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Men's Fall Fashion 2007 Preview



Here it is July, with summer temperatures approaching the 90s, but its time for a preview of Men's Fall Fashions 2007 from [Cabbeen](#), [Perry Ellis](#), and [LACOSTE](#) as seen on the runways during [Mercedes-Benz Fashion Week](#).

Gentlemen, get ready for a whirlwind fashion preview from an international Who's Who of designers. Braving the extremely cold temperatures in New York in February 2007, Luxury Experience Magazine was front and center at the Mercedes-Benz Fashion Shows, which we now bring to you.

Over 90 designers exhibited their men and women's Fall 2007 collections at Mercedes-Benz Fashion Week under the tents at Bryant Park from February 2 -9, 2007, and while Edward F. Nesta and I would have needed the endurance of marathon competitors, as well as an abundance of unlimited time to attend each and every show, we did make it to a number of the main shows, the off-premise shows, and of course, the after show parties.



We begin our Mercedes-Benz Fashion Week Fall Fashion 2007 line-up with [Cabbeen](#), a young designer from China, who hit the fashion world in 1989, and has picked up numerous accolades along the way in China including Eminent Chinese Designer (2006), Most Fashionable Men's Wear (2006), and Best Designer of Men's Wear (2004). He made his United States debut this year at the Mercedes-Benz Fashion Week 2007 and is the first designer from Mainland China to do so.

Cabbeen took time before his show to meet with Edward and I to discuss his Fall 2007 collection. Asked about his experience exhibiting in New York for the first time, he replied, "It is a new challenge, and a brand new experience." As for where he gets his inspiration for his collections, "From my daily life. Most of my clients and my fans are living the same life as me." Although his company is based in southern China in Guangzhou, he leads an international life where his travels take him to Paris, Hong Kong, Beijing, Milan, among many other cities. He feels that "Beijing is such an exciting city that designers all come to Beijing for inspiration, and that it is important to have a cultural and fashion exchange."

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Cabbeen Fall 2007 Collection

He showed a wide array of fashions with 40 looks from his signature CABBEEN collection focusing on innovative trendy, hip, yet upscale casual fashions. Focusing on beautifully cut and tailored suits, jackets, shirts, and jeans, he incorporates embroidery into his color palette of mainly black, charcoal, navy, army green, khaki, and ivory, adding splashes of color here and there. His clothing is about the small details that create a visually powerful impact and appeal.



A few of the selections from his Fall 2007 collection included a Black Jacket with Red Flower Embroidery paired with a Black Tank with Light Blue Cherry Blossom Embroidery; Black Windowpane Suit with Submarine Embroidery; Black Tuxedo Jacket with Blue Rose Embroidery; Robin's Egg Jacket with Cherry Blossom Embroidery; Denim Jacket with Faux Fur Lining; Black Shiny Puff Jacket with Removable Faux Fur Collar; Black Shirred Satin Jacket; Metallic Sand Jean Jacket with Mythical Embroidery; and White

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Cotton Twill Motorcycle with Red/Beige Zip Front. Luxury Experience Magazine would like to congratulate Cabbeen on his United States debut, and we look forward to seeing his future collections again in New York.



Luxury Experience Magazine also attended the [Perry Ellis](#) show, where models strolled the runway to the song, *I Feel Free*. **John Crocco**, Creative Director for Perry Ellis showed 42 looks from his Fall 2007 collection, featuring a clean line in a neutral color palette. The collection featured a sporting/hunting/fishing/manor look



with suede patches on elbows, belted jackets and sweaters, as well as eveningwear. Sumptuous classic creations beautifully executed in lambswool, moleskin, merino, cashmere, silk, and leather, were the focus of the show.



A few selections from his jacket collection included a Cropped Peacoat in Dune; Fleece Lined Jacket Luke Jacket in Cedar; Leather Motor Jacket in Beach Plum; Washed Leather Duck Jacket in Honey; and Twill Campus Jacket in Sand. A few selections from his coat collection included Pieced Topcoat in Camel; Silk Bengal Herringbone Topcoat in Cedar; and Double-breasted Nubuck Trench in Honey. A few selections from his evening collection included Wool Dinner Suit in Storm Heather; Calvary Twill Dinner Jacket in Sand; and Herringbone Stripe Dinner Suit in Storm.

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Perry Ellis Fall 2007 Collection



The Mercedes-Benz Fashion always attracts celebrities to its shows, and **Carson Kressley** (Bravo television *Queer Eye for the Straight Eye* show) and **Timothy Gunn** (Bravo television and Chief Creative Officer at Liz Claiborne) were among the many enthusiastic VIP faces at the Perry Ellis show.

When someone asked Carson about how he felt about the general trend of tight fitting clothing, he replied with his trademark smile and wit, "No one wants to see 10 pounds of sugar in a 5 pound bag," to which I concur with wholeheartedly.

Christophe Lemaire of [LACOSTE](#) had his models strolling through colorful leaves casually strewn on the vast runway creating the look of an autumn countryside. His collection focused on "Le week-end" in France with an emphasis on the "luxurious town and country side of the brand."



LACOSTE Fall 2007 Collection

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The large-scale show combined both his men and women's Fall/Winter 2007-08 Collection. A few selection highlights from his men's collection included details of suede piping, leather buttons, and faux sheepskin collar on a contemporary cardigan, tight leather bombers with shearling collars, and corduroy jackets. This season look for lean silhouettes, slim-fit jeans and corduroy trousers, and tight and tailored clothing from LACOSTE. His menswear included brightly striped crew neck sweaters, neutral striped shirts, and argyle sweaters. After the show, I went backstage and met Christophe Lemaire who was speaking with actress **Julianne Moore**, who was among his many VIP guests seated in the audience.



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LACOSTE Fall 2007 Collection

As the Fall 2007 season is rapidly approaching, gentlemen, it is time to go out shopping! Luxury Experience Magazine wishes you a happy and fashionable season!

For information on the **Spring 2008 Mercedes-Benz Fashion Week** in New York or other Mercedes-Benz Fashion Week International shows, please visit the **Mercedes-Benz Fashion Week** website at: www.MBFashionWeek.com.

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