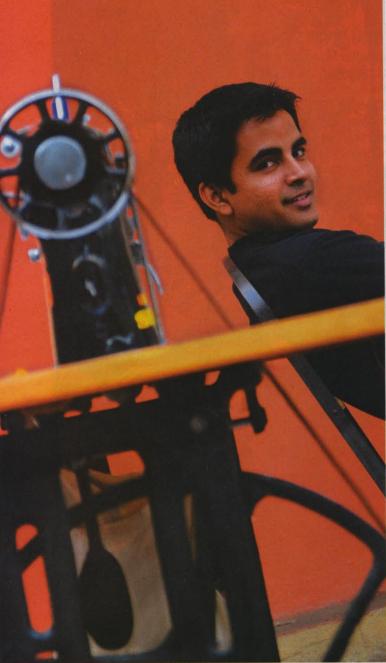


FROM LEFT: MEETA PANDIT Vocalist, MILIND DEORA Politician, DHRUVI ACHARYA Painter, RAHUL SHARMA Musician, POOJA SHETTY Multiplex entrepreneur, RATUL PURI Industrialist



## **SABYASACHI MUKHERJEE, 29 Fashion designer**

## Silk Cut

Sphere of Influence: Accepted in the fashion mecca of Milan Fashion Week and Brown's, London, he has proved you don't need the fashion mafia to get ahead. His reinstated brocades and vintage peacoats reflect his design philosophy of using the past to move into the future.

Breakthrough: His debut at the 2002 India Fashion Week which spawned a trend for vintage clothing.

**Inspirations:** Life itself, everyday things like a roadside vendor's teapot. Ex-Gen Wisdom: "His work is extremely mature, global in appeal, though too sophisticated for the Indian market."—David Abraham, designer

**DHRUVI ACHARYA, 33** Painter

## **Colour Plus**

**Sphere of Influence:** Rising prices, a waiting list for her work, her art shows across continents. The prestigious Bose Spacia Gallery in New York and Gallery Chemold in Mumbai have featured her quirky portrayal of women -who she sees as "free but with our contradictions". Comes with a no "isms" approach considered very Gen-Now. Breakthrough: Making art-watchers sit up due to sheer technique.

Inspirations: Indian miniatures, Japanese superflat painting and comic books. Ex-Gen Wisdom: "She has created her own technically refreshing style." --- Czaee Shah, collector

