

## **Martina N.Samuel- Costume Designer/ Fashion Stylist**

Born and raised in The Netherlands, Martina ventured into the fashion industry at the age of sixteen as an assistant stylist for the famous Dutch TV-show *Uit De Klas Geklapt*.

After studying painting at the Riedveldt Art Academy in Amsterdam and designing personal wardrobe for Grace Jones and Prince, she left Europe at the age of 20. Ever since she is based out of New York and has worked and operated all over the US, Canada, Europe and southeast Asia.

Martina Smitka specializes in the styling and costume design for the fashion, music and film industries.

Through her ability to foresee upcoming trends in style and design, she has consistently transformed innovative concepts into commercially successful material.

By combining her experience from around the world with the latest in cutting edge couture, she has developed her own cosmopolitan blend and sophisticated style.

### **Industry Experience**

#### Commercial/ Advertisement

American Apparel, Puma, Christian Dior, Baby Phat, J.Mendel, Nieman Marcus, Macy's, Burlington, Garnier, Remy Martell, Bacardi, Urban Wireless, Itsus, Rudzak, Natural Furs, Nylon, Yoyo, Limite

#### Celebrities

Sean "Puffy" Combs, Grace Jones, Prince, Garou, Itaal Shur, Cindy Lauper, Brandy, Shaggy, Whitney Houston, Enrique Iglesias, Joy Zipper, Burlap to Kashmir, Gabrielle, Jesse Harris, Joss Stone, Lucy Woodward, Duran Duran, Antonia Bennett

#### Television

CNN, VH1, MTV, NBC, Oxygen, Yorin, RTL 4

#### Publications

Harpers Bazaar, Vogue, Vanity Fair, W, Elle, WWDaily, Cosmopolitan, Rolling Stone, Geffen, The Book, Playboy, Esquire, Sports Illustrated, The Observer, The New Yorker, De Telegraaf, Het Parool, Paper, Vibe, Honey, I-D, Details, Tokion, Ocean Drive, Nylon, Petra

#### Fashion shows

Douglas Hannant, Baby Phat, Louis Feraud, Dubuc, Global Furs

#### Film

Legally Blonde, starring Reese Witherspoon, director: Robert Luketic

Life in Bed, director: Jette Revolver

Wasted, starring Hugo Metzgers, director: Ian Kerkhof

#### Theater

Cirque du Soleil