

★ SCENE ★



Andy Spade

"THE PARTY AND THE PEOPLE WERE BEAUTIFUL; THERE WAS JUST ONE IDIOT RUNNING AROUND."

ATLANTA QUICK, GQ/BOMBAY SAPPHIRE FRESH DRESSED AWARDS PARTYGOER

"IT'S HARD TO THINK ABOUT WHAT KATE SPADE WOULD SOUND LIKE."

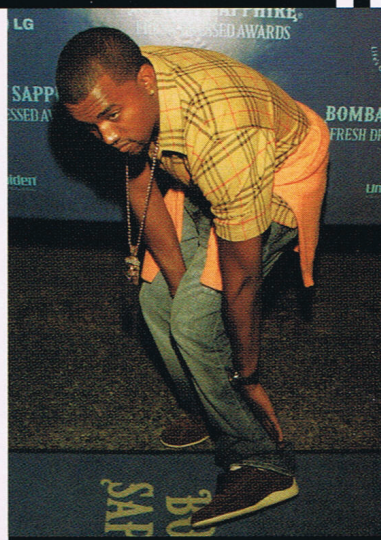
ANDY SPADE, REFERRING TO BEAUMONT WHO, ACCORDING TO REPS, "CAPTURES THE SPARKLE AND KICK OF KATE SPADE"



Andy Spade (middle) with the members of Beaumont

FASHION FUN

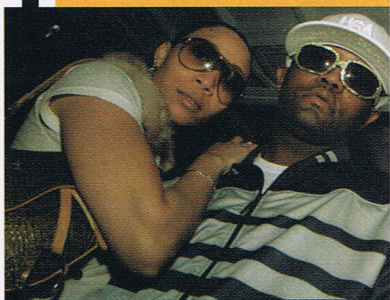
Most of the honorees were no-shows at the first annual GQ/Bombay Sapphire **Fresh Dressed Awards**, honoring trend-setting hip-hop icons Talib Kweli, Slick Rick, Anthony Hamilton and Atlanta's own T.I., but that didn't stop the high-fashion fun. ?uestlove from The Roots and rapper Kanye West (sporting his self-described "preppy meets street" style) were the only awardees who showed up for the evening of fashion and music at Compound. Former NBA star Charles Oakley, Atlanta Falcon Stanley Pritchett and rappers Too Short and Common were spotted in the crowd of A-town A-listers and GQ magazine staffers. Organizers say Atlanta was selected as the host city because of its reputation as an epicenter of the hip-hop community. As for the motivation for the awards itself, GQ Publisher Peter King Hunsinger says it was a natural progression, "GQ has seen firsthand how hip-hop has impacted fashion in mainstream America over the last decade." ★ Devotees of fashionista **Kate Spade** won't need to go searching for knock-offs of her latest product, the Kate Spade Music CD. Retailing for \$16, the album is billed as "a nod to sixties cocktail music with a jolt of modern glamour." The Kate Spade store at Lenox celebrated the album's release with a cocktail party featuring UK modern pop band Beaumont, who wrote and recorded the album. Guests mingled with Andy Spade (husband of Kate, brother of David), creative director for Kate Spade, while intermittently listening to the band and peering past them to get a better look at the shoes. —C.T. & J.S.



Rapper Kanye West shows off his shoes at the Fresh Dressed Awards.

"I THOUGHT THE HORS D'OEUVRES WERE UNIQUE: COMPLETELY UNEXPECTED BUT APPROPRIATE."

ATTENDEE LAURA BARTON ON THE CUT UP MAC-N-CHEESE AND OTHER SOUTHERN-THEMED APPETIZERS AT THE GQ/BOMBAY SAPPHIRE FRESH DRESSED AWARDS PARTY



Atlanta's trendiest dressers turned out for the GQ party.

"LOOKS GREAT, FEELS NICE."

ANDY SPADE, COMMENTING ON HIS WIFE'S STORE AT LENOX SQUARE. ATLANTA IS THE ONLY CITY HE VISITED ON THE SIX-CITY "KATE SPADE MUSIC" TOUR.



(L-R) Kenny "Mac" McAlister of AMPd; Tina Marchisello of GQ, ?uestlove from The Roots, and Bari Medgaus of GQ



Kevin Knaus (left) and designer Anthony Liggins at the Kate Spade party

FRESH DRESSED AWARDS: COURTESY OF GQ MAGAZINE

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