

# K.C.'S BOYISH GOOD LOOKS

**M**etro-bred menswear has never looked better! From the hands of local design stars and homegrown heroes who have taken their talents to the big time, summer is spelling serious style for the fellas.

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**AELEIS**

K.C. native and Johnson County Community College grad **Philippe Trinh** logged in time at design houses like Phillip Lim before launching his own N.Y.C.-inspired menswear label, Aeleis (pronounced alias), in 2009. Built mainly of skillfully crafted shirts, Aeleis will launch an ecommerce site this July. [aeleis.com](http://aeleis.com)



**CHRISTIAN MICHEAL**



Christian Micheal Shuster's local label launched in '07 starring these colorful, designer neckties. \$40 at **Envolve** and **The Garment District** in the Power & Light District

**BALDWIN**

Baldwin, the denim and apparel brand spun from Standard Style Boutique owner Matt Baldwin, introduces The Aaron. The new jacket is crafted from vintage washed Cone Mills denim; cut and sewn in the U.S.A. \$238 at **Standard** on the Plaza; **Standard** and a Baldwin flagship will open in the one **NINETEEN** shops this August.



**EFFING GEAR**



This locally grown brand's "a shirt for a shirt" anthem means that every Effing Gear purchase equates to a donation of one shirt to a person in need. Snap up a sporty tee or hat and you'll be gifted a leather bracelet to remind you of your good deed. Effing gear cap, \$24 at **Envolve** in the Power & Light District

**ANGRYAPE**

Civic pride gone chic. This City Nights T-shirt by Angryape Clothing (led by designer Adam Kaleikau) fronts a powerful skyline snapshot of downtown K.C. \$25 at **method.** in the Crossroads



**BRADY LEGLER**

Ladies, go ahead and splurge on metro-born Brady Legler's hand-made men's jewelry for your guy. (You can rock the handsome gems, too!) Sterling silver leather tie-on bracelet, \$1,300; 14k-gold paperclip necklace, \$1,595; sterling silver necklace, \$275. Available at **Halls Plaza**.



**EMMY-RAY**

Handmaker of things Emily Walters' (check out her blog at [handmaker-ofthings.typepad.com](http://handmaker-ofthings.typepad.com)) just-debuted bowties and custom cufflinks are the perfect flair for gentlemen looking to pull off summer's laid-back suit look. Self-tying, adjustable bowtie, \$30; square or round cufflinks, \$20 at [emmy-ray.com](http://emmy-ray.com)



**JEAN SHOP NYC**

Fashionable factoid: During his previous gig at Ralph Lauren, Eric Goldstein—now founder and designer of premium denim outfit Jean Shop NYC—mastered giving jeans and leather that antiqued look by traveling to K.C. twice a month to work with the pros at Arrow Fabricare. Jean Shop men's Rocker jeans, \$260 at **Halls Plaza**; leather bag at [worldjeanshop.com](http://worldjeanshop.com)

