

Fantasy outfits in fashion

The Cutting Edge

Powerhouse Museum

Exhibition



These clothes may look unwearable, but at least you'll be noticed if you pop down to the shops. The world of top-notch Japanese fashion is on

show at Sydney's Powerhouse Museum from today where visitors will see 45 quirky and eccentric designs from Issey Miyake, Rei Kawakubo and Junya Watanabe among others.

Gathered from the Powerhouse's own collection and the Kyoto Costume Institute, there is a full-body tartan number, a huge ruffled Elizabethan collar and a puffy gingham dress that Eddy in *Absolutely Fabulous* would have embraced.

As part of the exhibition, the regular Powerhouse *d factory* discussion looks at the reach of Japanese fashion (Thursday 6pm-8.30pm, free).



Do the ruffle . . . one of the designs

And designers led by Masahiro Nakagawa will showcase the Tokyo Recycle Project #15 in daily demonstrations, recycling cast-off clothes into high fashion (10am-4pm, talks 11am and 2pm, until October 9).

☐ At the Powerhouse Museum, Harris St, Ultimo, until January 29, 2006. Free with admission \$5-\$10. 9217 0111