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Dornink

HIGH-PROFILE CLIENTS AND BACON QUEENS

Dornink (dornink.com) a couturier of bridal, evening, and cocktail dresses, was founded by Faythe Dornink in 1981. Daughter Sarah has grown the business since returning from fashion school in New York City. Dornink has dressed high-profile clients, including Christy Vilsack and Olympians Lolo Jones and Shawn Johnson, along with showchoir singers and dancers. The firm also attracted considerable attention with an all-bacon dress for the queen of the 2013 Des Moines Blue Ribbon Bacon Festival.

Iowa's fashion is influenced by both East and West Coasts, Sarah Dornink says. Despite many great events in Des Moines, there is less demand for one-of-a-kind dresses in Iowa than in Los Angeles or New York City — but less competition, too.

