

Candy raver rags are the be-seen choice

A rave party will advertise its featured DJs on its flier, but you have to actually attend a party to get a feel for the fashion.

"People want to stand out and look good, and with that comes a need for fashion statements," said DJ Tricky Trevor.

For the established crowd it's clear, but "candy ravers" (newcomers on the scene), truly there to be seen, are very different.

"They are really into the scene, at every party, cute in their club wear, being introduced to everything," said party-goer Mark Garcia.

They are easily spotted by their baggy pants, stuffed animal backpacks and flashy tops. The style was described by scenester Dave Gulick, 21, as "new-wave-retro-disco-era with a '90s twist."

In the tradition of Funk Pistol, the defunct clothing/skate store once taking up

residence next to Jelly's, the latest styles can be found at Galaxy Funk. Located under Fusions Waikiki, Galaxy Funk opened a month ago with the intent of bringing New York, San Francisco and Los Angeles rave, upper-club and street wear to Hawaii.

"We cover all aspects of youth culture," said Dexter (Hideki Shert, 21), the store's buyer. "... Rave kids are looking for unique clothing, wide-bottom pants, nylon, reflective, flashy, unique stuff with a lot of detailing like piping and glitter."

The store is ultra-trendy, with house music in constant rotation and the inner and outer walls covered with graffiti. The clothing is brand-conscious — and therefore pricey; for the raver with a little less in discretionary funds, it's old faves Goodwill and The Salvation Army.

—Lauren Lyetake



At Galaxy Funk, they've got the look for the underground scene — flash, sass and some downright other-worldly. Here's a peek at what made the runway at Galaxy Funk's recent fashion show.