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## ZAC TO THE COUTURE

Suzanne Rogers welcomes Posen to a glittering charity event



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**F**ashion darling **Zac Posen** Publishing royal **Hamish Bowles!** Tastemaker **Lauren Santo Domingo!** The very classy **Derek Blasberg!** Some of the biggest names in the style industry descended on Toronto for Suzanne Rogers Presents Zac Posen: An Evening of Modern American Glamour, to benefit BOOST and Holland Bloorview Kids Rehab. Posen was all the rage at the recent Met Gala and his sojourn in our city was no exception. For the first time, the internationally acclaimed designer showed his runway collection in Canada. It was a jaw-dropping show as internationally renowned beauties **Coco Rocha** and **Anna Cleveland** kicked the drama up a notch as they posed and preened on the catwalk. It was sheer performance art.

Posen's fall collection was all about form, evening elegance and the stunning craftsmanship. The crowd especially loved it when he and Coco took to the podium to do an impromptu dance number to "New York, New York" with one of the successful auction bidders. The concert hall at The Carlu never looked so glam, with the over-the-top catwalk and many of the guests in flowing gowns by the designer of the hour. Following the show, guests enjoyed a beautiful dinner by celebrity chef Mark McEwen at tables adorned with beautiful blush arrangements by Teatro Verde. The party continued in the Round Room where popular '80s den of excess Stillife was brought back to life by none other than its founder **Charles Khabouth** and INK Entertainment. New York based DJ trio The Misshapes kept the tunes spinning and the scener-set dancing all night long. Bright lights showing support included **Robert and Sylvia Mantella**, who set the tone as a stunning and gracious event chairwoman; **Rosemary and Richard Cocq**; **Max and Heather Gottlieb** (and did she look stunning in seafoam green); a table of **Bitove** beauties; **Krystal Koo** (pre-baby) and **Michael Cooper**; **Michael and Libby Gold**; Canadian beauty icon **Frank Toskan** and partner **Darren Zakreski**; **Lina** and **Jim DeGasperis** and **Salah Bachir**. The star-studded, black-tie event raised more than \$800,000 for children's charities BOOST Child Abuse Prevention and Holland Bloorview Kids Rehab Hospital. Presenting sponsors included Mantella Corporation and Rogers; gold sponsors were Cisco, City TV, Holt Renfrew, Metrus Development Inc., Moroccan Oil and Transcontinental.

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Loretta Rogers and Guy Laurence, CEO of Rogers Communications.

Edward Rogers and Chloe Rogers.

Charles Dime and Persia Dime.

Charles Khabouth and Danny Soberano.

Susie Wall and Dina Pugliese.

Derek Blasberg and Hamish Bowles.

Karen Arbesman.

Liz Rodbell and Bonnie Brooks.

Jenna Bitove, Stephanie DeGasperis and Ashleigh Marshall.

Max Gottlieb and Heather Gottlieb.

Lina and Jim DeGasperis.

Stacey Jordan and Ryan Cook.

Krystal Koo.

Jeanne Beker.

Randi Bitove and Vonna Bitove.

Lanita Layton and Dawn Bellini from Hugo Boss.

Cheryl Hickey.

Lynda Prince.

Coco Rocha.

Kelly Rosen.

Anna Cleveland walks the runway wearing Zac Posen.

Sylvia Mantella.

Zac Posen and Suzanne Rogers.

Lauren Santo Domingo.

Simona Shnaider and Nicholas Mellampy.