



Jeanne Greenberg Rohatyn in Lanvin at Tom Ford



Alber Elbaz gets a round of applause.



Mischa Barton in Roberto Cavalli



Donatella Versace and Tinsley Mortimer

## Kick Start

If there's one thing the stylish know, it's how to make an entrance, and the Fashion Week party machine arrived in fine form this season, with no fewer than four bashes in the first 24 hours. At the Hammerstein Ballroom, Van Cleef & Arpels hosted a fashion show, cabaret performance and concert by the Plastiscines for a crowd that ranged from old-school socials (**Audrey Gruss**) to tabloid-friendly starlets (**Mischa Barton**). Too bad the narrow entryway and overwhelming guest response had **Susan Fales-Hill**, **Jamee Gregory** and **Irina Lazareanu** bottlenecked at the door or locked out altogether.

Farther uptown, **Tom Ford** feted artist **Marilyn Minter** at his Madison Avenue store to celebrate the first book of her photographs. (Minter shot the designer's men's wear campaign.) While **Yvonne Force Villareal** searched high and low for a copy of

the tome, Ford escaped upstairs with **Bruce Springsteen** and **Patty Scialfa**. But it was **Jeremy Piven's** arrival that really got the designer going. "It's my alter ego—my evil twin brother!" Ford exclaimed.

Earlier that day, the Couture Council of the Museum at F.I.T. honored **Alber Elbaz**. The designer accepted his award with a moving paean to women, calling himself "a dream maker." Most guests agreed, although **Linda Evangelista** did have a few choice words when Elbaz tried to puff up the ruffles on her blouse. "Alber, you don't know anything about fashion!" she chided.

**Donatella Versace** flew into town too, for a lunch at the Versace store. Halfway through the meal, the designer shared a Marlboro Red from her custom monogrammed case with **Lauren Davis**. "I am so happy you are smoking too," Versace said as she lit up. ●



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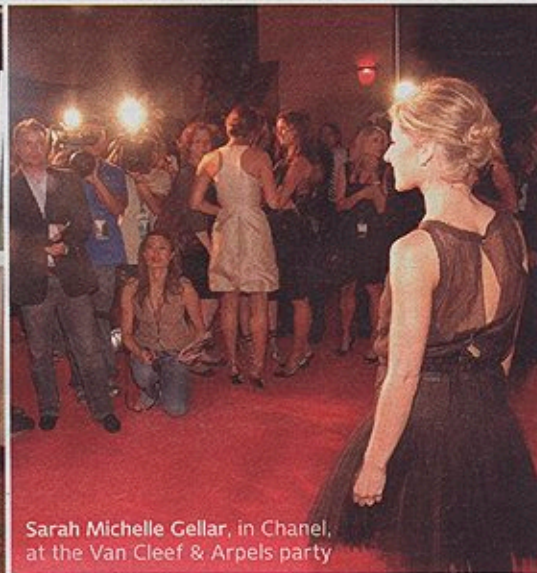
Iman in Lanvin at the Alber Elbaz lunch



Patty Scialfa, Bruce Springsteen and Marilyn Minter



Linda Evangelista in Lanvin



Sarah Michelle Gellar, in Chanel, at the Van Cleef & Arpels party



Lisa Aïran ponders Hit bag at Versace