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fashion

It Takes Two

Fat Fancy creates "speakeasy boutique" for plus-size vintage clothing

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An argument about acid wash breaks out.

"I lived through acid wash once—I don't need to live through it again," Carlee Smith declares.

Annie Maribona disagrees: "I think it's a yes. Yes to acid wash!"

"I'm from Long Island," Smith explains. "Acid wash isn't such a happy memory."

This "argument" is typical for the two queer women who run Fat Fancy, a monthly plus-size vintage sale.

"Our customers are all over the place style-wise," Maribona says, "so it helps that we have really different tastes."

The sale certainly reflects this, stocked as it is with diverse fashion-forward pieces from mod mini-dresses to gold-threaded western shirts, from simple wrap dresses to an entire section devoted to things that sparkle, glitter and shine.

And, of course, a little acid wash.

"The rule," Smith says, "is that if one of us feels strongly about something, it stays."

Maribona adds, "We just want people to feel hot and awesome."

Fat Fancy began on MySpace, with a bulletin that Maribona posted for

a sale in her studio apartment. "I thought it was genius idea," Smith says. "I was like, I have got to be a part of this."

When the two joined forces, the sale became a full-fledged event. Instead of the apartment, they transformed a friend's basement with fabric and art into "an insane wonderland, a little speakeasy fashion boutique."

With the addition of a DJ and homemade cookies, the house-party-meets-hefty-hide-



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