

2003 Designer of the Year

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Congratulations Helen Yarmak

Broadway Star *John Leguizamo*, Opera Diva *Renée Fleming* and *Lydia Hearst* in her Runway Debut Walked the catwalk to Benefit Uniformed Firefighters Association Widows & Orphan Fund.

New York City, N.Y. Internationally acclaimed Russian designer *Helen Yarmak* showed her Winter 2003/Spring 2004 collection featuring men's and women's Russian furs and fine jewelry. The show was a salute to New York as they remembered the tragedy of September 11th.

The fashionista crowd of over 500 filled the ballroom at Capitale to catch a glimpse of the VIP-studded runway including *John Leguizamo* in a shearling grey overturned men's coat, *Patty Hearst's* daughter *Lydia Hearst* making her runway debut, American Ballet Theater's Prima Ballerina *Irina Dvorovento* and her husband principal dancer *Maxim Belotserkovsky*, *Uma Thurman's* brother, *Mipam Thurman*, and opera diva *Renée Fleming*, who was wrapped in a full length, white mink coat worn by *Lisa Kudrow* in the new *Scott Rudin* film *Marci X*. The designer donated the coat, valued at \$18,000, to the UFA Widows and Orphan Fund in honor of the firefighters who lost their lives two years ago this week. Fleming was escorted by Fire Marshal *Gregory Buday*.

Those that admired the show included *Amanda Hearst*, *Gillian Hearst*, UN Russian Ambassador *Sergei Lavrov*, President of the USA International Fashion Shows *Andres Aquino*, General Counsel of Russian Federation *Viacheslav Pavlovsky* and his wife *Katherine Pavlovsky*, *Somers* and *Jonathan Farkas*, Sotheby's *Royce Pinkwater*, designer *Maggie Norris*, interior designer *Catherine Aaron*, *Christine Schott*, General Sponsor of the show President of Set Holding *Samusev Alexander*, *Sydney Biddle Barrows*, *Michele Gerber Klein*, *Dr. Kelly Posner*, *Francesca* and *Chris Beale*, *Julie Hayek*, *Alice Judelson*, *Alan Wizig*, *Brian Wolk*, *Claude Morais*, *Jason Grant*, *Jill Zarin*, *Diane Dunne* and *Colin Lively*. After the show, they all congratulated Yarmak at the private after party with a Russian Buffet served with champagne, vodka and caviar in the Capitale VIP Room.

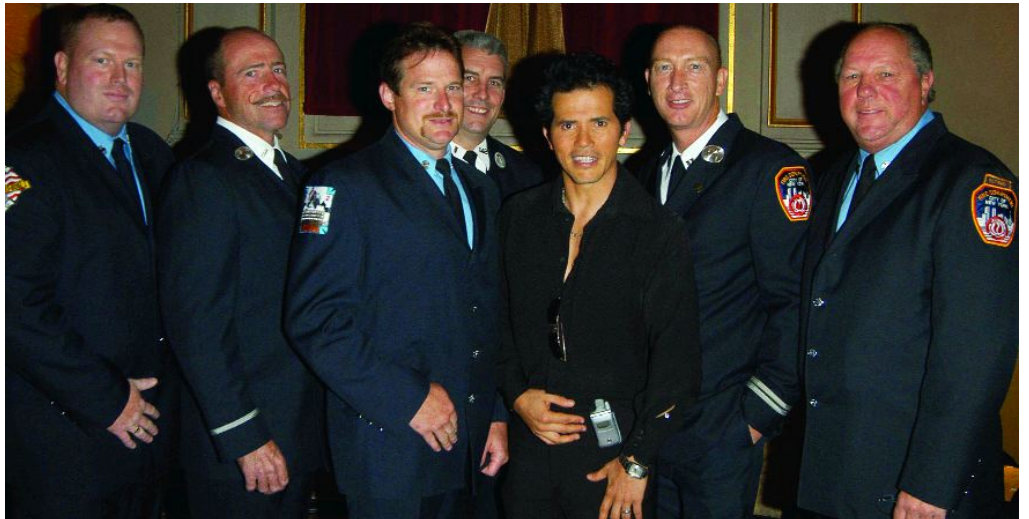
The event was sponsored by SberBank, SetHolding, Aeroflot and JFC.



Irina Dvorovento, Helen Yarmak and Maxim Belotserkovski



Renee Fleming, Gregory Buday



John Leguizamo and some of New York's Bravest. FDNY



Amanda Hearst and Gillian Hearst



Renee Fleming and Gregory Buday