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SCENE IN L.A.



Eduardo Lucero, Danyel Burke & Marisol Nichols



Emilio Estefan, DJ Nayib & Gloria Estefan



Jon Secada & Albita



Daisy Fuentes

LATIN FASHION

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At the first annual Latin Grammy Awards celebratory gala, it was a toss up as to what was more fabulous: Evolution.tv's Web site-launch promo or the fashion shows, featuring 2001 spring collections by Eduardo Lucero and Henry Duarte. Overall, the night was filled with original content, both provocative and inspiring. Evolution.tv—the evening's sponsor and the latest "Gen Y" site for online content and commerce—showcases fashion, music, models and extreme sports. Given the thematic variety, their promotional video was an innovative blend of images: celebrity, cityscape, clothing and music.

The fashion shows followed. Duarte's avant-garde collection summoned memories of Beatles album covers. Emaciated men in skin-tight jeans and flimsy scarves sported *Mod Squad* hairdos (compliments of Fred Segal) and strutted down the runway, pausing every few steps to strike a pose. There was tension in the designs—the

sense that those who wore Duarte's clothing couldn't move. Literally, one model could barely make it down the runway because his pants were so snug.

Gorgeous women in Lucero's transparent blouses and beaded pants, dresses with mid-section cutouts and seductive lingerie enraptured the audience, evoking near-constant applause.

Cuban diva Albita wowed the audience with fiery renditions of Latin dance and soul hits following the shows. Daisy Fuentes, who served as the evening's hostess, proclaimed her love for the songstress's music, insisted that if Albita couldn't rouse you from your seat and get you dancing, no one could.

Simultaneous to Albita's performance was the outdoor fête where DJ Nayib "Munsky" Estefan spun a mix of salsa, pop and R&B, all by Latin artists. Khaki-clad waiters from Catering by Fields passed hors d'œuvres to partygoers, many of whom spent the night waiting in line for a drink. Dessert tables and cappuccino carts stood at the party's perimeters, but their popularity paled in comparison to that of the bar.

The work of Latin artists, supplied by Itzamal Gallery, was on display and the topic of much conversation, though it received only lukewarm reviews. A better reception was given to celebrity attendees Gloria and Emilio Estefan, Eriq LaSalle, Carlos Ponce, Majandra Delfino, Jon Secada, Kelly Hu and Greg Vaughan, who came out to support the Latin Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences and Evolution.tv.

At 2AM, guests began to wander toward the valet, tuckered out by the night's fashion and dot-com extravaganza. And, as is the case for many an alfresco fiesta, in no time at all, the site of this party would be nothing more than an asphalt parking lot.



Carlos Ponce & Patricia Mantecón



Greg Vaughan



Eriq LaSalle