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CFDA announces winners of 2023 Fashion Awards

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Catherine Holstein, founder and creative director of Khaite, has won the American Womenswear Designer of the Year award. Image credit: CFDA

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The [Council of Fashion Designers of America](#) (CFDA) is reflecting on an evening of industry honors.

Winners of the 2023 Fashion Awards, presented by Amazon Fashion, were announced on Nov. 6 at the American Museum of Natural History in New York City. Founder and creative director of U.S. apparel brand Khaite Catherine Holstein took the title of American Womenswear Designer of the Year during a ceremony hosted by American actress Anne Hathaway.

Dressed for success

The CFDA Fashion Awards recognizes the achievements of creatives in the field and those who are considered to be ambassadors for American style.

This year, the trade association's chairman Thom Browne provided welcoming remarks to kick off the occasion.

After, Colombian singer Jos Ivano Osorio Balvin, known professionally as J Balvin, and American actor Greg Kinnear presented the American Menswear Designer of the Year award to Willy Chavarria. The founder of an eponymous apparel and accessories label is currently senior vice president of design at Calvin Klein.



Willy Chavarria, the Californian founder of the eponymous apparel and accessories label, was honored at the event. Image credit: CFDA

The night's highlights also included a film tribute to hip-hop's 50th anniversary, and a celebration of the Battle of Versailles, a

1973 fashion show that raised money for the restoration of the palace in which it was held.

South Korean automaker Genesis provided guests with transportation throughout the night, while beverages from French Champagne company Armand de Brignac were served at the awards show.

American comedian Ayo Edebiri and Nepalese-American fashion designer Prabal Gurung named Los Angeles-born actresses Ashley Olsen and Mary-Kate Olsen as the winners of the American Accessory Designer of the Year award for their work with U.S. ready-to-wear brand The Row.

Presenting the Shop with Google American Emerging Designer of the Year, American actor Charles Melton and American fashion designer Zac Posen announced Rachel Scott, founder and creative director of Caribbean apparel label Diotima, as the winner.



Ms. Scott was celebrated for her work at Diotima. Image credit: CFDA

American tennis champion Serena Williams was revealed as a Fashion Icon by American media personality Kim Kardashian, while American actress Demi Moore bestowed the Innovation Award upon wellness and lifestyle brand Goop, accepted by founder Gwyneth Paltrow.

The Board of Directors' Tribute was given to American fashion designer Vera Wang, and British actress Naomi Watts presented American journalist Alina Cho with the Media Award. Meanwhile, American actress Laura Linney announced that Chilean-born Maria Cornejo is the winner of the Geoffrey Beene Lifetime Achievement Award.

Domenico De Sole, Italian chairman at Tom Ford, won the Founder's Award, handed over by Mr. Ford himself.

American actress Rosario Dawson gave the Environmental Sustainability Award to Mara Hoffman, president and creative director of the namesake apparel label.

Jonathan Anderson, creative director at Loewe and founder of JW Anderson, was given the International Award by American actress Greta Lee, who recently appeared in one of Mr. Anderson's advertising campaigns ([see story](#)).