

# Top of the shops

Here are the results of the *Time Out* Shopping Awards 2002. It's the second year that you've voted to tell us which shops in London really do the business. Even more of you wrote in this year, giving the nod to your favourite market, independent shop and vintage treasure-troves.

Some of the results were no big surprise – the ever expanding **Selfridges** has clearly earned a fond place in your hearts. Their menswear department is a particular winner as it appeals to all ages, whether you're looking for a bespoke suit or casual streetwear. And their one-stop lingerie department came second only to the one and only king of pants, **Marks & Spencer**. A

close second in the 'Biggest Impact on Shopping in London' award was **Topshop** which also, predictably enough, stormed the 'Womenswear' category. **Zara** is hot on its heels in the popularity stakes, though, with **Gap** coming in third. *TO* readers also love **Liberty**, voting for its new shoe and lingerie departments and lush new beauty hall – and who can blame them? It's a shiny temple to the best brands. We're glad to see readers supporting beleaguered food fanatics' favourite **Borough Market**, with Portobello and Camden the other top choices for taking up your weekend. Best independent shop was super-stylish bookshop **Magma**, though this category confused some people – yes,

someone really did vote for Starbucks. Consume favourite **Burro** came a close second, with cult north London jewellery emporium **Aurum** and stylish Conduit Street florists **Visionary Living** close behind. **Steinberg & Tolkien** cleared up in the 'Vintage' category, with Portobello's **Antique Clothing Shop** a close runner-up. **The Aveda Institute** on High Holborn was a clear favourite on the interior design front. London's sloaniest high street, **King's Road**, was a surprise 'Best Shopping Street', with **Monmouth Street** a close second and **Oxford Street** third. *Sarah Halliwell and Stephanie King*

And the winners are...

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## BEST INDEPENDENT SHOP MAGMA

The first of Magma's stores opened on Earlham Street, Covent Garden in 2000. From a humble-sized location, their reputation quickly grew as people cottoned on to their skill and dedication in sourcing cutting-edge, visually inspired publications. Now with their second, larger store in Clerkenwell, Magma are co-using shop space to showcase the work of talented graphic designers, web-designers, commercial illustrators, animators, video-game designers, product designers and so on whose work

would otherwise never be shown. Magma have always sought to promote young talent and have even taken on board the ideas of people who have literally walked in off the street. Their website states: 'We hope that Magma will become a way of watching the world change and evolve.' With such free-flowing creative input, Magma's zeitgeist aspirations will doubtless be reached. *Stephanie King*  
*Magma, 117-119 Clerkenwell Rd, EC1 (020 7242 9503) Farringdon tube. Open Mon-Sat 10am-7pm.*



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