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Say 'oui' to Junior League's holiday show

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Christmas in Paris. Paris can be magical with the excitement and romance of the city's famous cuisine, architecture and high fashion. Guests can expect that sort of atmosphere at the Junior League of Arlington's Holiday Magic Fashion show and luncheon set for Nov. 11.

Arlington's most prestigious fashion event, this year's "Oui Bit of Couture" show will be produced by **Karl** and **Belinda Marshall** of KM Productions and will feature collections from FIG Designers, Flirt, Jazzy Jems, Teesie's Attic, Dillard's and Ella Bella Boutique.

The Grand Ballroom at the Arlington Convention Center will take on a Parisian feel as stylishly dressed guests stream in after a morning of sipping poinsettias while enjoying private shopping at the elaborate Gift Market that anchors the multievent fundraiser.

The Marshalls always deliver a show worthy of any New York fashion week production. Karl Marshall said the Christmas in Paris theme calls for extremes in some of the fall and winter trends. "You'll see some overstated moments on the runway," said Marshall, "but the audience will also see pieces they can relate to and want in their own wardrobe."

Marshall said he wants to emphasize color and texture with the fashions, and professional models from the Kim Dawson and Campbell Wagner agencies make any outfit look stunning.

"Strong and upscale denim will always be a part of Texas fashion," Marshall said of pieces from Teesie's Attic. "Jazzy Jems will bring some bling and one-of-a-kind creations from Los Angeles," and the exclusive Antonio Melani and Gianni Bini collections from Dillard's "will give a Chanel feel with structured and ladylike fashions."

In its debut at Holiday Magic, FIG Designers will show exquisite pieces from its European collection that Marshall expects to inspire the audience artistically. Fun party dresses and Hollywood celebrity style describe what Marshall has chosen from Flirt Boutique, and the adorable children of Junior League members modeling Ella Bella creations will get the biggest audience reaction and attract their own paparazzi.

"When you think of Paris, it's always so feminine -- I think of the silhouette of a woman -- and that's our goal with this show," Marshall said. "I want to cover all the fashion bases."

A silent auction will offer DKNY and Michael Kors watches, a shopping spree, designer sunglasses, Dallas Cowboys tickets, cosmetics, jewelry and more. Two showstoppers should make bidding at the live auction memorable -- a shopping spree at Saks Fifth Avenue on Michigan Avenue in Chicago and a three-night stay for two along with a Las Vegas trip featuring three nights at The Cosmopolitan, airfare and VIP show tickets.

Always popular with the ladies is the moment when the male models auction holiday ornaments that may or may not contain a lovely piece of jewelry. The feigned flirting is all in good fun and raises money for a good cause.

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