

## Hatice Ipek Tohumcu

Istanbul designer Hatice Ipek Tohumcu caught my eye at the opening gala with her gorgeous gown embellished with laser cut leather. In addition to a fashion degree from F.I.T, she has an MBA in Marketing, a BA in Business administration and is an highly skilled colorist who teaches at the university level to a wide range of disciplines including students in Architecture and Interior Design. Silhouettes are body conscious and often sculptural with a palette that showcases her expertise in this field. There were 2 collections presented on the runway this evening. The first was luxury leather sportswear. Intricate details such as embossing and laser cut appliques created finishing touches that took this line to a whole new level. I particularly liked the deep red/black coat and dress on the far right below. It incorporates all the elements mentioned above in one single, beautiful package.



The second focus was high end red carpet looks. The looks had great proportions and the designs sported just the right amount of intricate detailing - not too little, not too much. The black dress 2nd from left below has a lot of detailing which gives it that extra pizzazz, but in the same colour as the dress so it doesn't overpower. I also love the lacey gold leather inset in the back of the shorter dress 2nd from right below. Finally, who wouldn't love to be seen on the red carpet in the black/gold dress with net train on the far right below. Artistry and great technical skill walk hand in hand here. I hope Tohumcu will be returning to Vancouver Fashion Week for future shows as I truly love her collection. Olio By Marilyn



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