

ACI Opening Reception: The Jumpsuit

Arizona Costume Institute, Phoenix Art Museum

Arizona Costume Institute (ACI) at Phoenix Art Museum welcomed guests and members to the opening reception and preview party celebrating a new fashion design exhibition in The Kelly Ellman Fashion Design Gallery, *One for All and All for One: The Jumpsuit*. ACI president **Arlene Graybill-Moffitt** gave opening comments in Whitman Hall saying, "ACI is a support organization that helps collect and preserve garments and accessories of historic and aesthetic significance to the collection. ACI promotes fashion as art through educational programs and fundraising events." Curator of fashion design **Dennita Sewell** gave a lecture highlighting the history of the jumpsuit, from its utilitarian beginnings to designs worn by rock stars, NASA astronauts, socialites and Olympic competitors. The exhibition includes jumpsuits by **Rudi Gernrie**, **Sonia Rykiel**, **Stella McCartney**, **Yves Saint Laurent** and **Giorgio Armani**. The exhibition runs until February 1, 2009, and lectures and ArtBreak gallery talks are planned. New York designer **Adam Kimmel** talks about the future of menswear on October 21, and on November 25, **Lynn Downey**, historian for Levi Strauss & Co., will give a presentation on denim. The opening party included entertainment by two bands, great treats, an opportunity to be photographed in your jumpsuit for those who dared to wear one, and the company of those who love fashion. Exhibition sponsor **Robert Burg** said, "The jumpsuit, from haute couture to coveralls to those on the runway this season, is an inspiring, timeless design." ACI members have a busy season planned; their Holiday Luncheon will be held December 10 and a trip to San Francisco and deYoung Fine Arts Museum in January. ■



Brandi Dempsey "Elvis", Zachary Dean "Ted"



Robert Burg, Dennita Sewell



Jim Ballinger, Kelly and Steve Ellman



Cheryl Shonk, Arlene Graybill-Moffitt



Gerda Ray, Jim and Roxanne Weaver



Francine McCrea, Lisa Pagel, Kim Knotter