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People of Interest I've spotted while out "on the quest" by Tia Walker

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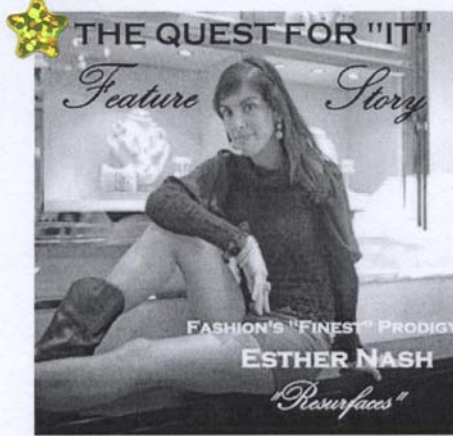


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Monday, November 19, 2007

THE QUEST EXCLUSIVE: Fashion's Finest Prodigy--Esther Nash "Resurfaces"



Does the name Esther Nash ring a bell? It should! For several years now the image of the bubbly, wide-smiled, willowy figured socialite has been gracing the pages of magazines ranging from Hamptons, to British Elle to the urban upper crust of Uptown...she's appeared almost everywhere. Walking red carpet after red carpet, and appearing in the front row of several designer shows during New York's famed Fashion Week, it is clear that Esther Nash is SOMEBODY, but

who? We found out who, after we tracked her down just one week after her October Fall preview party at a popular West Chelsea nightclub.

Art for Life

New York based Designer and Socialite Esther Nash is the epitome of a *chick on the quest*. The fashion world's former child prodigy, a fourth generation New Yorker, she is descended from a long line of judges and lawyers, with an ambassador in the family by way of Guatemala. Ms. Nash, a true Renaissance woman, has studied art nearly all of her 25 years of life. Cartooning, life drawing, painting, photography, and sculpture were all part of a very carefully regimented package that gave way to a very noteworthy list of accomplishments in: Applied Arts Studies (includes 10 years of art classes at the Metropolitan Museum of Art --scholarship every year), Classes through the Art Students League, Cooper Union's Portfolio Program, Scholarships to the Brooklyn Museum's Art Program, etc. This prestigious art training was complimented by her attending New York's highly specialized Art & Design High School on Manhattan's East side. Ms. Nash's training in art, dance, gymnastics, and a variety of other activities lead her finally to choose fashion as a career.

Fashion Forward



At the age of 18, the FIT student with a major in Tailoring and Sportswear, opened her first retail store for women, she called it Babydoll. A second, Sugardaddy, for men at age 19, and by age 21 Ms. Nash was regularly having her own runway shows-- thereby reaching the rank of a *young professional designer*. One of her greatest joys was her last runway show, nearly 2 years ago at the now defunct Freight. The well-attended show garnered a visit from Vogue Editor-in-Chief Anna Wintour (see photo at left), not a claim that many designers can make, young or seasoned. A keen eye for what's hot, and also for what's needed, the hip and sexy women everywhere led Ms. Nash's fashions to be personally selected by stylist Patricia Field, and eventually featured on the long running hit HBO Series Sex in the City.

Outside of her obvious accomplishments as a student, art, and fashion designer well ahead of her time in the natural progression of things, Ms. Nash is a truly well adjusted, down to earth talent with a heart of gold. Our recent visit sparked her showing of what else? ...

HOLIDAY GIFT GUIDE 2008 ON THE WAY....



It's that time of year again! The Quest for "it's official Holiday Gift Guide will be available November 26th. The best holiday gift picks for men, women, & children. We look forward to your visit, so stay tuned. Above are Andrew Hamilton Crawford Cuffs, photo by The Quest for "it"

"IT'S COMING

12.04.07-Tuesday, 6:00 pm-8:00 pm,Tori Nichel & Buddha Soul Holiday Trunk Show, Tillman's, New York, NY



Designer Tori Nichel & Buddha Soul are having a trunk show @ Tillman's. Save like never before. Everything must go. Cash or Credit. 6:00 pm- 8:00 pm. RSVP by email to Tori Nichel directly at tori@torinichel.com Location: 16 West 26th St. (bet. 6th Ave. & 7th Ave.)

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Zulema Griffin of Project Runway fame at the Grand Opening of Illini Restaurant @ 27th & 5th Ave. Was near the first floor bar in front of DJ booth. Was wearing a sleek black suit. Long sleeve jacket, black tank, black mini skirt.

11.14.07-10:50 pm, Michael Michele, Soho House, New York, NY



Seen! Actress Michael Michele @ Soho House. Was on the 6th floor chatting with a mixed group of friends. Looking stunning in a drk. brown satin (?) silk (?) blouse and long pencil skirt (seemed to be black)

11.10.07-8:40 pm, Pat O'Brien, Private Residence in Trump World Tower, New York, NY



Seen! Pat O'Brien host of CBS' Insider circulating the room at the housewarming party of Real Estate magnate Thomas Kramer @ The Trump World Tower; was wearing drk suit, white shirt w/no tie and was noticeably tan.

more of her designs--this time her beautiful jewelry--all made of semi-precious stones. "These are for you" she said, "I hope you like them"; they were a pair of delicate drop earrings she had made just recently. Stylish in everything that she does, Ms. Nash makes a point of honing in on accessories as "the means" to looking well put together; it is this way of thinking that has landed Ms. Nash in the pages of the New York Times Styles section--yes, her astute way of styling has even had her tagged as a professional fashion stylist. Fashion Stylist -- not entirely unrealistic title for the designing socialite clearly on her own quest.

The Leap



Esther Nash, now decidedly New York's media darling, has grown up rather quickly. Seven years in her short life has meant nearly daily flashes of camera lights at openings, fashion shows, parties, premieres, you name it she's done it. However, where does one go when they have reached a level of success in their chosen field that most people reach (if ever) by their early 30s? Well, it is difficult to say, it seems. Two years between shows would seem unheard of by say a Betsy Johnson, or a Diane Von Furstenberg. Outside of her near daily celeb-level appearances she has been decidedly under the radar in terms of the fashion world. Where has she been? At last check in she had been on several auditions, meetings with modeling agencies, and the like. Up until now, Ms. Nash's publicity and full-time representation had been under the efforts of sister Rachel "Shelly" Nash, currently the City of New York's youngest judge. In terms of her fashion career, things had always been very carefully calculated. However, over the last few months Ms. Nash has herself decided to really take things to a new level--she is currently in talks with the celebrity division of a top 10 modeling agency here in New York. In addition, she is searching for the ideal sponsor for future runway shows--next stop, Bryant Park!

Casting Call: Designers Wanted



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Recently, a rather interesting fashion related opportunity knocked--a television appearance opportunity, a bit different from one that had come before! Sure Ms. Nash had appeared on TV in the past (*Single in the Hamptons*), after all what hot, young Renaissance chick has not. However, this was an opportunity for Ms. Nash to resurface as a designer, and not via a runway show. MTV, the reality show behemoth was casting for of all things young designers, and Esther Nash fit the bill perfectly. *Sew Good*, MTV's new "design competition" show just wrapped this very month. It will be a bit longer before the final product airs, and then a bit more time after that as to whether it will be a recurring program. If so, Ms. Nash will be catapulted as a hot young designer viewed both nationally and internationally by a realm far outside of New York's changing fashion industry. While no more can be revealed about Ms. Nash's participation on the show, or the show itself, rest assured fashion's finest prodigy has returned, and she's feeling very, very good right about now.

Is everyone watching? Esther Nash has RESURFACED.

Credits: Feature Story cover model Esther Nash was shot on location at Judith Ripka. Ms. Nash is wearing the Judith Ripka Monaco Ring. (18k Yellow Gold, Champagne Diamonds, White Diamonds & Brown Moonstone \$14,000); Judith Ripka Truffle Ring (18k Yellow Gold & Diamonds, \$8500), Judith Ripka Truffle Earrings (18k Yellow Gold & Diamonds \$49,000), Judith Ripka Pave Lola Bracelet (18k Yellow Gold & Diamonds, \$47,000), Judith Ripka Diamond Bangles(18k White Gold & Diamonds, \$5400).

*photo by Hai Zhang

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