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## NYC: The 2002 CFDA Awards

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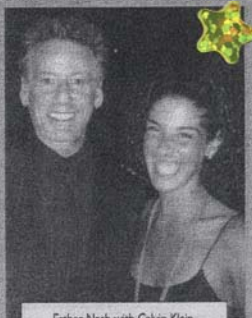
The 2002 CFDA Fashion Awards were held at the New York Public Library on the evening of June 3, 2002. This was a star-studded event indeed. I met Donna Karan, Patricia Fields, Alicia Silverstone, Tommy Hilffiger, Calvin Klein, David Bowie, Hillary Clinton, Karl Lagerfeld, Marc Jacobs, Dianne von Furstenberg, Lauren Hutton, Carmen, Zac Posen, and many other high-profile celebs.

The gowns and jewels were breathtaking. Everyone was dressed impeccably for these are the creators of fashion. There were all white tuxedos, flowing white gowns, suit sets and assorted hairstyles: twists, curls, straight, up and down.

The speakers at the awards ceremony took a look at Fashion from 1960 to today and tomorrow. The 60s were described as a period of revolution and the 70s a period of music influencing

fashion and mores.

The 80s was a period where women were entering the work force and this resulted in shoulder pads, as well as high glamour and punk fashion. The 90s was described as "minimalist" and today's fashion as a coming full circle incorporating all the trends of the last 50 years. The future remains to be seen, of course. Hopefully, I will continue to play a greater role.



Esther Nash with Calvin Klein.

As a fashion designer, it was truly an honor and a privilege to be surrounded by the greatest American and international designers all in one night. In fact, I felt like I was living a fantasy. There was a sumptuous dinner and fascinating discussion as to how fashion influences and molds the perspective of how we view each other. In the work place, at home, and in society as a whole; how the consumer's needs are mirrored in fashion and how fashion, in turn, creates those needs. It was heady stuff.

The limos clogged the traffic in Manhattan for hours. There I was, partying with supermodels and movie stars all night—and here are some of the photos to prove it.

The nominees for *Womenswear Designer of the Year* were Marc Jacobs, Ralph Lauren and Narcisisco Rodriguez. Mr.

Rodriguez took the prize. For *Menswear Designer of the Year* it was a contest between Sean Combs, Marc Jacobs and Ralph Lauren, the award going to Marc Jacobs. *Accessory Designer of the Year*: Carlos Falchi, Tom Ford and Marc Jacobs, winner Tom Ford. The *Perry Ellis Award* was a tight race between Rick Owens, Zac Posen, Peter Som and Benhaz Sarafpour, with Rick Owens winning. The *Eugenia Sheppard Award for Fashion Journalism* went to Cathy Horyn of the New York Times. Stephen Gan received a *Creative Visionary Award* and Hedi Slimane of Dior Homme the *International Award*. *Lifetime Achievement Awards* went to Grace Coddington and Karl Lagerfeld. Finally, the *Fashion Icon Award* went to C.Z. Guest and the *Eleanor Lambert Award* to Kal Rutenstein, Fashion Director of Bloomingdales.

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