

Performance Gear Goes Super Chic

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Fordham graduate Courtney Celeste Spears is in her second season with Ailey II, one of two troupes in the world-renowned dance company. "Since we spend eight hours a day training, dancers have a unique love for activewear," she says. "But I love that these sporty pieces could be worn anywhere."

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→ Performance gear goes superchic in the new collab from NikeLab and Riccardo Tisci. BY MEG LAPPE

As Givenchy's artistic director, Riccardo Tisci is known for scene-stealing gowns and custom looks for stars like Rihanna and Beyoncé—about as far from the gym as you can get. But in a new collaboration with Nike, he's merged those worlds. "It was interesting to do sport and make it a fashion statement," Tisci says. Half the collection features geometric florals—like a sexy crop top to highlight strong abs or an edgy shorts-and-leggings combo inspired in part by the flowers of Rio de Janeiro, a cool nod to the Olympics. The rest of the line keeps it simple in black and white: an oversize jacket with a mesh knit, a black two-way zip skirt and a logo tee. Each item uses technical fabric (down to the leg warmers!) and underwent sweat testing, from planks to plyometrics. What are you waiting for? Jump to it: Shop the collection at Nike.com/NikeLab.

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