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New York Designer Finds Inspiration in the Stylish Art Deco Period

*The Fall 2006 Lafayette 148 Collection returns to
Rahe Lynne Clothier September 8 – 19, 2006*

Charlotte, NC – From the “Chrysler” Dress to the “Marilyn” Blouse, Lafayette 148 gives a grand nod to the days of refined, elegantly detailed glamour reminiscent of the lavish Art Deco period. Designed for the confident and refined women who enjoy a sophisticated modern sensibility, the Lafayette 148 Fall 2006 Collection is resplendent with a wide range of fresh new silhouettes in an array of luxurious new fabrics that are easy to wear for work or play, night or day.

The Fall 2006 collection for Lafayette 148 will return to Rahe Lynne Clothier for a special current season showing. The trunkshow will be held at the by-appointment boutique’s private South End showroom, September 8 – September 19, 2006.

The Art Deco period, known for innovative design and exquisite attention to detail, provided Edward Wilkerson, Lafayette 148 Design Director, with inspiration for the Fall 2006 Collection. Fabrics this season are as rich and luxurious as the silhouettes are stylish and sophisticated. Fur Trimmed jackets, weightless leather and rich velvets are all imbued with exquisite beading, embroidery and stitching detail, bringing the focus to the textural elements of the garments.

“Lafayette 148 is one of our most popular designers,” states Lynne Byrd, owner of Rahe Lynne Clothier. “And their Fall Collection is one of the best I have ever seen. Although we typically show collections a season ahead, the popularity of the Lafayette brand necessitates a return of the collection during the current season.”

“Additionally, Lafayette 148 has one of the most extensive collections in both Petite and Plus sizing. And with our excellent relationship, we are often able to customize selections in color and fabric for our clients that gives them options not available elsewhere”, states Byrd.

Established in 1998, Rahe Lynne Clothier is a by-appointment-only boutique, presenting a New York-style showroom in the heart of the historic South End in Charlotte, North Carolina. The boutique brings the latest in fashion for business, evening, resort wear, and accessories from all over the world. Many of the lines featured by Rahe Lynne Clothier are exclusive, offering the ability to customize orders in fabric and accoutrements for clients. Additionally, the showroom offers a large selection of styles ranging from petites through plus sizes. Rahe Lynne showcases its latest discoveries at multiple private showings throughout the year. At hours convenient to clients, Rahe Lynne provides one-on-one attention, wardrobe analysis, pick up and delivery. As an added benefit, Rahe Lynne keeps detailed client records, which facilitates wardrobe building from season to season. Offering the best in style and personal service, the retailer is often asked by clients to seek out unique items especially for them. Lynne Byrd, a native Charlottean, currently resides in Concord, NC.

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