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Fresh out of London's Central Saint Martins with a degree in fashion design, **AGENT PROVOCATEUR's** creative director, **SARAH SHOTTON**, parlayed her love of vintage lingerie into a full-time role at the luxury label. Shotton's racy boudoir pieces eschew trendy fads in favour of finding styles that suit your mood in the moment. With Canada's first stand-alone store set to open on Toronto's mink mile this month (*131 Bloor St. W., agentprovocateur.com*), we sat down with Shotton to talk about inspiration and career options.

YOU LIKE MUSIC. WAS THERE A PARTICULAR ARTIST WHO INSPIRED THE FALL 2014 COLLECTION? "Larry Levan, a DJ who had

a residency at the New York nightclub Paradise Garage, which has been described as the prototype of the modern dance club."

DO YOU HAVE A FAVOURITE PIECE FROM THE NEW COLLECTION? "The Chiki, a range made out of French Leavers lace, with strategically placed bands crossing the body."

WHAT IS THE MOST HELPFUL PIECE OF ADVICE YOU'VE EVER RECEIVED? "Hard work pays off. My father used to say, 'It takes a lot of hard work to make a pound.'"

IF YOU DIDN'T DO THIS, WHAT CAREER WOULD INTEREST YOU? "Rally driver."