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FRAGRANTICA Editors' Favorites of 2015

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This year we would like to list the personal perfume favorites of 2015 of our FrAGRANTICA editors. We all have different fields of expertise and interests, we live in different countries and participate in different perfume events. But we love what we do and gladly share our personal unbiased opinion of what we think is best among the numerous perfume launches.



Bvlgari Aqva Divina - Oh how I fell in love with this salty magnolia! If only Bvlgari would launch an extreme or parfum extrait version! I'd love Divina to be even longer-lasting and richer!



Givenchy Pi Extreme - Givenchy took everything I love about Pi and made it just slightly darker, richer and with a focus on leather. Not radically different but definitely on my wishlist for Santa!



M. Micallef Akowa - This is the first Micallef fragrance that I absolutely fell in love with; Nejman and Astier's blend of orange blossom and cocoa recalls the sadly discontinued **Rochas Man** but with greater depth and complexity. Stunning!



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My highly subjective choice was based upon my temporal bias to gourmands and soft sentimental perfumes. I love **L'Extase Nina Ricci**, which is made of sweet benjoin under the sultriest rose.



White Puredistance is the very first perfume my beloved daughter Anna chose by her smile from the hoardes of my bottles and samples. And yes, it is a delicious perfume with a weightless touch of musk. I trust my baby.



Eutopie No9 is another example of comfort scents I found very appealing this year. It's a freshfresing and sweet prepossessing fougere.

-  Angel Schlessler
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Mon Exclusif Guerlain - In the wave of gourmand and very sweet fragrances associated with food that promise us happiness, I choose this one for its perfect balance of butter, almonds, iris and lavender.



I really adore Italy, so **XJ 1861 Naxos Xerjoff** is love from the first smell. It's like a fragrant call to pack my bags and travel to Sicily. Lavender, tobacco, honey and citrus are perfectly blended.



Arabesque belongs to luxurious



Sandra Raicević Petrović
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Hugo Boss
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The Merchant of Venice collection with an amazing plum note blended with a balsamic and very warm mix of tobacco, cinnamon and tonka beans. This fragrance is so intensive, delicately sweet and dark, suitable for winter and long walks in the snow.



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The best fragrance of the year as I point out to everyone - [Romanza Victorian Narcissus by Masque Fragranze](#). It's an amazing civet-floral with the rich and multifaceted scent of a natural narcissus absolute and a great animalic accord.



[Iris Cendre by Naomi Goodsir](#) - a truly beautiful, elegant smoky iris.



I can put equally three scents here: the gorgeous floral-animalic [Fleurs et Flammes by Antonio Alessandria](#) with divine lily accord, the green-suede of [I Miss Violet by The Different Company](#) and [Odor 93 by Meo Fuschiuni](#).



[Tiziana Terenzi Ursa](#): the unlikely marriage of a very dirty oud with

the smell of sea water is what makes this perfume so rich and unusual. The complexity and originality of Ursa doesn't stop it from being extremely comfortable and warm without too many concepts or intellectual effort.



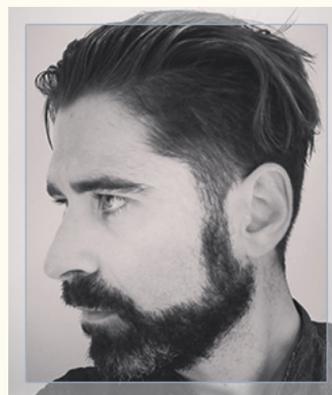
Homoelegans Quality of Flesh:

Extremely bold and aggressively animalic. The smell of sex and body heat. And then a pineapple top note to freshen it up. This is absolutely not safe to wear. Too bold for the office, too dangerous for a night out, but in the end, that depends on your intentions.



Antonio Alessandria Fleurs et

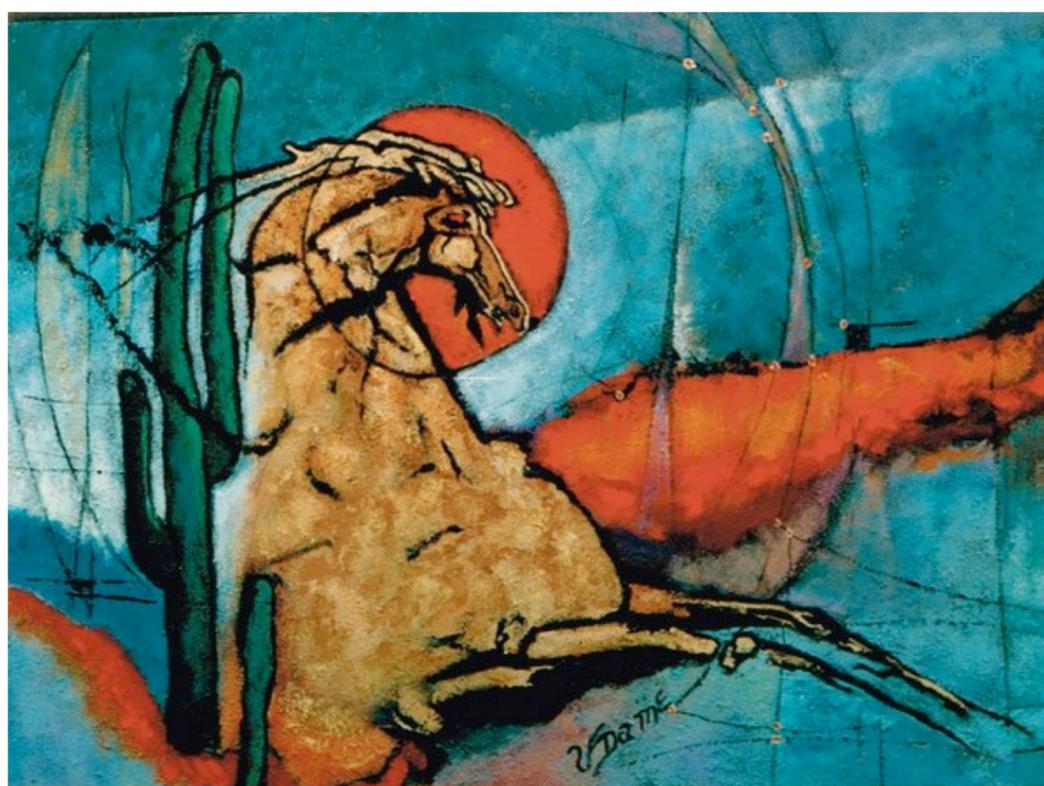
Flammes: this is another proof that perfumery is contemporary art. The evocation of a place and a time, the depiction of life and death, the epic explosion of flowers, minerals and spices. Antonio created an effervescent floral with a vintage soul within a contemporary language.



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Dame Perfumery Scottsdale Dark Horse: this one has become my new go-to fragrance--for work, for day or night, for whenever I need to smell great and don't have a lot of time to think about it.



Tauerville Incense Flash: my favorite of the Tauerville scents. Dry as a bone, smoky, slightly bitter, it pulls several ingredients I like from other Tauer Perfume creations.



Blackbird Broken Glass: this one has been doing a slow burn into my consciousness since I first sniffed it in July. It's such a postmodern take on a floral fragrance.



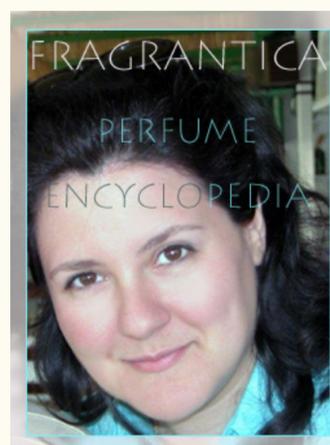
Narciso eau de toilette by Narciso Rodriguez: elusive god's nectar made into porta-liquid. The ripeness of gardenia blossoms floating in outer space running circles around the moon.



Pichola Neela Vermeire Creations. The vision of a verdant lake emerges beneath the canopy of a land immersed in spice. Green floral touches mingle with the saturated colors of cardamom and cumin. Of gold and shocking pink. Of mysticism and pure pleasure. Of a suspended moment in time.



Misia Chanel Les Exclusifs. The performance is about to begin. Lipstick and powder smells floating behind the curtain. Violets and rose. Last minute corrections. The show must go on.



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Menditorosa Sogno Reale: Exquisitely animalic, briny as Venus arising glistening from the sea, gentle as a baby's breath and beyond beautiful, Sogno



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Reale is creature comfort par excellence married to sophistication.



Dame Perfumery Scottsdale Gardenia Soliflore: Other gardenias are pale and wan, fanees in her wake. A \$35.00 miracle, she walks in beauty - and a more worthy heir to Tom Ford's discontinued **Velvet Gardenia**...



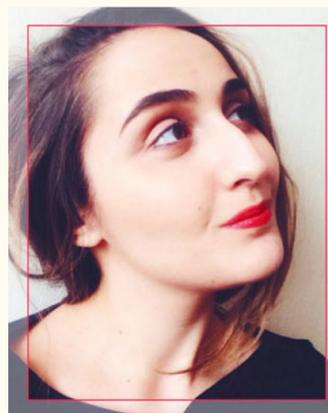
DSH The Voices of Trees: Dawn captures the essence of what it is to be sylvan, photorealistically. The sense of well-being it engenders is awe-inspiring and very authentic. No fragrance has ever sung to me as this does.



Sensual & Decadent by Laurent Mazzone - flowing raspberry jam, hot caramel and incense. Laurent is one of the few art directors whose experiments with sensuality aren't causing my ironic smile.

Shermine by Huitieme Art. Actually, it has everything that makes me love Pierre Guillaume's signature: a fine play with gourmands, feeling the texture of the fragrance and its lazy iridescence. Pure love!

Love at first sigh, transparent rhubarb, figs and a bit of smoky, biting cypress branches - all of it is in **Idyllwild** by Ineke. An incredibly bright and beautiful fragrance.



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Nina and I have a long history and now look at **L'Extase**: made of two kinds of accords; the first one with white petals, rose and pink pepper, the other more sensual and warm with Siamese benzoin, Virginian cedar, musk and amber. And then the gorgeous bottle.



Mod Noir Marc Jacobs: another stunning bottle and as for the notes: dewy greens with citrusy nuances, fresh gardenia petals, magnolia, water lily and tuberose, a creamy musk base, with an unusual combination of orange blossom and nectarine that leave a delicate floral-fruity trail.....I'm picturing paradise!



Paris Premieres Roses 2015 Yves Saint Laurent: the 2015 Premieres Roses edition seems to be perfectly adjusted to my more fresh and flowery preference these days, with still a trail of the typically Paris rose to feed my nostalgia for this perfume.



Byredo Rose of No Man's Land: A truly surprisingly bright and yet also sombre rose that sparkles in an usual setting of amber and pink pepper. It also manages to be narrative, blending a unexpected tribute to bravery during the first World War into a lovely scent-tale.



Miu Miu: I was so delighted by this spicy little jasmine that it felt very niche despite its broad release. It's not often we see a jasmine-prominent perfume marketed to younger women, and I applaud this step to bring a mature scent to younger sensibilities.



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Nomaterra New Orleans Datura: One of the richest, deepest and most velvety of flower-inspired perfumes I've smelled all year. It's a tribute to the trumpet flowering vine, it's blended with nuts, spices, cognac and olibanum to make a deep impression on the skin.



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Fragrantica Editor-in-Chief

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Iris Cendre Naomi Goodsir: A smoky, earthy, leathery, elegiac and intellectual iris. Not even a trace of smile here. It is not a perfume, but a personality to try on.



Idyllwild Ineke: This green woody perfume is multidimensional and very uplifting. A good opposition to **Iris Cendre**. I appreciate its complexity. This is a perfume of a landscape seen from a helicopter.



Romanza Masque: I love the natural aroma of narcissus. A love/hate and so complex raw material. Romanza is one of the closest to it. Its perfumer played with strong animalic nuances with a breathtaking grace...



BeauFort London East India:
Redolent of historic spice routes, opium pipes, tea chests, dens of iniquity and boozy fruits, this heady British concoction packs a punch but lures beguilingly. Massive, addictive, unique.

Papillon Parfums Salome: An animalic Chypre that growls threateningly with oodles of post-coital Cumin, Jasmine and Carnation, then sinks into a deep-throated purr of Rose and Musk (with enough come-hither hip swaying and Africa Stone to keep teeth bared...)

Byredo Rose of No Man's Land:
Jammy, piquant strawberry-tinged roses with enough thorn and woody stems to cut through the sweetness. A fresh, bright heart with a tingle of pink pepper and uplifting raspberry before the calming amber wriggles in to soothe this tribute to WW1 nurses who battled to save lives on the front lines.



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cincobayou



Just wonderful to read all of your favorites!
Thank you for helping us learn about new fragrances that I would otherwise not even know about since I live in a small city and only can find "normal" colognes at stores like t.j.maxx and Belk and Sephora.
So enjoyed the reviews.



noy.gunawan



I agreed with miss Elena Vosnaki yes.. Narciso EDT.. I love it too...



chayaruchama



Dear Sezyvex:

I feel badly that you are so distressed and disillusioned. There is room here for everyone's thoughts and opinions. Most of us would never dream of bashing another's work or thoughts: someone's dreams or livelihood may rest in the balance, not least of all others' feelings being hurt. Passions run high, and tempers, too.

Sadly, this occurs everywhere I look. All the boards. And as far back as I can recall, it always has.

That doesn't make it acceptable, however!
Sometimes I have to step back from it all, because it feels venomous, and that dilutes one's own personal joy.

I'm glad that you spoke up.



beautyzar



Marc Jacob's Decadence is just that in addition to being complex. Instills feelings of euphoria and love the great purple decanter. Versace Eros pour Femme . Such a delicious surprise.I feel like a Greek Goddess.

Third , Spiriteuse Double Vanille by Guerlain. I discovered it in 2015, so it counts for me! This really is my Number One. The best fragrance EVER. Boozy vanilla with the smooth most tremendous vanilla. ...ahhh.



sham.rhanie



BRITNEY SPEARS - Midnight Fantasy.
V. SECRETS - Pure Seduction.
VERSACE - Bright Crystal.
ESCADA - Moon Sparkling.
S. FERRAGAMO - Incanto Shine & Signorina.



Helendale



Tom Ford Noir Pour Femme : dark , smoky , unexpected .



Aafridi



I am surprised that no Arabian perfume & new Turkish brand Nishane scent mentioned in the above list.



arcadia



But the best perfume of the year for me is definitely Precious Oud by Van Cleef and Arpels



arcadia

Among the ones you named I tried and liked



1. Mimosa and cardamom Jo Malone
2. Chanel Coco Mademoiselle
3. Aqua Divina Bulgari



highmaintenance



Chanel Misia best 2015 perfume, Serge Lutens Renard Constrictor, then not sure if there's a third favorite as far as I am concerned. I mostly wear Chanel No.5 on a regular basis so I couldn't care less about 2015 new fragrance launches.



fleurdefi



Idyllwild had already caught my attention, now I am even more excited to try it! Thanks for sharing your lovely selections.



FiveoaksBouquet



No sight of my top choice to be seen here anywhere I could find so I'm adding it here: Mugler Cuir Impertinent. Soft enveloping leather and amber like a caress. Lovely.



johngreenink



There were many interesting releases this year that it was tricky to narrow the list. I would like to make mention of Acqua de Parma's Colonia Ambra, and Serge Lutens' La Religieuse, both very interesting scents of quality that really expanded horizons out there.



NebraskaLovesSc



@Pepperoniann, The Peradam was almost my third choice. It is an amazing scent!

@Delila, I see your point as well. All three of my choices are very affordable, though some are not as easy to find or as widely available.



migueldematos



I feel that 3 is an unfair number for me. Being so, I would have to add to my list:

- Nishane Afrika Olifant
- Menditorosa Sogno Reale
- Maria Candida Gentile Elephant & Roses
- Lalique Or Intemporel
- Masque Romanza
- Prada Les infusions Oeillet



chayaruchama



Dear Delila:

I agree. A very good point!

Might I suggest, for you, pure beauty with great price point?

Dame Perfumery Soliflores are \$35.00 each and are going out to many European countries(there will be more, soon). I'm going to start writing them up.

The Andy Tauer Flash perfumes are lovely and available.

Many young perfumers make very affordable perfumes that might appeal to anyone.

I'd suggest taking a peek on the fragrance boards on FB and you will discover affordable, interesting fragrances for even less than some drugstore classics♥



Delila



Very interesting to read, thank you.

I would also love to read about the choices of an 'everyman/everywoman' editor - a sophisticated take on lower and mid-range perfumes that have wider appeal and availability. Many fragrances here are like collectors' paintings which require an artistic mind - and sometimes some wishful mental acrobatics - to truly enjoy. An 'everyman' critic is likely to choose things that are just very beautiful to the ordinary eye/nose. I'd be very interested in that perspective.



romansandals



would love to see a designer version of this article.



sandrina_bambin



There is a few more editions that I find amazing this year!

- Santal Basmati by Affinessence (creamy woody-rice, so warm and comfortable on the skin)
- Alaia Paris (musky leather, very modern, very interesting)
- Givenchy Ange Ou Demon Le Parfum & Accord Illicite (In my opinion this edition is the best one from the Ange ou Demon collection)
- Kajal creations, especially Kajal Eau de Parfum, it became one of my fave fragrances
- Unique gourmand and buttery Hilde Soliani Miss Tranchant (I love to mix it with Stella di Ghiaccio).



ElectricLady66



I wanna try L'Extase now.



Jomoves



What, no mention of Carmen Elatra's "Rrrr!?" I say it's rigged.



Marina Rivoli



It is such a difficult task to choose only three perfume!
 LM Parfums - Unique Russia and Epine Mortelle - both are very good!
 Eutopie - 7, 8, 9 - all are just great!
 Maison Francis Kurkdjian - Acqua Vita Forte and Oud Satin Mood
 Amouage Sunshine Man
 Aedes de Venustas Palissandre d`Or.
 I must stop :) It is already toooo much.



pepperoniann



Glad to see Iris Cendre being chosen numerous times. I must try it!
 I haven't tried enough to actually compile a 2015 list, but I really love the concept of
 Room 237 by Bruno Fazzolari and The Peradam by Apoteker Tepe.



icufish



For me the best of 2015 is Perry Ellis Black Vanilla Absolute, however I didn't know many 2015 new perfumes, unfortunately.



jeca



I like that our choices are so diverse ;o) Actually I agree with most of them. Myself I was hesitating what to choose, I would continue my list to:

Antonio Alessandria Fleurs et Flammes - great great perfume!
Love lilies and here they are mysterious.

Menditorosa Sogno Reale - most unusual citrus/marine scent

I Miss Violet by The Different Company - is a tender violet leather, very confusing and beautiful.



Hassan Nasrallah



I mostly share the choices of Miguel and Marlen , I adore Akowa and Ursa , hope always the coming year to be full of successful creations away from commercialization respecting the idea of perfuming as an art .



finanna



Interesting lists! My 2015 favourites are Ostara and Misia, both of which I ended up purchasing after sampling. Vanilla Flash was pretty good too, but not nice enough to make it to my overloaded wardrobe. I think I need a sample of Puredistance White& the new Ormonde Jayne.



mikemuscles21



Thank you so much Zoran. Ha, I will try! and give my experience.



zoka

Wonderful lists! Having both community awards that show top of



the top popular fragrances here on editors picks we have chance to find more rare pearls among recent launches

@mikemuscles21 You should try Macys giveaway nobody knows



mikemuscles21



So many here that I still need to try. I'm afraid I will have a very long X-mas list this year. More then a few of these peak my interest.

Sadly, I have not been a very good boy this year. Do you think Santa will hold it against me



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