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## The Spring 2007 Collection

All eyes looked to spring 2007, fashionably speaking, as Bryant Park took center stage as [Olympus Fashion Week](#) hosted the Spring 2007 Collection in New York.

From September 8 - 15, 2006 in New York, the fashion world started looking ahead as to what to wear for Spring 2007. If you are anything like me, in September, you are still deciding what you are going to wear next week, let alone planning your ensemble for the spring, but it is always good to look ahead. For eight days, I ran with the fashionable crowd to see the latest collections, discover new designers, find the "hot" new trends in clothing and accessories, and learn about the new colors for the spring. Overall, it was a fabulously exhausting, yet very rewarding, week of fashion fun.

Twice a year, New York hosts the spring and fall designer collection shows where the fashion-conscious seek the hottest new trends from world-renowned designers to just emerging designers. The City is abuzz with fashion shows at Bryant Park, at designers' ateliers, at clubs, and even in the street; New York becomes a fashion extravaganza!

Even [The New York Public Library](#) got into the spirit of fashion week with their "A Rakish History of Men's Wear" exhibition with an interesting look at how "Clothes Become the Man," "Rank, War, and the Politics of Fashion," "Peacocks, Puritans, and Dandies" and "The Modern Era;" the exhibition runs until April 7, 2007.



There were 90 shows at Bryant Park and countless more shows and fashion events located throughout New York. **Olympus Fashion Week** shows at Bryant Park included: John Bartlett, Perry Ellis, BCBG Max Azria, Toni Maticevski, Marc Bouwer, Cia.Maritima, Gottex, Verrier, Duckie Brown, Nicole Miller, Baby Phat by Kimora Lee Simmons, Ashish N Soni, Chris Aire, Academy of Art University, Sabyasachi, Alice Roi, Atil Kutoglu, Alexandre Herchcovitch, Terexov, Jeanisis by Anand John, Jenni Kayne, Sass & Bide, Lacoste, Dragana Ognjenovic, Lela Rose, Brian Reyes, DKNY, Gustavo Arango, Tracy Reese, Sari Gueron, Diane Von Furstenberg, Naeem Khan, Tuleh, Rosa Cha, Akiko Ogawa, Willow, Carolina Herrera, Cynthia Steffe, Jill Stuart, Oscar de la Renta, Reem Acra, Charles Nolan, Luca Luca, Tamara Pogosian, Pamella Roland, Maz Azria, John Varvatos, Monique Lhuillier, Bill Blass, Chaiken, Malo, Betsey Johnson, Beckerman, Mac Millan, Nanette Lepore, Heatherette, Ports 1961, Peter Som, Michael Kors, Richard Chai, Douglas Hannant, Carlos Miele, Carmen Marc Valvo, Yeohlee, Milly by Michelle Smith, Y & Kei, Anna Sui, Michon Schur, Vlassis Holevas, Alice Ritter, J. Mendel, Badgley Mischka, Abaete, Malandrino, Vena Cava Presentation, Vera Wang, Temperley London, Calvin Klein, Joanna Mastroianni, Custo Barcelona, Zac Posen, Jason Wu, Project Runway, Ralph Lauren, Lisa Thon, Manuel, Vivienne Tam, Donna Karan, Erin Fetherston, Jay McCarroll, Doo.Ri, Chado Ralph Rucci, and Edun.

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Having lived in Brazil, I was surprised and delighted to see [Havaianas](#), the famous Brazilian flip-flops at Olympus Fashion Week. Fashionistas lined up to receive a pair of Havaianas created especially for them in the colors of their choice and emblazoned with Olympus Fashion Week New York. My choice was the turquoise and gold Havaianas!



How popular are Havaianas? Just look at the footwear on the fashionable feet of celebrities! You know that Havaianas are something special when the legendary jeweler [H. Stern](#) worked with Havaianas in 2003 to create special limited edition Havaianas. Believe me, these were no ordinary flip-flops. H. Stern created three limited editions: white Havaianas with yellow gold, (yes, real gold), brown Havaianas with yellow gold, and the ultimate extravagance, black Havaianas with yellow gold and diamonds, although those of course were not given away at the show, but a girl can certainly dream.

When it comes to fashion, it seems that everyone wants to get "in" on it, and **UPS** (the "Brown" guys) sponsored the fourth tent at Bryant Park featuring new designers. It seems that UPS is delivering more than just packages these days, and supporting new designers is a worthwhile endeavor.



Speaking of new designers, Edward F. Nesta and I went to the [Zulema](#) Spring 2007 Collection show at Cielo in New York on September 13, 2006 sponsored by Belvedere Vodka. Bravo television viewers may remember Zulema from Project Runway, but this Parsons-educated, former Ford model-turned-costume-designer-turned-fashion-designer, has come a long way, baby. Her Spring 2007 Collection entitled "The Lizzies vs. The Stilettoes" where she presented twenty looks, took inspiration from films with clothing designs from the 1930s, 1940s, and even 1600s Japan.

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Examples of Zulema's collection include Look 1 from The Stilettoes line and Look 15 from The Lizzies line. Look 1 featured a flowing grey silk georgette ruffled jacket with silk and cotton satin label detailing, with printed silk charmeuse halter, paired with silver silk and metal herringbone slim fit pants, and a metallic rope belt.



Zulema's Look 15 from The Lizzies line featured a white silk and wool dress with pleated corset bodice and patterned lace waist with black beaded pinched pleat flower.

Sigrid Olsen found a very enterprising way to attract the attention of fashion attendees by offering complimentary pedi-cab rides from Bryant Park. Lucky riders even received a complimentary tote bag when they reached their final destination.

What are the hot colors for the spring? According to [Pantone, Inc.](http://www.pantone.com/), the colors for spring 2007 are gorgeous neutrals and irresistible shades of corals, yellows, purples, pinks, greens, and blues. Look for colors with alluring names of Silver Peony, Tarragon, Opal Gray, Golden Apricot, Hollyhock, Green Sheen, Grapemist, Café Crème, Strawberry Ice, and Sky Blue. Of course, black, navy, and white remain a constant, but will make way for other neutral shades.

This season look for hemlines above, at, and even below the knees, in other words, anything goes. With fashion, remember that it is all about what is right for you; just because something is "in style" make sure that it is your style, and find a style that works for you. See you at the next Fashion show!

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