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Two designers, a quarterback & a gaggle of Power Dancers: How Naeem Khan, Tory Burch & Matt Schaub shook the scene

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So how do you make an internationally-heralded fashion designer feel honored when he comes to dinner in your home? You dictate a very limited dress code: Wear the designer or nothing at all.

OK, it wasn't that intense when **Becca Cason Thrash** sent out invitations for dinner with **Naeem Khan**. But she did strongly suggest via email that

all the ladies wear something by the designer, known for his elaborate evening creations with heaps of exquisite beading. "Old or new, long or short, it doesn't matter, as long as it's Naeem" she implored.

With her confidence running high that the dozen or so femmes would arrive in the requested designer, Becca purred, "Tonight, I think you're going to see every style of Naeem Khan known to mankind. It was the easiest dress code I've ever done."

And indeed every single woman that walked through the door of the grand Memorial area home was dressed in Naeem from **Melissa Mithoff** in a dazzling shortie cocktail dress from the designer's resort collection to **Diane Lokey Farb**, who stepped out of her comfort zone of Chanel to wear Naeem. And that was a good thing on Diane's part as she was seated next to the designer. Becca sat on the other side.

Naeem was in town for his star turn at the **Catwalk for a Cure** luncheon and fashion show presented by Saks Fifth Avenue. He came in a day early for Becca's dinner in his honor.

"Houston is that one city that I really love coming to. Everyone is so sweet," he said as he stood at the incredibly long dining table and toasted the 30 guests. "I swear, I had tears in my eyes on the airplane coming down here. Thank you for loving me."

Among those showing Naeem the love were **Rosemarie and Matt Johnson, Elizabeth and Gary Petersen, Mickey Rosmarin, Courtney**



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Hopson, Monsour Taghdisi, Gregory Fourticq, Laura Casey Greenberg and Evan Greenberg, Neal Hamil and John Thrash, just off the jet from a biz trip to Hong Kong. They all swooned over the four-course dinner prepared by [Felix 55](#) chef [Michael Kramer](#).

For the record, this party went on until 1:30 in the morning with Naeem not calling his driver until 1 a.m.

Tory Burch in the house

Cheeky Vintage owners [Tina Davis](#) and [Denise Hazan](#) have made yet another home run with a big name designer. [Tory Burch](#) was in the Richmond Avenue store on Thursday and made a single-handed run on mod knit dresses, pantsuits, tailored jackets, sequined gowns, chunky shoes, ladylike handbags and statement pendants.

The vintage pieces, the designer says, provide inspiration for her creations.

Tory was in Houston for a personal appearance at Neiman Marcus.

You might recall that [Tommy Hilfiger's](#) visual stylist hit the store last winter, stocking up on vintage pieces for his New York and Paris stores. And just last month, a rep for [Annie Segal](#), daughter of maverick retailer [Fred Segal](#), was in and picked up edgy vintage pieces for her new [Fred Segal Originals](#) store in Santa Monica.

Sight 'ems

[Naeem Khan](#) at Ristorante Cavour in [Hotel Granduca](#) where he was guest of honor at a dinner saluting underwriters of the Catwalk for a Cure luncheon. Joining him were Saks Fifth Avenue CEO [Steve Sadove](#) in from New York, store manager [Terry Zmyslo](#), luncheon chairs [Susan Plank](#), [Sarah Simon](#) and [Millette Sherman](#) and Catwalk founder [Melissa Amschwand Bellinger](#) . . .

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Houston Texans' [Matt Schaub](#) and wife [Laurie](#) in a cozy booth for a quiet dinner at [51fifteen Restaurant](#) in Saks Fifth Avenue where it just happened that a group of the Houston Rockets Power Dancers [Kristen Cooke](#), [Alysse Cabral](#), [Paige McElreath](#), [Kayci Ludeman](#) and [Ebony Halseil](#) feasted on drinkies and light bites . . .

[Carolyn Farb](#), [Miya Shay](#) with [Gene Wu](#), [Karen](#) and [Byron Hood](#) and loads of others gathered at Star Motor Cars where [Lotus Sport USA](#) hosted a preview of their upcoming American Le Mans Series efforts. Think really hot cars.

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Tina Davis, left, and Denise Hazan flank designer Tory Burch in their Cheeky Vintage boutique.

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