

Recycle Runway™: The Airport Project

Art, Fashion and Environmental Education Program Takes Off in Airports Around the Country

Albuquerque International Sunport is Inaugural Exhibit!

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October 18, 2007, SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO: Environmental artist **Nancy Judd** will launch a new pilot project called **Recycle Runway™: The Airport Project**, displaying her one-of-a-kind, award-winning recycled fashions at the Albuquerque International Sunport, October 26, 2007 through January 16, 2008. An opening reception is scheduled for Friday, October 26 from 4:00 to 6:00 pm.

Recycle Runway is a traveling exhibit of custom-designed recycled garments showcased around the country to promote recycling efforts and sustainability. Preview all the outfits at **www.RecycleRunway.com**.

Commissioned by global organizations including Coca-Cola®, Target®, the Glass Packaging Institute and Toyota®, the Recycle Runway™ garments were created to showcase the creativity of sustainability by combining the art of *haute couture* and environmental education.

Twelve hand-crafted garments made from glass, paper, aluminum and more will be on display at the **Albuquerque International Sunport** in large glass cases at the entrance from the ground-level parking structure. Connected to each garment is an environmental message that encourages the protection of our natural resources and the commitment to active recycling.

Environmentalist, artist, recycling consultant and educator, **Nancy Judd**, began her artistic creations in 2000. As the Recycling Coordinator for the City of Santa Fe, New Mexico, and the Executive Director of the New Mexico Recycling Coalition, Ms Judd recognized that art and fashion could be used to raise the consciousness of the public. Her career began with the founding of the Recycle Santa Fe Art Market and Fashion show, but soon grew into a collection of elegant recycled fashions that now travels throughout the United States. Ms Judd won the Portland, OR, "Junk To Funk" Fashion Show in 2006.

Each dazzling outfit is the culmination of ingenious re-use: faux fur jackets made with endless loops of cassette and video tape; a dress made of origami junk mail fans sewn together like fish scales; and an evening gown glittering with thousands of pieces of crushed and tumbled recycled glass.

As **Recycle Runway™: The Airport Project** opens in every new city, Ms Judd organizes and inspires groups of people, young and old, through workshops and performances, to respond to our environmental crises with creativity.

Sponsors for the Albuquerque International Sunport Exhibit include: the New Mexico Environment Department, the New Mexico Recycling Coalition, Los Alamos County and New Mexico Clean and Beautiful, a program of the NM Tourism Department.

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