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The Chocolate Show- Couture Confections

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Digg Though an event dedicated to chocolate is never anything to scoff at, the highlight of the annual New York Chocolate Show is the fashion show in which designers and chocolatiers combine their powers to make breathtaking cacao-based creations. This year, fittingly enough, debuted the Chocolate Super-Hero Collection.

submit Some designs were more tame than others, and a few took the concept to another level, but most were right on par with what you'd expect: mind-blowing representations of the common ground between artisan chocolatiers and their high-design counterparts.

Some standouts included:

Black Phoenix from the X-Men (Kit Scarbo, Fritz Knipschildt, Torben Bang)-A dark chocolate coat, topped with chocolate tiles adorned with chocolate feathers is merely a summary of this bad-ass get-up.

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Storm, yet another X-Man (Dina Sadik, Vanessa Greeley)-Befitted with a silver cape, a chocolate bustier, and a towering cityscape doubling as a headpiece, Storm held her head high



Batgirl (Michael Plotsky, Martin Howard): The audience didn't know what to think watching bombshell criminals skulking onto the runway with chocolate machine guns, but all was revealed when Batgirl made her entrance, her wings plastered with classic fight exclamations that Adam West and Burt Ward made famous.



One particularly gorgeous ensemble (thought not quite as heroic as others) invoked the art deco era: a simple short-sleeved sheath covered by hand-painted chocolate tiles à la Christopher Norman, a matching hat propped atop the model's dark bunette mane.



And three cheers for **Iron Man** who seemed quite enamored with his substantial codpiece.



Oh, and Jacques Torres' **Strongman**, otherwise known as David Barton, slathered in chocolate and hoisting impressive chocolate barbells. Francois Payard could only chuckle from his first row seat.

