



Being Beene

Diane von Furstenberg and the CFDA toast Kim Hastreiter's Geoffrey Beene tome

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(NEW YORK) It's fitting for **Geoffrey Beene**, a legend of American fashion, to be feted by a woman of similarly lauded talent: **Diane von Furstenberg**. The CFDA president invited American fashion's major players to help her launch **Kim Hastreiter's *Geoffrey Beene: An American Fashion Rebel***.



On the second floor of DvF's HQ, a throng of designers including **Adi, Ange & Gabi** of Three as Four, **Yigal Azrouel, Doo-Ri Chung, Erin Fetherston, Gilles Mendel, Narciso Rodriguez, Ralph Rucci, Yeohlee Teng, and Isabel & Ruben Toledo** all showed to support.

"Talking to all of Mr. Beene's friends was the most fun part of the process," said Hastreiter. "I loved going through his desk drawer as well. I found this amazing little box of dominos in a red ceramic case with polka dots all over." The *Paper* editrix signed books for her friends while other guests swilled champagne and noshed on grilled cheese and lobster spring rolls.



"He is the most important designer of our times," said Chung, who worked with Beene for six years. "I met him on the Concorde," said von Furstenberg. "He loved my store on 5th Avenue so much that he ended up taking it over." **Tom Hutton**, president of Geoffrey Beene, said he had many amusing memories of Beene, but refused to dish. "I was his lawyer," he confessed, "So it's hard for me to divulge my favorite memories."

Similarly chic book signings will hit the West Coast in November at Decades in Los Angeles and M.A.C in San Francisco.

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