Fashions To Love



White Rhinestones trim red crepe gown designed by Gai Mattiolo.

The 41st annual Ebony Fash ion Fair "Fashions To Love" will appear in Portland at the Doubletree Hotel, Jantzen Beach, on Friday, April 16 at 8 PM. The world's largest traveling fashion show is produced by Ebony Magazine and is sponsored by the Portland Chapter of the Links, incorporated for the benefit of the Links' educational and scholarship fund.

Fashionable women are sometimes obsessed with following the ever-changing fashion trends each year. The obsession may now become two-fold for designers collections this season emphasize fashions for the body beautiful. "Fashions To Love" will showcase body-revealing, sensuous styles and fabrics.

Yves Saint Laurent's couture collection which highlighted beautiful fabrics with superb tailoring was one of the best he has

produced. He was one of the few designers who was not obsessed with the nudity trend.

Givenchy's collection featured garments embroidered by Paris' noted fashion embroiderer, Le Sarge. A white jumpsuit with sheer chiffon cut as low as possible in front and back was worn under a white floor-length cashmere coat with a crescent shape cut in back of the coat to reveal sheer chiffon. It was a photographer's dream.

Unusual fabrics shown throughout several designer's collections included fringed cellophane, plus golds and brocades that hypnotically changed colors with every move.

There is also a variety of skirt lengths, however, the mini length emerges as the favorite in this year's fashions. "Fashions To Love" will emphasize not only marvelous fabrics but the designs and cut of many of the couturier's innovations.



