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PEARCE FIONDA

The Top British Designers

So, where does
all that leave
British fashion?

Who are
the leaders now?
Fashion editor
Jackie Modlinger
nominates her
Top Ten
of the moment

1. YVETTE WESTWOOD no longer graces London Fashion Week, preferring to show in Paris, but she remains queen of all things wild and ready. You can only see her for ourselves, but there are notable pieces in each collection.

2. JOHN GALLIANO is signing British Designer of the Year '98 with the house of Christiano. He is famed for his hot act and is consistently creative and original.

3. RUFAY ODEK wears Liza. The former and first among her dresses, she can always find something suitable, albeit with The Whisker of the year.

4. HUSEIN CHALAYAN, at 21, is a rising star of the couture club. He takes an intellectual approach; his latest polished collection was called Fall 1.0.

5. KATHARINE HAMNETT, is a veteran of our fashion scene. She made her London comeback after years of showing her classic creations only in Paris and Milan.

6. PEARCE AND FIONDA, aka Eric Pearce and Andrea Fionda, showed their fourth collection of elegant clothes and around us of modern tailoring for grown-up girls.

7. JOHN ROCHA also stepped back into London this year. The Dublin based designer offers good tailoring for men and women and in an eye with leather and shagreen.

8. AMANDA WARELEY is the spirit of the sophisticated look, her classic lines covered by Triggy and Lee Hurley.

9. NICOLE FARH, the Frenchwoman with the low key style, creates clothes for the working woman.

10. MARGARET HOWELL takes traditional fabrics, such as tartan, silk and percale, and updates old formulas such as skirts and fitted coats for each season.

... Not forgetting **PHILIP TREACY**, the master tailor who must be treated on any such list of leading lights. ■