

# Time Out Amsterdam

## Saturday shopping with... Anita Doth



3 'Unlimited' at Kenkichi

Anita Doth may no longer be the leather-zipped MTV starlet, but when it comes to shopping, the 37-year-old Bijlmer native still has the unlimited energy of a techno-pop vixen, finds Style editor **Karina Hof**

A shrill finger whistle cuts across a windswept residential square in Diemen-Noord. This is where we've agreed to meet Anita Doth, whose same pneumatic mouth sang the chorus to stadium anthem hit 'Get Ready For This', among other '90s Eurodance favourites.

Although more than a decade has passed since the break-up of 2 Unlimited, Doth's world-famous, 20 million+ record-selling duo, she remains a committed artist, giving solo concerts throughout Europe and performing as one third of the 'Divas of Dance' collective. Doth can also be found recording new tracks at her local studio, spending time with her family at home in Diemen and – as a recent Saturday revealed – shopping up a storm with pop-star pizzazz.

### 12.10 – Batwoman

Gruttplaan 22, Diemen-Noord (690 7679)

'It's all really elegant stuff – really pretty,

beautiful, feminine clothes,' says Doth, stepping into Batwoman. This bright corner shop is her go-to for brands such as Mart Visser and Bruuns Bazaar.

'I can always rely on Lauren to help me in a crisis,' says Doth, referring to the shop owner's extensive collection that can be culled for photo sessions and TV appearances. Today Doth revisits elbow-length red leather gloves near the register.

'I still like them,' she giggles. 'They're like, what, €170 or something?' She takes off her present hand wear – fingerless gloves with pink skeleton bones – and examines the tag. 'No, they're a hundred!'

Even before Lauren announces they're half-price, Doth is sold, and soon also buying a matching scoop-necked piece by Turnover (€99.95). 'Oooh, this is a hot dress,' she squeals. 'It's really simple, but... the colour!'

### 12.37 – Marinus

Winkelcentrum Diemerplein, Diemen-Noord (690 4469/marinusvandijk.nl) By the time Timbaland's 'Give It to Me' is blaring through Doth's black Mercedes hatchback, we're at Marinus. A diamond in the Diemerplein rough, this boutique drugstore sells all Doth's beauty needs – except Apparition.

'I'm really sad about that,' she says of the scent she's worn for the past three years. 'When I put it on, it always reminds me of the first week my son was born 'cause that's when I got it. So it's like, "Spritz, spritz – ahhh."'

Doth reaches a twirlable stand of fake eyelashes. 'These are fabulous. Look – they make your eyes go swoooooosh,' she says, examining a pair of Tokyo Lashes. 'I had these on yesterday – in purple. I have them in pink as well.'

Doth decides to buy a pair of Naturalites (€7.99) instead and, on the way to pay, picks up white glitter Collistar lip-gloss (€17.20). The pony-tailed man behind the counter asks for a surname in lieu of her forgotten customer card. 'D-O-T-H,' she spells. His face lights up. Slipping a handful of perfume samples into Doth's bag, he gushes: 'We have Sarah Jessica Parker, we have JLo and we have Jette. When do you get your own perfume line?'

### 13.24 – Kenkichi

Zeedijk 59a (428 4000/kenfashion.nl)

'This is my friend Mayday,' says Doth, introducing a tall man wearing sunglasses as a headband to restrain his blond fringe. Mayday is a salesperson at Kenkichi, the Chinatown shop patronised by celebrities seeking Swarovski-studded silk tunics. He and shop owner Kenkichi Hiraki usher Doth into a dressing room and pass pieces through the curtain.

'Oh I love the pants. *Ayayay!*' she says, emerging in a black Lycra pair treated with Kenkichi's famous 'wet-look' coating (€149). An animal-print tunic is rejected, but a black dress with flowing arms (€149) – dubbed 'Die Fledermaus' ('the bat') by Mayday – is also a go.

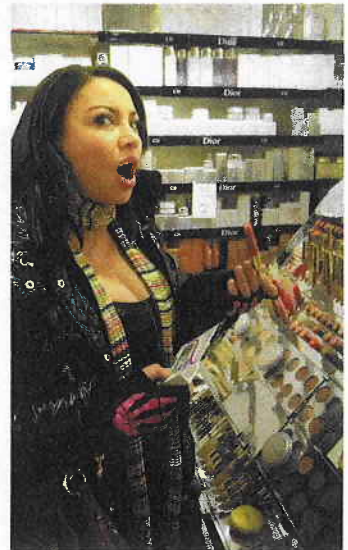
Before leaving, Doth finishes a cappuccino at the register while viewing snapshots on the store's digital camera. Pamela Anderson features in several photos; at her side is an equally buxom blonde, Mayday in his vespertine drag.

### 14.40 – Jerusalem Shoarma en Pizzeria Steakhouse

Haarlemmerstraat 117 (639 3007)

Out of change for the parking meter, Doth pops into Jerusalem. The shoarma shop's yeasty smell disagrees with her olfaction, but she coolly buys a Red Bull (€2.50) – a favourite if her car cup-holders are any indication.

'Doei doe!', Doth calls over her shoulder, waiting till outside to exhale.



### 14.50 – Prince Charming

Binnen Brouwersstraat 36 (620 2528/princecharming.nl)

Our last stop is Doth's costume designer.

'He's really good at making corsets,' she says of Tycho Boeker, the main pair of hands at Prince Charming. 'He's responsible for keeping all my boobs and skin inside.'

Boeker points to a wall papered with sketches, including three for Divas of Dance. Doth's latest order is unfinished, though Boeker produces an asymmetrical skirt with black and silver sequins (€200 for refashioning one of her old dresses). Doth holds it to her body.

'It's gonna be really short on one side,' she says, concerned. But looking down at the hem, she grins: 'I've got good legs.'



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