Anke Loh – Chicago Designer & Fashion Innovator

Technology meets fashion, innovative design & function

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Chicago-based fashion designer Anke Loh has drawn international attention for her designs. Her collections have been featured in international runway shows and showrooms including New York’s Fashion Week, Paris’ Centre Pompidou, Japan’s Osaka Collection Show, and Mode Expo in Antwerp, Belgium.

Meet & shop with designer Anke Loh at the **Chicago Artisan Market** at Morgan Manufacturing (401 N. Morgan St., Chicago) on Sunday, December 2, 2018 (10am-4pm) along with 100+ of Chicago’s finest artisans in food, fashion, home goods + art.

**The Reversed Triangle Scarf**: A classic design with a modern twist, in 100% merino wool. The idea for this collection evolved from taking a basic geometrical shape – the triangle – and finding a way to reverse as well as open it up within the framework of a long, wide scarf. His concept reflects on the infinite approaches to a simple idea, through a variety of perspectives.
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**The Interknit Scarf:** Each scarf combines bold yet delicate texture and pattern and revolves around women’s stories. The color combinations and select yarns mix lengths, weights, textures, synthetic and natural fibers, matte with shiny, intended to enhance the infinite possibilities of the female form. This concept collection emerged from Loh’s ongoing research on the female form and its significant place in culture, arts and history.

Anke Loh embraces technology and has forged multiple collaborations with technology-focused individuals, research teams, companies and universities in Europe, Asia and the USA, with the objective of blending fashion with the latest technological advances. She has developed interactive jewelry and LED scarves.

Anke has focused on discovering new ways to incorporate fiber optics into fabric. She collaborated with Luminex (Italy and Miami) to develop optical fiber garments. She broke new ground by integrating Philips Lumalive panels into dresses and skirts, which featured video imagery on soft embedded LED screens, and has partnered with the Fraunhofer Institute in Berlin to research and explore the possibilities of stretchable circuitry.

Currently she is blending refined craft with high-tech resources, as she develops new directions with her latest work, employing state-of-the-art Stoll knitting machines during her residencies at Textiellab in Tilburg, The Netherlands.

**About Anke Loh:**
Anke Loh works as a practicing fashion designer, Chair Emeritus and Associate Professor of the Fashion Department at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, where she has worked since 2005. She studied fashion at the Royal Academy of Fine Arts in Antwerp, earning an MFA in 1999, after which she launched her fashion design company.

Her artistic projects, including Urban Identities, Aloft: Fearless Fashion, and Dressing Light, have attracted international media coverage and recognition, including being honored as a Laureate at the Festival International des Arts et de la Mode in Hyères, France.

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