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Winners from all over the world at Miami Beach International Fashion Week 2011

One more time, Miami Beach International Fashion Week has honored designers from all over the world during their closing event at Miami Beach Convention Center, on March 6th.

Rewarding their passion for fashion "Miami Moda & Music Awards," honored 7 designers and winners of "The International Fashion Contest" were revealed. MBIFW 2011 also honored 10 personalities from our community with "Humanitarian Awards". Tears, speeches and emotions, everything happened in one night.

Below the winners, profiles and a few exclusive backstage interviews:

1. Bata Spasojevic was honored with "International Rising Star Award." Spasojevic lives in Belgrade. He obtained his master degree in Fashion Design in 1999, since then he has been working in so many projects and collections such as "Cinemoda" and "Centrotextile", among others.

2. Argentinian Designer, Mariela Allaix, was honored with "Prêt-A-Porter Style Award." She founded a workshop in a school for young people with special needs. "I am very happy with this event and I feel very grateful that a prestigious jury has honored me with this award," said Allaix. **LR- Could you give a message to all designers that are starting in this fashion business?** "Chase your dreams because sooner or later you reach them," added Allaix. **LR- Could you define your work and yourself with 3 words?** "strength, courage and femininity," said Allaix.

3. Giovanni Scutaro, from Venezuela was honored with "Excellence in Evening Wear Award." He is graduated of Marangoni Fashion & Design School in Milan. "I think it is a major work commitment. My team with 22 years of experience is behind me. I feel so honored, but this award is not only mine it's also my team's award," said Scutaro. **LR-What was the wow factor, you think impacted the jury of MBIFW 2011?** "My impeccable work, I carefully keep up my collection, not in vain I present my designs in 7 countries." **LR- Could you define your work and yourself with 3 words?** "Simplicity, glamour and dedication," added Scutaro.

4-5 – Mauricio Alberino from Italy received "Men's Style Award" and Marcelo Quadros from Brazil was honored with "Victoria Puig de Lange International Style Award".

6. Art of Shade, rocked the catwalk with their designs and show. They were honored with "**Designers Choice Award.**" Kayce Armstrong and Anthony Heiman live in USA. This self-taught duet of creative minds have become a force on the fashion scene.

7- Dafné Alleno was honored with "Tiffany Jewelry Design Award." Dafné was raised and schooled in Paris. Yves Saint Laurent and Boucheron hired and trained her, enhancing her knowledge of femininity luxury. She is based in Miami and her Collection "by Dafné" is innovative, fusing French sophistication and Latin joy.

Personalities from our community that were honored with "Humanitarian Awards": Somy Ali, Ricky Ariola, Tina Carlo, Vince Castro, Many Machado, Shareef Malnik, Jackie Nespral, Dr. Omar Pasalodos, Maria Elena Salinas and Joy Wallace.

The top model of the year was Sviatlana.

Winners of "The International Fashion Contest":

- 1-International Student Women's Wear Designer of the Year - Martha Landry, USA
- 2-International Student Men's Wear Designer of the Year – Javier Topete, Mexico
- 3-International Student Fashion Photographer of the Year -Nicola Ferguson -Wales
- 4-International Student Graphic Artist of the Year – Rachael Lee Yen Yii - Malaysia
- 5-International Emerging Jewelry Designer of the Year – Maria Hamilton - USA
- 6-International Emerging Designer of the Year – Onder Ozkan, Turkey

