CFDA Unveils 2013 Award Nominees

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NEW YORK — The 2013 CFDA Fashion Awards are starting to shape up with the unveiling of the nominees and special honorees for the June 3 event.

Marc Jacobs, Alexander Wang and Proenza Schouler’s Jack McCollough and Lazaro Hernandez are nominated for the Council of Fashion Designers of America’s Womenswear Designer of the Year award. The Menswear Designer of the Year award will be decided between Michael Bastian, Thom Browne and Duckie Brown’s Steven Cox and Daniel Silver, while nominees in the accessory category are Alexander Wang, Proenza Schouler’s McCollough and Hernandez and Phillip Lim for 3.1 Phillip Lim.

The awards, scheduled to take place at Lincoln Center’s Alice Tully Hall, will be underwritten by Swarovski for the 12th time. Once again, the night will recognize emerging talents via three Swarovski Awards. Women’s wear nominees are Suno’s Erin Beatty and Max Osterweis, Creatures of the Wind’s Shane Gabier and Christopher Peters and Cushnie et Ochs’ Carly Cushnie and Michelle Ochs. For men’s wear, they are Tim Coppens, Todd Snyder and Public School’s Dao-Yi Chow and Maxwell Osborne. Pamela Love, Jennifer Meyer and Irene Neuwirth are each nominated for the Swarovski award in Accessory Design.

In addition, several honorary awards will be handed out that evening. Vera Wang will receive the Geoffrey Beene Lifetime Achievement Award and Givenchy’s Riccardo Tisci will take home the International Award. The Founders Award, in honor of Eleanor Lambert, will go to Oscar de la Renta, while Tim Blanks of Style.com is getting the Media Award in honor of Eugenia Sheppard. Costume designer Colleen Atwood will receive the Board of Directors’ Tribute Award.

Like last year, the awards will be broadcast on Style.com the day after the event.

The nominees and honorees were unveiled at an event Wednesday evening at the CFDA’s Bleecker Street offices, which was hosted by CFDA president Diane von Furstenberg and Nadja Swarovski.

Galliano-Dior Case Heads to Appeal Court

By MILES SOCHA

PARIS — The labor case pitting disgraced designer John Galliano against his former employers, Christian Dior Couture and John Galliano SA, will move to the Court of Appeal in Paris.

Galliano’s lawyer, Chantal Giraud-van Gaver of Cobelence & Associés, confirmed that a hearing has been scheduled for Oct. 24 and that she would continue to argue that Galliano was a salaried employee.

Dior opposed a decision last month at the Conseil de prud’hommes, or Labor Relations Court, which found that Dior misclassified Galliano with Galliano’s company, Cheyenne Freedom. The fashion house argued that these could not be treated separately from the employment contracts established between Galliano and the two companies.

The tussle over legal competence will surely delay what was already bound to be a protracted procedure in a cluttered legal jurisdiction.

Galliano’s counsel has declined to specify the amount of damages he is seeking, saying any eventual compensation depends on the charges the court admits when the full case is finally heard.

It is understood he is seeking a figure in the range of 6 million euros, or $7.8 million.

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