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Seductive Glamor from Toni Maticovski

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By Colin Bertram

Aussie designer Toni Maticovski has been quietly building a loyal following for his sexily understated cocktail and evening dresses.

For spring 2009, he showed another standout collection of demi-couture quality. Liquid columns of gold were artfully tucked and gathered to fall effortless across the bodice and then cascade to the floor. A semi sheer blouse created from multi-colored strips of gauze was reminiscent of a glowing Tiffany lamp. Lustrous embroidered silk in the deepest black was fashioned into a three-tiered ensemble with all the polish of a 1960's Jackie Kennedy outfit.

At 37 outfits, the show felt a tad long, but each time ennui began to settle Maticovski revved up the interest with a gauzy lace dress in nude or flapper dress featuring delicate beading and just enough fringe to give it some sass.

And while the hand-dyed orange evening dresses were a little too sugary sweet, the gilt-hued one-shouldered cocktail numbers and black embroidered silk gowns had enough mystery and romance to cut through any saccharine residue.

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I was at this show and it was magical. I must say the choice of venue, Hotel Roger Williams was brilliant--the space was open and bright and a perfect match to Mr. Maticovski's collection.

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