

Day One of Fashion In Detroit

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The runway was ablaze this afternoon as the Detroit Zoo hosted Fashion In Detroit. This afternoon viewers were shown the spring/summer collections of 6 area and National designers, including 'Schott NYC', P.S. by Peter Soronen, and Kevan Hall. Project Runway alum and founder of Fashion In Detroit Joe Faris set the event off with his Schott NYC line of jackets, tees, and jeans. The highlight of the spring summer collection included a Green cowhide leather motorcycle jacket with quilted shoulder pads, and a black biker bustier made from a deconstructed version of the legendary perfecto jacket.

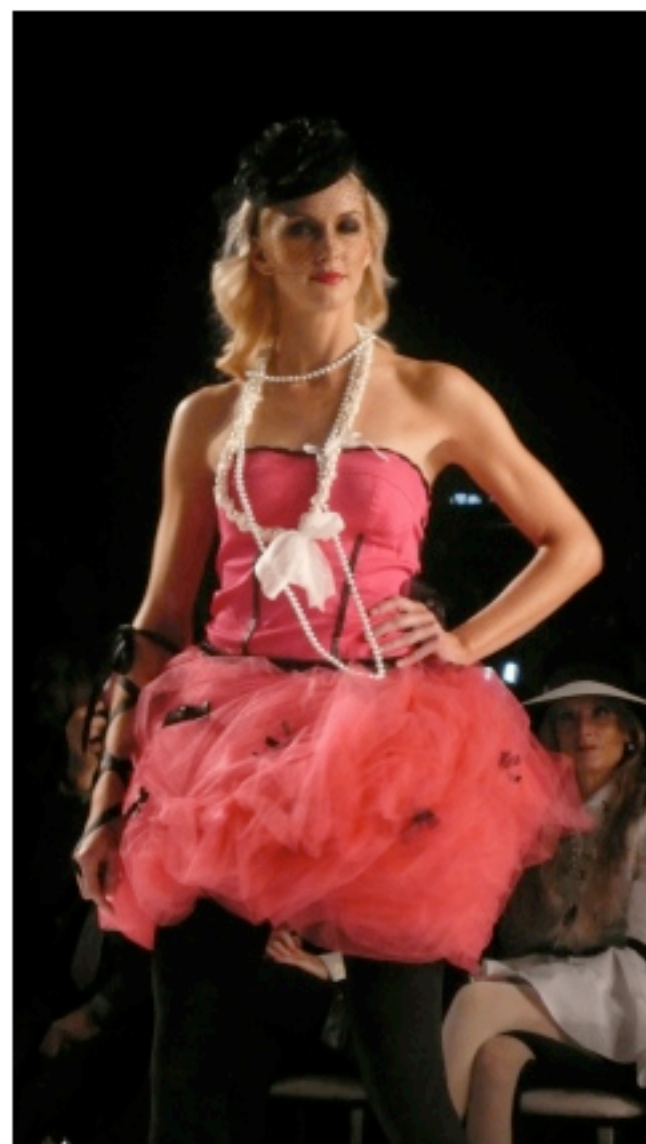
"I particularly liked Schott NYC because it was great to see men's fashion as well as the other designers whose collections are geared toward women." Said Anita Orr of Detroit.

Another stand out was the student show featured designs by students from Wayne State and other area schools. With the theme of Detroit the students captured the city's icons such as the Heidelberg project and the Red Wings in designs that ranged from party dresses to evening gowns.

The true showstopper of the event was Detroit's Kevan Hall. Audible gasps escaped from the audience as beautiful evening gowns flowed up and down the runway.

"Kevan Hall was truly my favorite" said Sherlyn Fox of Fox Image and Makeup Intl. based in Nashville.

Hall's knowledge of fit and proportion was seen in gowns that seemed to move as one with the models. Fashion In Detroit will conclude tomorrow with featured designer Betsey Johnson.



Courtesy of James Herriotte

Models strut the latest fashions down the runway.

