

Style on the aisle

Bridesmaids' fashions moving away from the horrors of yesteryear

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Someone call the fashion police. The bridesmaids' dresses are aiding and abetting styles inconsistent with civilized society.

If you've attended a wedding in the past 20 years, chances are you've felt like making that call. Just like the gowns Katherine Heigl's character, Jane, is forced to wear in

the movie "27 Dresses," which opened this weekend, bridesmaids' dresses have earned a reputation for being over-the-top at best and hideous at worst.

That doesn't have to be the case, according to Alicia Richmond, wardrobe stylist and founder of the Utah-based fashion consulting firm Chic On a Shoestring.

"The time of ugly bridesmaids' dresses is over," she says. See **BRIDESMAID, C3**

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- ▶ Flattering styles and fabrics that fit all body types.
- ▶ Trends in color and dress lengths.
- ▶ Accessories and tips for personalizing bridesmaids' dress.



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Eleni Calevas Billick models one of two dresses she has worn to other functions and holds four variations on a "green theme."