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WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THE FAIRMONT PACIFIC RIM THROWS A FASHION PARTY? PURE MAGIC

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Late November, the **Fairmont** Pacific Rim hosted A Fashion Statement, where some of Canada's top designers came together for a runway show in the hotel's recently renovated Lobby Lounge. Presented in partnership with the **Canadian** Arts & Fashion Awards, it was the sixth fashion-focused event for the hotel since opening in 2010. As they mingled, guests were treated to sips of Moët, canapés and live music on the

















new elevated stage before taking their seats for the show.

First to grace the catwalk was Vancouver-based **Christine Designs**, featuring elegant lingerie looks in silk and lace. Famous for being worn by Meghan Markle and Sophie Gregoire-Trudeau, Calgary's Nonie charmed with minimalist looks, while Di Carlo Couture of Montreal had all swooning with stunning bridal wear. Formerly of Toronto, Big Apple-based Victoria Hayes' hand-painted fashions were a hit with the crowd and the collaborative work of UNTTLD's José St-Jacques and Simon Bélanger closed out with an array of gorgeous pieces featuring custom prints and delicious fabrics.

Guests were then invited to attend a trunk show on the third floor, featuring collections by all five designers. Canadian fashion at its finest, indeed!





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