

Elle March 09



flare WAS THERE



FASHION FIXTURES: Designer Jeremy Laing and Holt Renfrew's Marlow Szello



PICTURE PERFECT: Lisa Cohen (left) and Dimitra Davidson



DRESSING THE PART: Donna D'Onofrio in Giambattista Valli

Valli Girls

The event: Material Ball: Diamonds **The low-down:** Fashion lovers, industry insiders and socials dressed to the nines flocked to Toronto's Royal Ontario Museum (aka the temple of Giambattista Valli) in November to worship the world-renowned Italian designer's couture-like Spring '09 creations, fresh from the Paris runway. The extravaganza was part of the ROM's Material Ball: Diamonds fundraiser, benefiting the Burnham Brett Endowment for Textiles and Costume, and the textile and costume priorities of the Renaissance ROM Campaign at the museum. **Cherry on top:** Guests got a sneak peek of the exhibit *The Nature of Diamonds*, currently on display until March 22. □



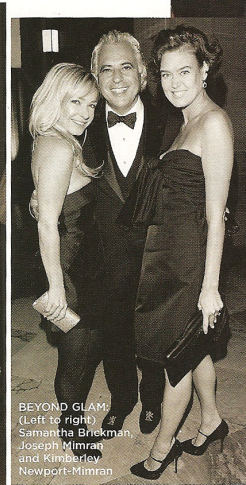
SIMPLY DIVINE: Sarah Bywater



MAGIC MOMENT: Giambattista Valli and Suzanne Rogers in Emanuel Ungaro



RED HOT: Kelly Barnicke in Giambattista Valli



BEYOND GLAM: (left to right) Samantha Brockman, Joseph Mimran, and Kimberley Newport-Mimran