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NYC Fashion Week Spring 2006

Zac Posen's show was so popular that a mob of invitation holders jumped the rope and crashed through the doors.

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Backstage with the models of Nanette Lepore
Photo by Shelly Nash

FASHION FORECAST: After intense front row consultation and review, the colors for spring are earth tones, neutrals, green, coral, red and yellow. Shorts are still strong as the new miniskirt; feminine looks, glamorous embellishment and detail, and screen prints on tees and denim.

THE DESIGNERS UNDER THE TENTS: Olympus Fashion Week showcased Designers like Miami's **Esteban Cortazar**, very sleek and chic glamorous; **Nanette Lepore**, very 1940s film star, soft fabrics, and light greens, coral and yellow; **NICK (it)** by **Nicholas Graham**, the original Joe Boxer, presented four looks with a sense of humor; **Luca Luca's** dramatic looks attracted the diamond-studded celebrity attendees; **Carlos Miele**, the name says it all, very romantic designs with flamenco undertones; **Lela Rose's** designs were tailored tulip skirts, neutral and red strapless gowns in luxury fabrics; **Douglas Hannant** was flirtatious and fun, white and blue embellished evening gowns; **Vera Wang** showcased designs in gold and rust that seemed Amish and of the medieval era; **Carmen Marc Valvo** sported Jackie O sophistication and low necklines; **Zang Toi** was very tribal and Amazon; **Vlassis**, all that is Greek is good; **Atil Kutoglu's** sequin-striped pants made a statement; **BCBG** looks were young jetsetter and so was their after-party at **HOME**, where my photographer Shelly danced with **Max Azria**; **Heatherette's** Show and After-Party at **Marquee** was all about Love.

At the **Altman Building**, the **HL** group presented designers like **Afshin Feiz**; the designers are both ex-models so it was a toss-up between looking at them and looking at the clothes, but I was impressed with both. Designs were form-fitted luxury fabrics that enhanced all assets of the female form. **Jeremy Scott's** inspiration was King Tut goes surfing; his collection was outrageous fun, very '80s, very West Coast, very gold.

UNDERWEAR: **Maiden Form** takes the lead for form and fit.

FOOTWEAR: Stilettos, wedges, cowboy boots and **Bridget Hampton** Polo Club-inspired Riding Boots sported by members of **Sundari Lofts and Tower** and best modeled by **Nacho Figueris**.

FASHION CONFUSION: **Zac Posen's** show was so popular that at the last minute a mob of invitation holders jumped the rope and crashed through the doors into the standing-room-only show, leaving security speechless. My invitation to the show and after-party arrived the day after for **Marc by Marc Jacobs**. I wanted to yell and cry at the same time.

So, lucky readers, now you have the info to keep you styling till next season. Stay tuned for the savvy edge and check back for Los Angeles Fashion Week tips and sizzling trends.

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