

# Hats off to old trend that's new again

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Jaunty fedoras add some personality to outfits. This one, courtesy of Biscuit on Argyle Street, Halifax, is \$55. (TED PRITCHARD / Staff)

I HAVE BEEN told to “put a lid on it” more times than I can count, so earlier this spring I finally decided to do just that.

I went out and bought myself a new lid — a fedora, to be exact — and I love it.

I’m always a fan of “new-old” trends, mostly because I think I was around when most of the “olds” made their first trip down the runway.

Case in point: The whole “new” shoulder pad movement that’s making a comeback. Been there, and definitely wore the shoulderpadded T-shirt, sisters. And that’s all I have to say about that.

But I think with the fedora, it’s already a bit different. This great head adornment is older than, well, pretty well anything fashionista-like, and it’s a testament to its style that it’s had such longevity.

Recently, this lid has had quite the renaissance, after what I could label as false starts by Canadian songstress Celine Dion a few years back.

Remember when she tried that whole back-to-front white suit get-up that got up and ran straight to the faux-pas pile of bad fashion choices? You might not have noticed because you were aghast at the suiting, but there was, briefly, a fedora teetering on top of the chanteuse’s perfectly coiffed head.

Now, before her husband gets upset again at us Haligonians (remember that whole concert fiasco?), I’m going to back off and blame her stylists for that suit contraption.

In recent times, it’s been the Material Girl who was out and about sporting the fedora and its lookalike sisters. I’m thinking it might have been the damp that is England (just like here) that made Madonna turn to lids. But it seems she’s giving them a go almost everywhere: New York, Malawi — the list goes on.

Boy George (another fedora wearer, but he’s not allowed lids in prison, I gather), I think she’s got it!

A recent snap saw her with an impressive white/cream number with a great black band tied at the base just before the brim.

With the chapeau tilted at just the right angle, she cut a fantastic figure on a New York street.

My fedora, thanks to a Banana Republic store in Florida, can't replicate Madonna's (mostly 'cause it was a fraction of the cost) but it cuts a nice figure.

And as the Canadian Cancer Society will attest, it keeps me safe from the sun I keep hoping for. Nevertheless, all rays count and it's a delightful way to keep them at bay while feeling/looking cool on city streets.

Several Nova Scotia stores have taken to stocking up on this little fun item and I've found a few at a local boutique in downtown Halifax, but I know there are more out there.

I even saw a fab-looking one on an equally fab-looking young man strolling down Quinpool Road with his girlfriend.

So now you go put on a lid on it, peeps. I already did.