

FASHION BLOOMS

AT THE ANN NORTON SCULPTURE GARDENS

Ann Norton's own *Horizontal Unnamed* sculpture was the backdrop for a spectacular fashion chat and runway show with American fashion designer **Zac Posen** and Senior Vice President and Fashion Director for Neiman Marcus, **Ken Downing**. More than 130 people surrounded the runway as Posen presented his latest collection at the **Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens (ANSG)**.

Frances Fisher, Board Chairman for the ANSG and **Ainsley Charles**, Vice President/General Manager of Neiman Marcus, hosted the evening with **Neiman Marcus Palm Beach**. The evening of style began with a cocktail reception and concluded with a fashion show and commentary with Posen and Downing, as models adorned with flowers and butterflies fit for a garden, made their way down the runway. Posen's striking and colorful gowns were also on display in the courtyard of the Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens for all to view.

"Zac Posen is a true entrepreneurial success story," said Frances Fisher, Board Chairman for ANSG and the evening's Co-Host. "Zac always captures refined modern glamour and very often uses gardens and landscape architecture as inspiration for his collections. His gowns are a perfect complement to the dramatic backdrop of the Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens. ANSG was honored to be chosen for this spectacular event."

Zac Posen launched his eponymous collection in 2001, with a vision for modern American glamour that married couture technique with striking innovation. Raised in New York, Posen began his design training early. He attended London's Central Saint Martins University in the womenswear degree program. Today, Posen is known globally for his technique in artisanal craftsmanship, anatomical construction and textile manipulation. His daywear, suiting and red-carpet eveningwear are infused with his bold sophistication, sexy femininity and distinctive glamour.

Ken Downing is the Senior Vice President, Fashion Director for Neiman Marcus where he interprets, articulates and sets the fashion direction for the Neiman Marcus brand as well as serves as their international fashion ambassador and spokesperson. He provides oversight to the company's merchant and creative divisions and is responsible for dictating the seasonal trends



Zac Posen and Ken Downing with models



Ainsley Charles and Frances Fisher



Fashion by Zac Posen

for Neiman Marcus stores and online businesses.

"Neiman Marcus strives to create experiences for our clients and community that are memorable," said Charles. "Combining art and fashion in the beautiful setting of the Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens coupled

by the talents of Ken Downing and Zac Posen was truly a wow moment for all that attended."

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