The Arts of Fashion Foundation is honored to announce that the international leading contemporary creative fashion designer from the Belgian scene - Veronique Branquinho - accepted our invitation to come and preside our 2007 Symposium and International Fashion Student Competition. Following the footsteps of iconic designers such as Martin Margiela, Dries Van Noten, Ann Demeulemeester, and Walter Van Beirendonck, Veronique Branquinho has been able to develop her own tailored sophisticated and contemporary identity and clean-cut and high-end design details which transpire femininity and elegance. Her collections have been presented in Paris and are sold around the world. 2007 marks the 10th anniversary of her label.

www.veroniquebranquinho.com

**Lagerfeld Confidential premiere Miami**

*CineToile*

**Thu. Nov. 1 - 8pm - Gusman Center**

The Arts of Fashion will present "Lagerfeld Confidential" by Director Rodolphe Marconi in Miami on Nov 1, for the opening of the Arts of Fashion Symposium. "Rodolphe Marconi, Cannes Festival Awarded French director, has been contemplating a documentary on Karl Lagerfeld over 10 years... This is the first time Karl Lagerfeld has agreed to let someone create an artwork on his life... The confrontation between the - image - hidden behind the glasses questions the modern media, elegantly oscillating between two extremes: the raw and sensational - reality image - on one hand, the artificial, supernatural fashion image on the other hand."

www.lagerfeldconfidentiel.com

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**Arts of Fashion Symposium & International Competition Program**

**Monday October 29 - Thursday November 1**

9 - 5pm Arts of Fashion MasterClass - Series 2007
BagBoys - BitchStitchBeach - ClutchingNomadBag - FashionPixel - FlatFashAttitude
Miami International University of Art & Design / Fashion Department / 1501 Biscayne Blvd Miami

**Thursday November 1**

6pm Welcoming Reception
Miami International University of Art & Design / Gallery / 1501 Biscayne Blvd Miami

8pm Arts of Fashion CineToile
Lagerfeld Confidential directed by Rodolphe Marconi
Gusman Center for The Performing Arts / 174 East Flagler Street Miami

**Friday November 2**

9 - 12am Jury Working Sessions
Miami International University of Art & Design / Fashion Department / 1501 Biscayne Blvd Miami

1 - 5:15pm Seminars and Conferences - Arts of Fashion Tandem Rubell Family Collection / 95NW 29th Street Miami

7 - 9pm Celebrating the 10th anniversary of Veronique Branquinho label
Gemma Lounge / 529 Lincoln Road Miami Beach

**Saturday November 3**

7 - 10pm International Fashion Show Competition & Arts of Fashion Awards Ceremony
Alfred I. DuPont Building / 169 East Flager Street Miami
Arts of Fashion 2007 / November 1-2-3
at Miami International University of Art & Design

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Matthieu Blazy exhibition
/ carteBlanche
Sat. Nov. 3 - 7pm - Alfred I duPont Building

Maria Luisa award at ITS#FIVE & 2007 Lancome Design Colors Award
Matthieu is a graduate of La Cambre Mode(s) / Ecole Nationale Supérieure des Arts Visuels and he received the highest distinction from La Cambre Jury. He has just joined the creative team of Raf Simons. Blazy will show his collection during the Arts of Fashion event in Miami.

www.myspace.com/matthieublazy
photo / Pierre Debusschere

Sandra Backlund exhibition
/ carteBlanche
Sat. Nov. 3 - 7pm - Alfred I duPont Building

Hyères Fashion “Grand Prix” Award 2007
Sandra Backlund is a graduate of the Beckmans School of Design. She lives in Stockholm where she has founded her own fashion label. She experiments origami and pleats of knits and mohair that push the volumetric limits of the material and transform the body through disturbing and original shapes.

www.sandrabacklund.com
photo / Peter Farago, Cameralink

Arts of Fashion Conferences
/Tandem
Fri. Nov. 2 - 1pm - Wynwood Art District / Rubell Family Collection

Themes:
Business of a Young Designer <Ann Claes>
Copyright in Fashion <Susan Scafidi>
Fashion Media <Susie Bubble>
more on www.af-competition.com
The Arts of Fashion Foundation is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to facilitating the international cultural exchange between fashion designers, scholars, and students. We organize a variety of educational events including our annual International Student Fashion Design and Accessories Competition and our prestigious MasterClass-Series - five days consisting of exhibitions, seminars, and workshops directed by world-renowned designers. Presently, the Arts of Fashion Student Competition is the only U.S. fashion design competition credited by 2007 Annual Guide Percorsi di Creativita, published by LVMH.

2007 Arts of Fashion Competition
Theme: Confusion

After receiving over 400 entries from 30 countries in both the fashion and accessories categories, a panel of international educators selected 62 finalists in the fashion category and 22 finalists in the accessories category. The finalists selected from more than 90 schools and universities will have the opportunity to showcase 2 of their designs from the collections submitted during the Arts of Fashion Foundation Annual Symposium/Competition Fashion Show.

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The Fashion Department of Miami International University of Art & Design hosts and produces the Arts of Fashion Competition 2007.

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