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Antwerp Grad Showcase

Graduating students at the Royal Academy of Fine Arts in Antwerp presented a range of colorful and innovative designs at a fashion show in the city’s Park Spoor Noord.

The Royal Academy of Fine Arts in Antwerp held its graduation show on June 12 and 13 in a new venue: Park Spoor Noord, an old industrial area reclaimed several years ago and now hosting cultural events, concerts and sports contests. Amid the venue’s old brick walls, graduating students showed a wide range of looks to the jury of fashion professionals, which included French designer Simon Porte Jacquemus, Uniqlo head of research and design Yuki Katsuma, Adidas Sport Style Division creative director Dirk Schönberger, makeup artist Inge Grognard, and A Magazine Curated By editor-in-chief Dan Thawley.

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Leeds, who got a standing ovation, said, “We’re proud to see Cary memorialized. Thousands of young boys and girls will have a more successful and fulfilling life.”

Bollettieri, one of the most influential people in the world of tennis and the founder of the Nick Bollettieri Tennis Academy, added, “This center will give our boys and girls a chance to develop athletic and academic skills. They will build a word called ‘character’ and can say, ‘My character is not for sale.’”

Finally, Hartman thanked Dinkins, his close friend and tennis partner for 40 years. “When your tennis partner is mayor, it’s much easier to approach people... and... and... for donating $1 million to the project. “It was an extraordinary example of philanthropy from the heart,” he said.

The center is also expected to serve as a place for young tennis players to network. “The young people from every income strata will compete against each other and will form relationships with each other, which will open doors for the rest of their lives,” said Hartman.