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The Bellevue Collection Hosts Independent Designers for Fashion's Night Out

NBC's Fashion Star Contestants Join Fashion Runway Show Winners to Present Looks

BELLEVUE, Wash. (August 6, 2012) – The Bellevue Collection celebrates for the third year in a row Fashion's Night Out, an evening of high style and festivities on Sept. 6, 2012 from 7 - 9 p.m. The night includes a host of store events and special rewards for first arrivals along with a special salute to local independent designers.

Continuing the tradition of celebrating the work of independents, an exclusive Bellevue Square Center Court Fashion Exhibit will feature one look each from the 10 independent local fashion designers selected to participate in this much-anticipated *Independent Designer Runway Show* during Fashion Week at The Bellevue Collection Sept. 26-30. Seattle-area NBC's Season One Fashion Star contestants Lisa Vian Hunter of Vian Hunter House of Fashion, and Lizzie Parker along with her partner Nicolas Bowes of Los Angeles, also a Fashion Star contestant, will join winning local designers to contribute one special look to the Fashion Exhibit and will headline the special *Independent Designer Runway Show* later that month. Other local designers are:

- **Anne Sylvain by Patricia Raskin** (www.annesylvain.com)
- **Ampersand As Apostrophe by Jessica Park** (www.ampersandasapostrophe.com)
- **Bd Homme by Banchong Douangphrachanh** (www.banchongdesign.com)
- **Built For Man by Francisco Hernandez** (www.builtforman.com)
- **Carole McClellan by Carole McClellan** (www.carolemcclellan.com)
- **KateS Mensay by Kate Mensah** (www.kreati-ka.com)
- **Masha Osoianu Design by Masha Osoianu** (facebook.com/mashaodesign)
- **Olga Szwed by Olga Szwed** (www.labellereve.com)

In addition to the special Fashion Exhibit, the first 200 guests to RSVP and arrive at Bellevue Square will gain exclusive access to the 'Fashion's Night Out Lounge,' located in Center Court. These guests will be privy to a live DJ, delicious treats including PinkaBella Cupcakes and Top Pot Doughnuts plus receive a fashionable swag bag. RSVP here with event code "FNO": <http://bellevuecollection.com/FNO/RSVP.php>

From 7 – 9 p.m., let the shopping begin with over 55 Bellevue Collection stores offering special in-store discounts and experiences exclusive to the evening. For a listing of offers, visit www.bellevuecollection.com/FNO.

“Last year, we have begun a tradition of showcasing independent designers during this worldwide celebration of fashion,” says Jennifer Leavitt, Vice President of Marketing. She notes that the 2011 Bellevue Square exhibit featured independent designers in the ‘Nordic Fashion Biennale: Curator’s Cut.’ “This year, we are celebrating local area fashion designers, each with their own style and sensibility typical of Pacific Northwest designers. We have an independent spirit in this community that is beautifully expressed in the work of our local fashion designers. We are eager to do our part to foster and mentor these talented designers to help them build a successful fashion business. This special night, plus the upcoming runway show, will draw attention to their incredible designs.”

Fashion Week at The Bellevue Collection’s *Independent Designer Runway Show* will take place on September 26, 2012. For tickets and more information on this event and all Fashion Week 2012 events, go to www.bellevuecollection.com/fashionweek.

For more information on Fashion’s Night Out and the listing of exclusive offers for the evening, please visit www.bellevuecollection.com/FNO.

About The Bellevue Collection

Located in the heart of Bellevue, Washington, The Bellevue Collection, owned by Kemper Development Company, includes Bellevue Square a super-regional upscale shopping center, Bellevue Place, a mixed-use property featuring the Hyatt Regency Bellevue and small boutiques and Lincoln Square anchored by the Lincoln Square Cinemas, restaurants, home furnishings and The Westin Bellevue hotel. With a distinctive collection of 250 of the finest shops, 23 sit-down restaurants, a 16-screen premier cinema, 1,000 luxury hotel rooms and 10,000 free retail parking spaces, all in one location. The Bellevue Collection is shopping, dining and nightlife and entertainment experience unlike any other in the region. It is located on Bellevue Way between NE 4th and NE 10th Streets in downtown Bellevue, just across Lake Washington from Seattle.

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