



TEENS

Prom-o-Rama

Whether she's Miley or Vanessa, big or small, on a budget or free-spending, a slave to trends or rejects them all, there's a dress in Philly for her **By Tayler Sorensen**

BEST FOR:
Secondhand, current looks

Second Seitz is a thrift store with a large stockpile of recently reclaimed dresses—think Jessica McClintock, Moni Lee and ABS, as well as conservative options to meet dress-code needs. Make an appointment and get upbeat owner Pattienné's full attention and on-site alterations. Prices range from \$42 to \$134. 4084 Skippack Pike, Skippack, 610-584-8117

BEST FOR:
Red-carpet style

"Glam" is the best word to describe the selection of dresses at **Sorella Boutique**. From figure-flattering House of Deréon gowns (designed by Beyoncé's mom) to elegant one-shoulder frocks from Dave & Johnny, these are the farthest thing from dull. Prices start at \$199. 23 East State Street, Media, 610-566-2393, sorellashop.com

BEST FOR:
Short dresses, super-affordable

Paoli has a new outpost of Cali chain **Heavenly Couture**, which buys in bulk, making prices so low (everything in the store is \$17.95 or less) that you'll probably have to read that twice. Anti-ball-gown girls will find short, strapless sequined numbers and knee-length snow-white drape-y dresses with a touch of West Coast irreverence. 33 Leopard Road, Paoli, 610-647-6474, getheavenly.com

BEST FOR:
Feminine and trendy

From candy-colored floor-length options from Mignon to the detailed, flirty frocks of Sue Wong, Newtown Square's **Bedazzled Boutique** is pure fun. Prices start at \$250, and expert alterations are free. 218 South Newtown Street Road, Newtown Square, 610-359-1707, bedazzledboutique.com

BEST FOR:
Bold trends, a range of sizes

Jan's has a dizzying array of prom dresses, in more styles and sizes than you can dream of. While most tend toward the bold, patterned and floor-length, designers like ABS are here, too. Prices start at \$200. Bonus: Get discounts on other goods like tuxes, limos, salons and corsages when you buy here. 406 Route 70, Cherry Hill, 856-428-8181, jansprom.com

BEST FOR:
Style variety

Head to Newtown Square's **Elizabeth Maar** and next-door sister store **Just Girls** for a guaranteed find: There are short ruffled dresses from Aidan Mattox, gowns from La Femme, and edgier designs from Marc Bouwer, to name a few. Prices start at \$150. 3515 West Chester Pike, Newtown Square, 610-325-4204 and 610-325-3731

WEEKEND GETAWAY

REKINDLE IN NY

Why: The lower Hudson Valley is close, low-key and charming. The new Glenmere Mansion hotel is the definition of fuss-free opulence.

Rooms: Each of the 19 boudoirs in this restored 1911 Italianate mansion is singular, with dream-inducing bedding, original art, fireplaces, lake views and marble baths.

From \$550 per night.

Dining: The cozy Frog's End Tavern has fig-and-blue-cheese pizzas and brownie sundaes; the Supper Room's upscale menu has filet and pork.

Activities: Hike, canoe, and play golf, tennis, bocce and croquet. Get a cooking lesson from the chef. Go antiquing in Nyack. Shop the high-end outlets at Woodbury Commons. Or just hibernate. **Travel time:** 2.5 hours from Center City by car. Glenmeremansion.com. —A.P.

