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**OTIS COLLEGE OF ART AND DESIGN PREMIERES 16 COLLECTIONS BY
"DESIGNERS OF THE FUTURE" AND HONORS RICHARD TYLER,
LISA TRAFFICANTE AND MATTEL/BARBIE'S DIANA TROUP AT
14TH ANNUAL CRITICS' AWARDS FASHION SHOW ON APRIL 20**

A Record \$13,000 in Merit Awards Presented to Fashion Design Students

LOS ANGELES--In a spectacular celebration of haute couture and hot techno, Otis College of Art and Design will premiere 16 original collections for Fall '96 and Spring '97 of luxurious, exclusive and fanciful hand-made fashions for women, men, children and dolls (Barbie) at its 14th Annual Critics' Awards Fashion Show gala at the Beverly Hilton, Saturday, April 20, at 7:00 P.M. About 100 breathtaking garments representing a broad spectrum of fashion categories were created and produced by 90 award-winning junior and senior students mentored by 24 top designers ("critics") on this year's guest faculty at Otis' Fashion Design Department.

Visionary designer Richard Tyler, who served as a guest mentor-"critic" this year, and his business partner/wife Lisa Trafficante of Tyler Trafficante, will receive the 1996 Otis Entrepreneurs of the Year Award. Diana Troup, sr. vice president/general manager of Barbie Worldwide at Mattel Toys, is being honored with Otis' 1996 Fashion Achievement Award.

Distinguished designer-"critics" attending represent 14 companies and Hollywood costuming: Richard Tyler (Tyler Trafficante), Thomas Oatman (New Republic), Morton Forshpan, Anthony Miller * (b.u.m. equipment), Larry Hansel, Jamie Kamezawa, Minnie Yeh * (Rampage), Leon Max (Max Studio), Diane Griffith, Kelly Gray (Griffith and Gray), Bonnie Strauss; David LeVey * (motion picture costume designer), Mark Eisen, Andrew Dibben (Mark Eisen), Anne Cole, Rod Beattie * (Anne Cole Collection); Margo Moschel, Cynthia Young, Cassidy Park *, Anne Driskill (Mattel Toys/Barbie), Doreen Brennan (Speedo Girls),

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