

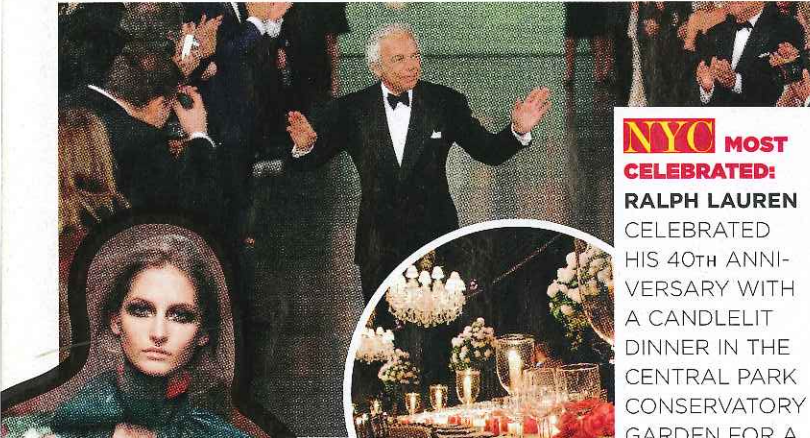


From New York, Milan and Paris

TOP CATWALK MOMENTS

PARIS

MOST TREASURED FINALE: Models dancing joyfully at the end of the runway marked the finale of **Valentino's** 45-year ready-to-wear career.



NYC MOST CELEBRATED: **RALPH LAUREN** CELEBRATED HIS 40TH ANNIVERSARY WITH A CANDLELIT DINNER IN THE CENTRAL PARK CONSERVATORY GARDEN FOR A FEW HUNDRED OF HIS CLOSEST FRIENDS.



PARIS

MOST LOVING TRIBUTE: Alexander McQueen honoured the late **Isabella Blow** (below left) with a collection that included outrageous hats by her milliner of choice, **Philip Treacy**—designs the former fashion editor and talent nurturer would surely have adored.



ALEXANDER MCQUEEN



INTERNATIONAL

NEWCOMER'S MOMENT: Canadian girls keep invading the runways. This season's top Canuck newbies, including (left to right) **Kori Richardson, Meghan Collison** and **Taryn Davidson**, stormed the catwalks of revered designers such as **Jil Sander, Givenchy** and **Chloé**.

MILAN

MOST PROVOCATIVE: **Miuccia Prada** never fails to blast away our current notions of style. While her art nouveau-inspired fantasyland left most editors perplexed, we fully expect to see the fashion pack adopting her girlish dresses and pj's.

PARIS

SOON-TO-BE MOST COPIED:

Balenciaga's runway bloomed with hot-house florals cut in neoprene. Look for a garden of floral prints in malls across the country by spring.



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