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**Raul Peñaranda Claims a Spot Amongst Top Designers
As Debut Collection Meets Standing Ovations at NY Fashion Week**

New York, NY (September 15, 2010) – “Dream Vision Reality” is a phrase that designer Raul Peñaranda lives by, and on Tuesday, September 14th, his ambitious dream and exquisite vision became a reality as he debuted his premiere Spring collection at the Metropolitan Pavilion in New York City.

After a long and dedicated career assisting some of the biggest names in fashion, a large and reputable crowd gathered to see Raul Peñaranda’s vision take center stage. Notable attendees included Grammy award-winning songwriter Mary Brown, pop sensation Alexandra Amor, as well as a special runway appearance by Miss Universe 2008 Dayana Mendoza who opened and closed the show.

From the thunderous applause to the rave reviews, it is safe to say that Raul did not disappoint. Balancing creativity with quality, the designer displayed a flawless understanding of the female figure. The collection included shimmering silver and gold skirts; bright, playful dresses in all cuts and sizes, and flowing, form-fitting gowns with cutouts at the waist that would make any woman feel fun, flirty, and downright fabulous.

Raul’s vision, however, does not stop there as he completed each outfit with a perfect innovative hat by designer Anastasia. In addition, the designer’s genius was evident in the elaborate hand-painted technique that he created and incorporated in a few of his pieces. It is this divine comprehension of the complete look that not only impressed the audience, but also emphasized Raul Peñaranda’s mastery of his craft.

“Watching every piece from my collection come to life as the models stepped onto the runway was a unique out-of-body experience,” Raul said after the show. “It was a moment of pure happiness when I came out with all the models at the end, kissed both of my parents and felt the love and support of my partner who has been with me throughout this entire journey of making my dream and vision reality.”

After coming to the United States at the age of 24, Raul Peñaranda’s success comes from nothing but hard work and dedication. With such a strong work ethic, it comes as no surprise that Raul has made it this far. He personally describes his collection as “Uptown meet Williamsburg,” but after a night of superb fashion, this inspiring man’s debut collection needs no description; it is distinctly Raul Peñaranda.

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