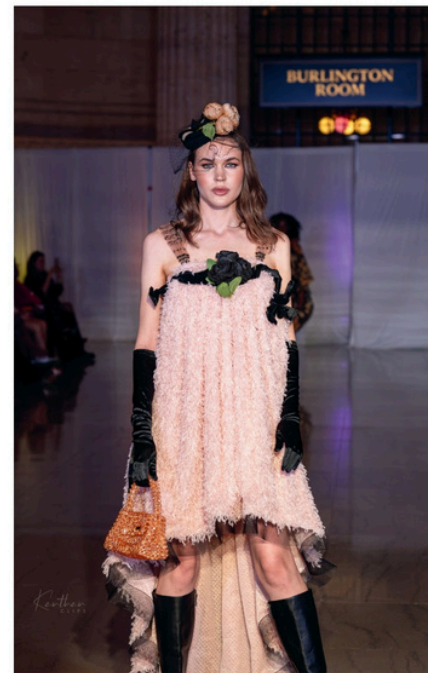
The time I had to find a vape for Betsey Johnson in the middle of LA, not even knowing what a vape was. Haha, I was so confused and nervous and all the emotions as I headed to the nearest gas station. The production company I worked for was debuting Betsey Johnson in Los Angeles at LA Live and it was all around a huge moment, not just for the company but for fashion in LA. It was a moment to show the fashion industry that LA mattered in terms of having fashion shows that could be well attended and also have a designer with brand power that would present their collection in LA. Now you see big names in LA all the time, but back then that's what we were working toward. I love that I was a part of that.

**Q Who are some people that have influenced your career in fashion?**

I love this question because I'm a big fan of giving credit where it's due. All the visual merchandisers of Marshall Field's, and Bergdorf's. Those displays, especially the ones in NY inspired me beyond my imagination. They sparked my love for visual communications and ultimately was what I went to FIDM for. When I was growing up stylists like Rachel Zoe were really popular. I loved how vocal she was in fashion, along with Kelly Cutrone, they felt very relatable to me. Every show I was a part of in LA and the shows I worked on for NYFW. Huge moments of inspiration, organizations like NYFW, and the CFDA inspire me very much. And the magazines, oh the magazines are always of influence. W Magazine was my favorite, along with Nylon, Elle, Lucky Magazine and Vogue was on there too.

**Q Where do you see Chicago Fashion Showcase in 7 years?**

Not to give too much away about our future plans, but the show is unfolding the way it was always planned to since 2015. Chicago Fashion Showcase is a platform, our designers are successful, and go on to achieve milestones past our expectations. I love seeing that. I love that we can be a part of their journey and that we can help. We'll continue setting the bar high and elevating the fashion space here. We have some amazing supporters and people who are excited to be a part of our community. Seven years is a long time so we'll see what we can get done.





# SOFT ESCAPE: 9 Things Worth Packing

Summer doesn't always require a passport. Sometimes escape looks like slower mornings, lakefront air, oversized glasses, and a bag packed with intention. These nine pieces were chosen for the moments that feel suspended in sunlight - soft, effortless, and slightly untouchable.



*Departure Energy*



## 01 THE DEPARTURE

1 OVERSIZED GLASSES



3 LINEN 2 PIECE



2 LIGHTWEIGHT TOTE



*the kind of bag that collects memories*

Photo courtesy of brand

AIRPORT LOOKS.  
LAKE SHORE DRIVE.  
SAME ENERGY.

PACK LIGHT. LEAVE SOFT.

# 02 THE ESCAPE

*the actual moment.*

4



*easy, but never basic*



Photo courtesy of brand

5  
SPF



*non-negotiable, always*

6

SWIMSUIT



*made for sun & water*



SUN ON YOUR SKIN.  
WATER IN YOUR FACE.  
NOWHERE TO BE.  
EVERYTHING TO FEEL.

# 03 GOLDEN HOUR



7

JEWELRY  
PIECE



*a little gold goes  
everywhere*

8

SILK SCARF



*wear it a  
hundred ways*

9

FILM  
CAMERA



*for the in-between  
moments*

SEE YOU IN THE CITY.  
DIFFERENT, BUT THE SAME.



*collect  
beautiful  
moments*



Photo courtesy of brand



# Soft Escape

SEEN IN FRAGMENTS

Photography,  
Styling, Direction by  
Marlene Anzaldúa



Magazine: 1<sup>st</sup> issue of Imbued  
Knitted top: Tina's Art Page  
Shoes: Thrifted George  
Bag: Butterflyvilla







SUNGLASSES: PUCCI







# E.I.C'S BEAUTY MUST HAVES FOR SUMMER

1. Food For Soft Hydrating Shampoo & Conditioner

MATRIX



2. Milk Perfume Mist

BATH & BODY WORKS



3. Lip Sugar Scrub  
Mary Kay



6. Milky Oil Cleanser  
BYOMA



4. Double Repair Face Moisturizer  
LA ROCHE-POSAY

5. Gloss + Repair Mask  
RIZOS CURLS



# These Shoes Have Plans

SUMMER ITINERARIES WRITTEN FROM THE GROUND UP.

Summer rarely stays in one place — and neither do we. From lakefront runs and museum afternoons to rooftop dinners and beach escapes, the season moves differently depending on what's on your feet. Consider this your unofficial itinerary: four pairs designed for disappearing into the city, chasing the sun, and making every outing feel a little more cinematic.

## RUNNING AWAY

ESCAPE 01 — LAKEFRONT

For mornings when disappearing into motion feels better than answering texts. Lightweight layers, slick hair, and a route that somehow always leads to coffee.



Vomero Plus Running Shoe, Nike

## AFTER-HOURS

ESCAPE 02 — ROOFTOPS

Barely-there heels built for warmth, louder laughter, and nights that were never meant to end early.



Call It Spring Thong Sandal, DSW

## MUSEUM DAYDREAM

ESCAPE 03 — FIELD DAYS

Art galleries, quiet luxury, and a reason to romanticize walking slowly through the city.



HL-03, Yeezy

## OUT OF OFFICE

ESCAPE 04 — SHORELINE

Beach towel, oversized button-down, wet skin, paperback book.



Slingback Sandal, Kobarah

# Carry Me Away

## SUMMER TEXTURE REPORT

- woven
- sheer
- glossy
- tactile
- undone
- handcrafted

This summer, texture is doing the talking. From seashell-inspired hobos to glossy PVC carryalls, the season's standout bags blur the line between accessory and statement piece. Equal parts nostalgic, effortless, and escapist, these are the bags built for rooftop nights, beach-day fantasies, and everywhere in between.

*textures worth getting attached to*



**Seashell Hobo**  
salt air energy.

[Aqua](#)



**Silk Scarf Bag**  
soft drama.

[Farm Rio](#)



**Fringe**  
movement matters.

[Poolside](#)



**Beaded**  
playful after dark.

[Cult Gia](#)



**Mesh**  
barely there.

[Tom Ford](#)



**PVC**  
glossed over.

[Staud](#)



# Written in the Stars, Styled for Summer

This summer, the stars are dressing the part. From oversized sunglasses to pearl anklets and metallic bags, each zodiac sign finds its perfect seasonal accessory inspired by personality, energy, and aesthetic. Whether you're stepping into your bold era or leaning into softness and escape, consider this your cosmic style guide for the season ahead. Sun-soaked days, rooftop nights, and lakeshore memories start with the right accessory — and maybe a little written-in-the-stars confidence.

## Aries (March 21 – April 19)

### **The Statement Sunglasses**

This summer, you're impossible to ignore – and honestly, why should you be? Aries energy is bold, magnetic, and moving at full speed. Oversized sunglasses become your armor and your spotlight all at once. You'll find yourself saying yes to spontaneous beach days, rooftop invites, and last-minute road trips. Your confidence draws people in, but your lesson this season is learning when to slow down and enjoy the moment instead of racing through it.

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## Taurus (April 20 – May 20)

### **The Woven Straw Bag**

Luxury feels softer this season, Taurus. Think iced coffee runs, linen sets, and long afternoons in the sun with nowhere urgent to be. A woven straw bag matches your grounded but elevated vibe perfectly. You're curating comfort in every part of your life this summer – emotionally, financially, and stylistically. Expect romance to bloom when you stop overthinking and lean fully into ease.

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## Gemini (May 21 – June 20)

### **Silk Scarf**

You're reinventing yourself again, Gemini – but this version feels lighter. A silk scarf becomes your ultimate styling piece: worn in your hair one day, tied to a bag the next. Your summer is filled with movement, conversations, and creative sparks. People are drawn to your unpredictability right now. The key is staying present long enough to enjoy the connections you're creating.

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## Cancer (June 21 – July 22)

### **Pearl Anklet**

Softness is your power this season, Cancer. A pearl anklet reflects your romantic spirit and quiet confidence. This summer feels nostalgic in the best way – sunset walks, beach playlists, old friends resurfacing, and memories being rewritten with tenderness. Protect your peace, but don't hide from new experiences. The moments you least expect could become your favorite memories of the year.

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## Leo (July 23 – August 22)

### **Gold Hoop Earring**

You were made for summer, Leo. Gold hoops amplify your natural glow and remind everyone exactly who entered the room. This season places you center stage creatively and socially. Attention follows you effortlessly, but real fulfillment comes from aligning your outer image with your inner truth. Wear the look, post the photo, take the trip – just make sure it's for you first.

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## Virgo (August 23 – September 22)

### **Structured Sandal**

Virgo, your summer aesthetic is clean, intentional, and quietly expensive. Structured sandals reflect your ability to balance practicality with style. While everyone else rushes through summer chaos, you're refining routines, protecting your energy, and building a version of life that actually feels sustainable. Don't be surprised if people start turning to you for advice more than usual – your calm energy is contagious.

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## Libra (September 23 – October 22)

### **Charm Necklace**

Every charm tells a story, Libra – and this summer becomes one worth collecting. A charm necklace mirrors your romantic, artistic nature and your love for meaningful details. Relationships take center stage this season, but balance is key. You're learning that harmony doesn't mean shrinking yourself to keep the peace. Style-wise, your effortless beauty turns heads everywhere from patios to lakefront dinners.

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## Scorpio (October 23 – November 21)

### **Black Bikini Cover-up**

Mysterious, effortless, unforgettable – exactly your vibe this summer, Scorpio. A sleek black cover-up captures your ability to command attention without trying too hard. You're entering a transformative season emotionally and creatively. People may think they have you figured out, but you're evolving behind the scenes. Trust your instincts this summer; they'll lead you somewhere powerful.

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## Sagittarius (November 22 – December 21)

### **Beaded Travel Tote**

Adventure is calling again, Sagittarius, and this time you're actually answering. A colorful beaded tote becomes your go-everywhere companion for festivals, quick flights, beach days, and spontaneous weekends away. Your energy feels playful and expansive this season. New friendships and unexpected opportunities appear when you stop planning every detail and simply follow curiosity.

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## Capricorn (December 22 – January 19)

### **Luxury Watch**

Capricorn, your summer glow-up is subtle but undeniable. A luxury watch reflects your timeless approach to style and your focus on long-term goals. While others drift through the season, you're quietly leveling up behind the scenes. Financial wins, career opportunities, or creative breakthroughs could arrive unexpectedly. Remember: success feels even better when you allow yourself moments of softness too.

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## Aquarius (January 20 – February 18)

### **Metallic Handbag**

Aquarius, you're the trend before everyone else catches on. A metallic handbag fits your experimental, fashion-forward energy perfectly. This summer pushes you creatively and socially into new territory. Collaborations, unexpected conversations, and bold ideas take shape quickly. The more authentically weird you allow yourself to be, the more aligned everything starts to feel.

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## Pisces (February 19 – March 20)

### **Sheer Sarong**

Dreamy, romantic, and a little untouchable – your energy this summer feels cinematic, Pisces. A sheer sarong reflects your flowing, intuitive nature and your love of escaping into beautiful moments. Creativity surges this season, especially through fashion, music, and visual storytelling. Protect your emotional boundaries, but don't lose your softness. It's the very thing making you magnetic right now.

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