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FASHION WEEK: RUNWAY REVIEW FOR 2006

After intense front-row consultation and review, the colors for Spring 2006 are earth tones, neutrals, green, coral, red and yellow. Shorts are still strong as the new mini skirt. Feminine looks, glamorous embellishment and screen prints on tees and denim were hot on the runways.

Olympus Fashion Week showcased designers like Miami's very sleek and chic-glamorous **Esteban Cortazar** and **Nanette Lepore**, who was very 1940s' film star using soft fabrics in coral, yellow and light greens. **nick(it)** by **Nicholas Graham**, the original Joe Boxer, presented four looks with a sense of humor, and **Luca Luca's** dramatic looks attracted the diamond studded celebrity attendees.

Carlos Miele, (the name says it all) presented very romantic designs with Spanish flamenco undertones. **Lela Rose's** designs included tailored tulip skirts and neutral and red strapless gowns in luxury fabrics. **Douglas Hannant** was flirtatious and fun showing white and blue embellished evening gowns.

Vera Wang showcased designs in gold and rust that seemed Amish and medieval. **Carmen Marc Valvo** sported Jackie O sophistication and low necklines. **Zang Toi** was very tribal and

Amazon. For **Vlassis** all that is Greek is good and **Atil Kutoglu's** sequined striped pants made a statement. **BCBG** looks were young jetsetter and so was their after party at **HOME**.

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. The 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.

Maiden Form takes the lead for form and fit. Stilettos, wedges, cowboy boots and **Bridgehampton Polo Club** inspired riding boots were sported by members of **Sundari Lofts and Tower** (best modeled by **Nacho Figueris**.) **Zac Posen's** show was so popular that a mob of invitation holders jumped the rope and crashed through the doors into the standing-room-only show at the last minute, leaving security flat-footed.

Now you have the info to keep you styling 'til next season. Check back for Los Angeles fashion week tips and sizzling trends.

— *Esther Nash*



Designer: Zac Posen Fall/Winter 2005