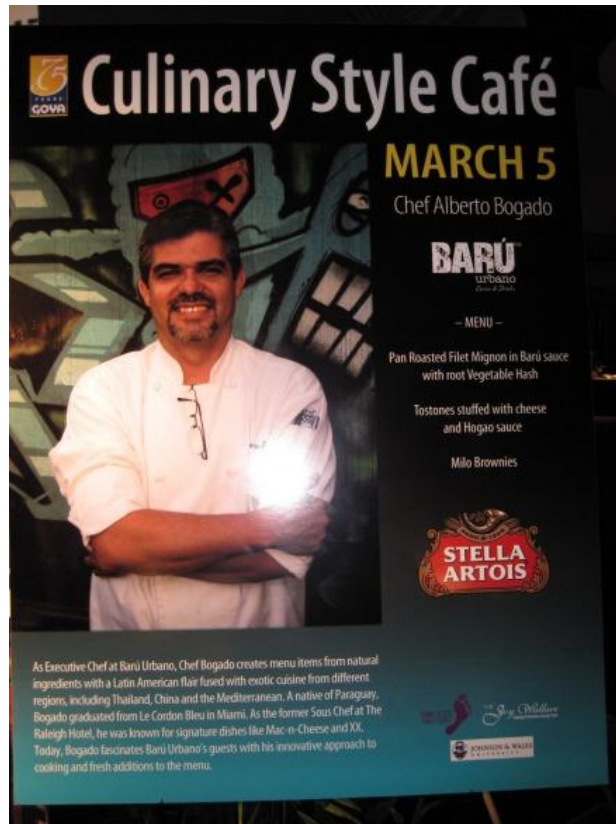


# HAUTE NYC

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## Haute Around the World: Memories of Miami Fashion Week 2011



Last Saturday, March 5th, I had the pleasure of attending the **Miami Beach International Fashion Week** Events, and boy was I in for a treat. The events started with the **Culinary Style Café** which was a showcase brought to us by **Chef Alberto Bogado** from chic restaurant **BARU Urbano**, located in the Downtown, Brickell area of Miami. **Stella Artois**, **Barefoot Wine and Bubbly**, **Goya**, **Johnson & Wales University**, and **Joy Wallace Catering Production** all came together to give us a taste of Chef Alberto's culinary delights. Some of the treats included **Pan Roasted Filet Mignon** in Barú sauce with root Vegetable Hash, Tostones stuffed with cheese and Hogao sauce, and my personal favorite, the **Milo Brownies**. So next time you are in Miami, make sure to make a pit stop at **BARU Urbano** and satisfy those taste buds!



After my belly was satisfied I headed over to the fashion shows, which completely captivated me. I was able to attend two different shows, each had a mixture of designers from all over the world. The first event was the **Pret-A-Porter Style Showcase** featuring **Eccentric Apparel-USA** with special guest models, **LUXXE Collections-USA**, **Boston Proper-USA**, **Mariela Allaix-Argentina**, **Marina Makaron Moscow-Russia** and Bata Spasojevic. Spasojevic was just recently the winner of the **MBIFW** designer competition at **Banja Luka Fashion Fair** in Bosnia and Herzegovina. This was my favorite of the two events, which included Eccentric Apparel's models, which happened to be dogs! These were some fashionable pups, wearing scarves, hoodies and coats of all sorts of fabrics and designs.



My second favorite designer was Marina Makaron, who used the paisley print to all avail. Her designs featured silk and chiffon scarves, full of abstract floral prints. This designer was very retro inspired, reminded me of the ever fabulous Emilio Pucci. I could definitely wear her designs to the beach or even with a maxi-dress.



The second showcase was the **Copa Airlines Showcase** featuring **Claudia Bertolero-Peru**, **Federico Visueti-Panama**, **Marcelo Quadros-Brazil**, **Eduardo Gonzalez-Colombia**, and **Giovanni Scutarø-Venezuela**. This showcase was something out of this world. I completely fell in love with **Giovanni Scutarø's** spectacular wedding dress, headpiece and all. He made me want to find a man and go get married in this exact dress. But for now I can just dream of wearing such a magical dress.

