
TikiGlam sparked the imagination of all at the Summer Fashion Show on June 27th



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Houston fashion designer [Kuteka Hill](#) expressed her belief that fashion is a form of art at her [TikiGlam](#) summer fashion show on June 27th, 2010 at [Hotel Derek](#). [Social Butterfly](#), [Stone It Glam Boutique](#), and [After Hours](#) art are a few of the locals with merchandise on display for attendees to peruse, while sipping cocktails before the fashion show.



TikiGlam final model walk
Credits: Photo by Jay Marroquin

Ashley Manuel opened the show with her elegant dance routine and [JLA](#) entertained the audience midway thru the show. Once the models took the runway, [TikiGlam](#) presented multifaceted clothing from causal and club to modern and black-tie. It is not easy to make a painter's drop cloth and graffiti into an evening gown, but Kuteka was able to do so with flying colors by maintaining a sense of humor.

Of course, there are many that do not consider fashion design as a pure art form. In fact, fashion design and clothing is one of the few art forms that allow people, besides the original artist, to touch and be a part of the art. Give it a try, go to your favorite store and ask if you can try on a garment. Will the store associates eye you strangely for your request or tell you no? They might have a few store rules, but of course you can try the clothes.

Now, if you went into the [Museum of Fine Arts Houston](#) and try to handle the paintings, statues, artifacts, or any other art form they display; please be advised you will be stopped and probably asked to leave. So it is not recommend that you try to play with the pretty things at the Museum of Fine Arts. This examiner knows this first hand, after she took her two young nephews to their Pompeii exhibit. Apparently petting the volcanic cast of the puppy is frowned upon, but it does provide you with a minimum of two security guards for the rest of your trip.

Kuteka Hill presents TikiGlam clothing as couture. It is also clearly within the avant-garde realm. Avant-garde is a fashion term many have heard of, yet not everyone knows exactly what it means. The definition is subjective, but innovative or not adhering to the status quo is a broad explanation. It is used to describe not only types of art, but also culture and politics. In others words, what was seen on the runway at the TikiGlam fashion show might be a bit fashion forward for 90% of Americans.

This is the interesting part and where fashion truly allows more than the artist (fashion designer) to participate. When you find yourself at a fashion show directly from a designer and not a store or boutique, you are looking at the designer's vision. This might seem more like a trip down the rabbit

hole if you are an 'Alice,' but it is right on mark for the designers that can represent just about any 'Wonderland' character. Once the designer reveals their designers, it is now up to you the consumer to become a part of the art project and wear the garment in a manner that you feel most comfortable.

A TikiGlam model with multi-colored florescent tulle skirts, wild top, and glittery platform heels on the runway is the vision of Kuteka. Take the tulle skirt and pair it with a pair of ballet flats and a white tee and you have the style of this fashion examiner. Another person may keep the wild top and glittery platform heels, but pair it with a pair of jeans. Three people saw the same garments and were able to express themselves in very different ways.

That is the special way fashion is not only art, but art for the community to participate in. Kuteka Hill captured that essence in her TikiGlam fashion show. Want to participate in the TikiGlam art process personally? [TikiGlam](#) clothing will be available on-line in mid-July. Can't wait that long? [Affection Boutique](#) and [Social Butterfly](#) are two of the Houston stores that currently offer TikiGlam clothing.

[Multifaceted Exquisite Events](#) planned and organized the fashion show event. [Premier DJ](#) rocked the show with their skills. Several photographers snapped pictures of the events and models, including [Jay Marroquin](#) and [Neil Jou](#). Check out the slide show below for great pictures from the fashion show, taken by photographer Jay Marroquin.

The slide show also shows the amazing talent of [Dionysus Hair](#). The hair and make-up artists at Dionysus worked their magic and defied gravity on the models of the TikiGlam fashion show. Dionysus has two Houston location; [Dionysus Hair in Midtown](#) and [Dionysus Salon~Spa in the Woodlands](#). They can handle all your personal beauty needs, fashion show & event make-up, and any other fashion emergency you bring their way.
