

Maria Hamilton: 'International Emerging Jewelry Designer of The Year 2011'

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Maria Hamilton, a jewelry Venezuelan designer, started designing jewelry, 11 year ago, while she was attending college and graduated in Business Administration. After she spent a few years working in finance business, she started feeling that something was missing. Suddenly, she knew what it was...the creative part! **"I need passion to do something because I love it,"** said Hamilton. **"I decided to attend jewelry classes at Boca Raton Museum of Art."**

After a Year, Maria Hamilton, opened her company and started selling her designs in renowned boutiques in South Florida. In 2009, she did her first runway at Boston Fashion Week, event that opened the doors of the American market, South American market and Miami Beach International Fashion Week 2011, becoming Hamilton, **"International Emerging Jewelry Designer of the Year".**

Lisette Rondon, our Miami Celebrity Fashion Examiner, got an exclusive interview with this awarded jewelry designer, where she explained her inspirations, latest trends, emotions and more.

LR- How was your experience for being honored as "International Emerging Jewelry Designer of the Year at MBIFW 2011?" "Wow! This award was a challenge to myself! I found out that when you put love and dedication to your dreams you can achieve them. I am very grateful to God first, reporters, judges, and MBIFW for this amazing opportunity."

LR - Do you have any special story in your journey as a Jewelry Designer? "Yes and it's very funny -my friends and family call me " street display" because people always approach me and ask me where they can buy my jewels, so more than once I had to take off the jewelry that I was wearing and sell it to someone."

LR- What are your sources of inspiration? "My latest collection **"4 +1 elements"** was inspired by nature. **Earth** with semi precious stones, **air** with combination of metal with feather-to make unique pieces, **water** with pearls and mother of pearls- to highlight them, **fire** with metal pieces that required consuming fire to be created and **+1** with leather to give originality and life to the rest of the elements," added Hamilton.

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LR - Were there some Designer that got your attention at MBIFW 2011 and why? "Nicolas Felizola and Giovanni Scutaro. I think both designers show creativity, style and elegance in their designs."

LR - Which renowned fashion designers, would you like to team up with your accessories? "Roberto Cavalli, Carolina Herrera, and Ralph Lauren."

LR - What are the trends in your latest collection of jewelry? "My Spring / Summer collection shows a variety of textures and colors. It's a line with great taste. Semi-precious stones in sterling silver or gold, combined with diamonds or zirconias. I also used animals, dragonflies, butterflies and flowers to highlight the elegance of every woman," added Hamilton.

LR - Could you define yourself and your work with 3 words? "Creative, passionate, original."

Maria Hamilton will participate in "Relay for Life"- Cancer Society benefit event in West Palm Beach. She plans to be part of Boston Fashion Week in September, 2011.

Hamilton does custom designs jewelry and she also re-invent vintage jewelry. She is based in Boca Raton and she works by appointment only. Contact her at **info@mariahamiltongdesigns.com**

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"The world of fashion is fascinating. If you have passion and creativity, you have the tools to break into it and if you combine them with dedication, patience and effort, you can achieve all that you want."

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