

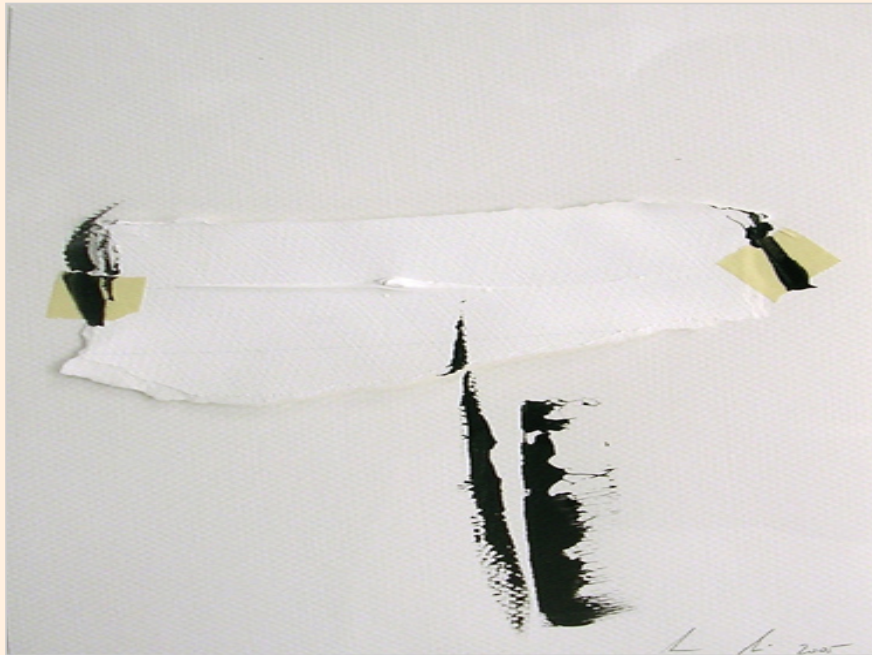
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## Rucci's Most Exclusive Collection



Rucci's "Tempest"

(2005)

The [Serge Sorokko Gallery](#) has just opened the exclusive exhibit of fashion designer/artist **Ralph Rucci's** latest paintings: "Ralph Rucci: Messages from the Void, Part 2." The 40-piece collection has a dramatic, highly sophisticated feel that, like his clothing, is really quite beautiful. It was a thrill to see the work.

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I attended the crowded opening last week, where the big surprise was the attendance of **James Galanos**, the great legend of American couture, who had come in from Los Angeles for the occasion. In the photo above, he is shown with **Joy Venturini Bianchi**, caught in a rare moment *without* her signature frames. As always, she's dressed totally of the moment (notice the chic turban), yet is totally classic (in Rucci, naturalment.)

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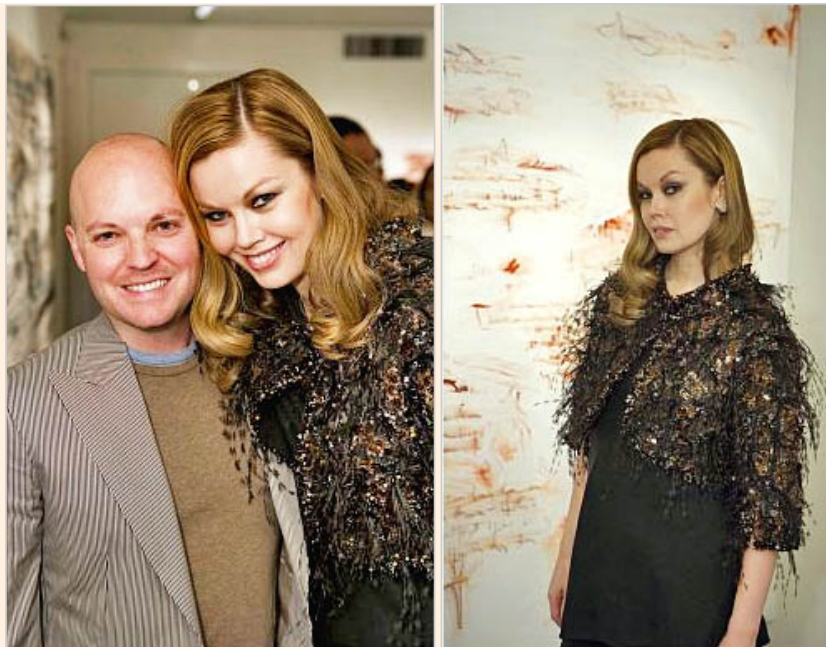
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Also wearing Rucci, **Tatiana Sorokko** (shown here with **David Nash**), who looked absolutely regal. I affectionately think of her as the “Empress Tatiana” due to her exquisite bearing (but don’t get the wrong idea... she’s not some difficult queen. She’s the nicest woman!) I suspect that my idol **Diana Vreeland**, who loved Russian imperial glamour, would have adored her.

Below, see some of the other fabulous people who came to the Rucci reception.

[Peter Coyote, Stefanie Coyote, Denise Bradley](#)

**Denise Bradley, Peter Coyote** and **Stefanie Coyote**, enjoying the art.

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Clara Shayevich and  
Tatiana Sorokko

Tina Spangler and Tatiana  
Sorokko

Norah Stone

**Clara Shayevich**, Sorokko; **Tina Spangler**, Sorokko; **Norah Stone**

Claudia Ross

John and David of Torso.

Jeane Taylor

**Claudia Ross**; **John and David of Torso** **Vintages**; **Jeanne Taylor**

And don't you just love **Jeanne Taylor's** striking style? She's like an older version of the cool **Hitchcock** blonde of the '60s; so beautifully trim, so polished and perfectly poised!

The Rucci exhibit is continuing at 231 Grant Avenue **until June 20**, so do make a point to see it!

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