

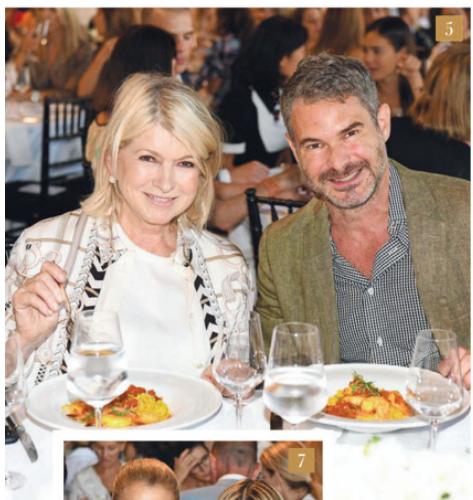
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POWER DRESSING

FIT's Couture Council honored Narciso Rodriguez with the Award for Artistry of Fashion during its annual luncheon.

1. Felicity Kostakis, Kamie Lightburn and Elizabeth Musmanno **2.** The event included a three-course luncheon. **3.** Joyce Brown, Narciso Rodriguez and Valerie Steele **4.** Stephanie March **5.** Decorating gurus Martha Stewart and Bronson van Wyck shared a table. **6.** The David H. Koch Theater's promenade **7.** Jessica Seinfeld and Kathy Reilly



THE PARTY The Couture Council of The Museum at Fashion Institute of Technology kicked off New York Fashion Week with its annual luncheon, honoring **Narciso Rodriguez** with the 2018 Couture Council Award for Artistry of Fashion; Rodriguez called the moment his and his parents' "dream come true." **THE GUESTS** Co-chaired by **Angela Dotson** and **Jean Shafiroff**, the event drew notable attendees such as **Olivia Palermo**, **Martha Stewart**, **Jessica Seinfeld** and **Ali Wentworth**, who first enjoyed cocktails on the David H. Koch Theater's adjoining terrace before being ushered into the theater's promenade for a three-course luncheon. **THE HIGHLIGHTS** Seinfeld, who presented the award to Rodriguez, took a moment to compliment his work, saying, "Narciso Rodriguez designs clothing to make women feel strong and beautiful. He designs with integrity, ingenuity, longevity and elegant simplicity, and that is why he is here."

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