

DOUBLE DEBUT

The luxurious splendour of the new Maharani Hotel in Durban provides a perfect backdrop for Barbara Barnard and a stunning collection of evening gowns by South Africa's newest designer Errol Arendz. We photographed them against Clarence Wilson's exquisite *Tree of Life* murals in the lobby, in the glittering Crystal Room, and the other exciting vistas of the hotel

By Sydney Baker

Photographed by Iain Campell

Accessories: Jenny le Roux

Hair styled and accessorised by Ralph Krall of Wynberg, Cape Town

Make-up by Yardley of London

Faces made up by Ralph Krall

Shoes from Manne Bros and ABC Stores

Jewellery from Peter Jewell & Schwartz, Durban

Beauty by Peggy Page

All garments by Errol Arendz



IN THE RED

Silk blouse and matching scarf, R65, full flared silk velvet skirt R120; boots, Manne Bros, R129,95. In the red — and proud of it! Red Campari Creme makes a bold and beautiful statement on mouth and fingertips. One of the magnificent Maharani chandeliers lights up the scene

SOFT TOUCH FOR BRONZE

Ruffled blouse and full matching skirt, R225; gold sandals, Manne Bros, R69,95; hairpiece, The Wig Beautique. Soft touch for bronze — add Suki Pearl Brown Velvet Lustre to lips, Wild Mink to nails. Background — Tree of Life mural in the lobby

FRANKLY SEDUCTIVE

Mango fringed tunic and harem pants, opposite, R160; gold sandals, Manne Bros, R69,95; pearl necklace R1 560 and grey and white pearl necklace R3 500, both Peter Jewell & Schwartz. Frankly seductive — mango, soft, subtle, sparked with bright Suki Pearl Coral on lips, Coral Flame on nails. Brass bucket, Persian bed covering, green Meskin rug from The Shin Shak Shop, Fenton Lane, Durban. Velvet-backed Hollande cushions from Nomad, La Lucia Mall, La Lucia. Ceramic cache pot and snow leopards from In 70, Musgrave Centre, Berea, Durban. Set by Ralph Krall



THE MIDAS TOUCH

Ribbed white bouclé blouson and slacks, R100; shoes, Manne Bros, R79.95; diamond and pearl earrings, Peter Jewell & Schwartz R4 000. The Midas touch for white — Golden Copperberry from new Country Berry Collection on lips and nails. In the Crystal Room.

WHITE MAGIC

Lace-hemmed floaty white muslin, opposite, R135; sandals, Manne Bros R70.95; diamond earrings, Peter Jewell & Schwartz R8 500. White magic — spiced with a sip of sherry. Soul Shimmer Supermoist Sherry Shimmer Lipstick, Sherry Suki Creme Nail Make-up. On the grand staircase of the Maharani





NIGHT GILT

Palest gold bouclé toga, R95; gold sandals, Manne Bros, R69,95; ivory bangles, Matte Schotte from R37 to R115. Night gilt is always bewitching — add to its intrigue with unexpectedly subtle colours on lips and nails: Nutmeg Supermoist Lipstick, Sherry Suki Creme Nail Make-up. In the Banqueting Room.

GOLD RUSH

Gold moiré taffeta skirt and pearl-scattered gold lace top, opposite, R250; gold sandals, Manne Bros, R69,95. Gold rush — but gold can be cold — needs the warmth of heady colour. Rose Coral on lips, Orange Ember for nails. Against the Tree of Life lobby murals



