

RETAIL THERAPY

BY MARIESSA TERRELL

DC Fashion Ambassadors

If I had a nickel for every time that someone complained about the District of Columbia's lack of fashion sensibility, I would be "lounging on the Riviera" rich. In my opinion though, the "heart" of DC, the part that exists separate and apart from what Robin Givhan called "CNN Washington" has always been "upside down" original. We may not have a garment district or even a Garfinkel's department store anymore, but our residents still possess a keen appreciation for style, innovation and drama. I maintain that Washingtonians create fashion. And this September, like every September, our brightest Fashion Ambassadors are headed to Mercedes Benz New York Fashion Week to prove it.

FASHION ASSISTANT

Jarmal Harris is a self-taught fashion designer, make-up artist, and celebrity wardrobe stylist from Anacostia. In January 2013, Jarmal traveled to New York to intern with veteran fashion designer Cesar Galindo. After three weeks, Galindo hired Jarmal to be his Personal Assistant responsible for coor-



Jarmal Harris, Fashion Assistant
Photo: Don Harris



Fashion Investigator, Mariessa T. aka Simone B. Photo: Richard White



Cesar Galindo dress
Spring 2013
Left: Cesar Galindo,
Fashion Designer



Cesar Galindo
gown Spring 2013

dinating look book photo shoots, contacting buyers, managing the creation of samples and even assisting with Galindo's Spring 2014 New York Fashion Week presentation. Known for his impeccable tailoring and colorful glamorous gowns, Galindo became a household name after he was featured in All on the Line, a reality show starring Joe Zee, Creative Director for Elle magazine. www.czarnyc.com

NAIL ARTIST

Indigo Makong is a celebrity nail artist who regularly works behind the scenes during New York Fashion Week as a team member for CND. She is credited with designing nail art for J. Mendel, Donna Karan, Diesel, Calvin Klein, BCBG, Baby Phat, Luca Luca, Malandrino, MaxAzria, Tadashi Shaji, Badgley Mishka, Tory Burch, Mathew Williamson and a multitude of others. A creative nail stylist originally from Richmond, VA, Indigo currently works in a darling salon on 8th Street, SE. www.indigonail-stylist.com

Indigo credits her mentor, Maisie Dunbar with helping her to perfect her craft. Maisie is a legend in the nail design industry. For over 10 years, she has worked behind the scenes as a nail artist for New York Fashion Week. Additionally Maisie has been featured in and has consulted



Above:
Indigo Makong,
Nail Artist

Stiletto Nails by
Indigo Makong
(NY Fashion Week
2011)

on nail care for a variety of publications including, Italian Vogue, Glamour, Essence, and the Washingtonian. Some of Maisie's advertising credits include Cover Girl, Bergdorf Goodman, Colgate, Dark & Lovely, Chap Stick, Ann Taylor, Ann Klein and others. www.maisiedunbar.com

BEAUTY EXPERT

Lianne Farbes, a local beauty expert

and creator of the award winning beauty blog, TheMakeupGirl.com has covered New York Fashion Week since 2007. Over the past 13 years she has worked with Baby Phat, Thakoon, Jason Wu, Rag & Bone, Christian Siriano, Project Runway, Marchesa and many others. A true social media maven, Lianne regularly provides industry forecasts on beauty trends and commands an impressive network of over 30,000 followers on Twitter, Facebook and social media sites. In addition to forecasting beauty trends on her blog, Lianne serves as a brand ambassador for Avon, Inc. RoC Skincare and Aveeno. In 2011 Lianne collaborated with MAC Cosmetics on a limited edition capsule collection called "Bloggers Obsessions" that went on sale online in North America. Her eyeshadow shade, Hocus Pocus, sold out in a week.



Lianne Farbes, Beauty Expert

Each September since 2009 Lianne has hosted Cocktails & Couture, a beauty networking event held during New York Fashion Week. This year's Cocktails and Couture event sponsors include Restorsea, Johnson & Johnson, Elasta QP, Cocotique, Revlon and Almay. www.cocktailsandcouture.net/attend

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