



## DRESSED Film Bios

### **About David Swajeski, Producer, Director**

David Swajeski is Founder and Director of the creative production firm Onerock Movingpictures and co-founder and Creative Director of the Advertising / Design firm Location 8. David has produced projects ranging from Advertising campaigns, television projects, and documentary films. He has directed projects for some of the world's most influential companies and institutions including BMW, Fila Sports USA, Dupont, Dansko, JP Morgan Chase, President's Student Service awards, Benjamin Moore Paints, Ronald McDonald House, The Jefferson Awards, The Nemours Foundation and Mercedes Benz. During his professional career he has produced over 200 productions and his work has been shown at the New York Festivals, Chicago International Film Festival, Cleveland International Film Festival, Savannah International Film Festival, Sonoma International Film Festival, Columbus International Film Festival, Big Apple Film Festival and the White Sands International Film Festival.

### **About Maryanne Grisz, Executive Producer**

Maryanne Grisz is a producer and lawyer specializing in art, film, music and fashion ventures from concept to completion. She is a featured guest lecturer on industry topics internationally and partner at Onerock Movingpictures.

Maryanne has produced fashion shows and events internationally during Fashion Weeks in Paris and Milan and founding global design contests including "Cool vs. Cruel" and "Design Against Fur" with The Humane Society of the United States. She was member of the production team for Gregory Colbert's "Ashes and Snow" at the Nomadic Museum on Pier 54, NYC. She has coordinated VIP events for artists and celebrities, the gaming industry, with publications, retailers and charities. Maryanne served as Director of Development for The Philadelphia Music Alliance and CFO for Ana Martins Public Relations and Showroom in New York City, a company specializing in the luxury market and holding worldwide distribution for jewelry brands.

She is adjunct instructor at Parsons, The New School for Design and The Art Institute of New York. She has guest lectured for many design schools, Talk Cinema and has been honored for her volunteerism.

### **About Nary Manivong**

"I remember being inspired by the beauty of clothes," says New York-based designer Nary Manivong, "and what it would be like to create garments for the type of woman I want to dress."

That dreamy muse would be the inspiration that lifted Nary Manivong from the rough-and-tumble streets of Columbus, Ohio, to his eponymous label as a self-taught fashion designer that has been praised by *Women's Wear Daily*—which listed Nary Manivong among one of twelve designers to watch. The Laotian-American designer's journey into fashion epitomizes the notion that without pain, there is no beauty: Nary Manivong has been acclaimed by Fashion Group International (which nominated him for a Rising Star Women's Ready-to-Wear Award in 2009 & 2010 and stars in the much-buzzed about documentary, *DRESSED*, which chronicles his story from homelessness to the runway. Nary Manivong's design philosophy still centers on that dream woman: a self-assured, sophisticated and eclectic muse who expresses herself through clothing that flows effortlessly with the demands of her everyday life. The result: functionality, sensuality and attitude. Currently Nary has partnered with Alexandria Hilfiger, and launched the new design label NAHM, in February 2011.

### **About Alexandria Hilfiger**

Alexandria Hilfiger grew up in fashion her whole life, and with both a strong work ethic and supportive parents, she started working at the age of 11. From film and television producing, Broadway acting and painting, Alexandria has been involved in all aspects of the creative industries. She began styling at the age of 22, where she dressed bands, pop artists, and also fully styled and produced fashion shows and photo shoots.

In 2008 she met Nary Manivong, where he hired her to style and consult for both his Fall 2010 and Spring 2011 collections. After realizing how well they worked together, Manivong and Hilfiger decided to partner and begin their own design label.

Currently Alexandria Hilfiger has created a new line with design partner Nary Manivong titled, NAHM. NAHM represent the initials of the design duo and it also means "water" in Laos. The focus of the collection is dresses, which are inspired by men's shirt details combined with fine feminine accents in new and fresh fabrics and silhouettes. NAHM's aesthetic is clean, modern, sophisticated and chic.

Fall 2011 marked the premier of the NAHM collection for New York Fashion Week, and with the support from top fashion outlets NAHM was featured on the most sought after front page cover of *Women's Wear Daily*.

### **About NAHM**

NAHM represents the designer's first and last names, and also translates to "water" in Laotian. The duo debuted their first collection together during February 2011 **Fashion Week**.