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Photos Available Upon Request**6th ANNUAL MIAMI FASHION WEEK OF THE AMERICAS:
RECORD ATTENDANCE, CELEBRITY APPEARANCES
AND GALA AWARDS CEREMONY**

MIAMI BEACH, FL – Miami Fashion Week of the Americas (FWA) wrapped up its 6th Annual showcase at the Roney Palace Beach Resort on May 16th with more than 8,000 fashionistas in attendance during the four-day event.

Thirty-six designers from 18 countries showcased their Spring 2005 collections at FWA, which has become the largest showcase of Latin American and international design talent in the U.S. and one of the world's premier fashion events.

"This year's Miami Fashion Week showed a new interest and enthusiasm for future international fashion events in South Florida," said Beth Sobol of Sobol Fashion Productions, the event's founder and executive producer. "While the emphasis is on Latin American talent, we had an increased presence of international designers, including a first-time showcase featuring four of the top Indian designers, as well as over 500 registered international fashion media and many of the top US retail buying offices and specialty stores from throughout North and South America."

The closing night's FWA Moda & Music Awards presentation brought the event to a spirited close, kicking off with the designers' Parade of Stars, Achievement in Fashion Awards and performances by Latin recording artists.

Awards were presented to:

- Designer of the Year - House of Enrico Coveri, Italy - Accepted by Francesco Martini Coveri
- Prêt-a-Porter Style - Julian Chang, Peru/Miami
- Excellence in Eveningwear - Diego Morales, Colombia
- Vogue en Español Designers Choice - Tie: Claudia Bertolero, Peru and Julian Chang, Peru/Miami
- FWA Designers Choice - Rina Dhaka, India
- Celebrity Style Award – Shalim
- Terra Model 2004 – Melisa Mendez, Cuba/Miami – Sponsored by Terra Networks, FWA's Official Spanish-Language Internet partner

Student Designer Showcases featuring designs by the talented students of Miami International University of Art & Design and the Design and Architecture Senior High School (DASH) of Miami were a sellout, and a Trends Display put the spotlight on news-making jewelry and accessories designers. McKinley Pierre showcased some of the trendiest furniture styles available, with a display throughout the lobby of the hotel.

Performances by Latin recording artists Shalim, Alicia Machado and Marisol capped off the closing show's fanfare with an incredible performance of *Tango Emoción* by the Mora Godoy Tango Company from Buenos Aires. Other performances throughout the week included new releases from Martita Roca, Stefano Zarfati and Gizelle & Won-G.

Terra Networks, FWA's Official Spanish Language Internet Partner, provided daily updates and event-related information via its FWA mini-site on its "Mujer" channel - <http://www.terra.com/mujer/especiales/fwa2004/>

Additional event sponsors include Samy Salon, M·A·C Cosmetics, Miami Beach VCA, Tropicool Miami TDC, Cotton, Inc., Vogue en Español, Lincoln Road Magazine, Nikki Style Magazine, Collezioni Magazine, FashionStock.com, LiquidSquare, the Roney Palace Resort and The Mix Global Color Research.

Beth Sobol founded Fashion Week of the Americas in 1999 to provide a forum offering international exposure for designers from Latin America. Over the past six years, it has developed into one of the world's premier fashion events including designers from Europe, USA, Canada, the Caribbean and Asia, as well as the largest showcase of Latin American design talent in the United States.

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