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# An afternoon



**Michael T. Nartey or T-Michael** as known to many is one of the hottest fashion designers in Bergen. He is a man of vision coupled with a matching skill and eye for great design. His outfits are worn by celebrities, socialites and of course people with strong sense of style. Text and photos by Charles Ravndal

**I**t was early afternoon and I left in a hurry from school. I hastily made my way to the city centre feeling lucky to have this short tête-à-tête with Bergen's highly esteemed fashion designer, T Michael. Despite his busy schedule, he was positive in regards to the interview and managed to squeeze me in.

I've met him before when I was working on a film project

since he provided the outfits for the casts. Now, on my second time meeting him, he never ceased to amaze me. He exudes an aura of elegance and grace. He is very friendly and down-to-earth. Talking to him alone can actually spark an inspiration.

He started thirteen years ago with a vision of creating something revolutionary from a fusion of traditional tailoring and contemporary de-

signs. From tailoring he turned it into ready-to-wear or RTW, but suits and dresses are still tailored to fit.

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His main studio is in Bergen, but he also has a shop

in Oslo. I asked him how he finds Bergen or Norway in terms of fashion, innovation and trend. He told me that geographic location doesn't hinder creativity or style. Bergen is self-contained and not experimental than Oslo, but it's brimming with creativity. Infact, his products are a reflection of what Bergen is, a marriage between classic, and traditional with cool and modern design.

In regards to his work inspiration, he gathers it everywhere. He even noted that either you find it or it finds you. As his hands were busy on an outfit, he continued talking. He said that while working in a one piece there came a sudden idea and he made a mental note to do something about it. He added that work begets work.

The future for T Michael is bright and exciting. He is

now creating shoes and bags which are also very stylish and sophisticated. Next on his future projects are accessories which are a must have to every man and woman. Life needs embellishments and T Michael will surely bring it on!\*

**“Learn it the right way.”**

- Try to understand the build up of clothing before one starts sketching. When one understands how it's made up then one can make something revolutionary out of it.

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