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**FASHION WEEK EL PASEO™ PRESENTS WORLD-RENOWNED DESIGNER MONIQUE LHUILLIER'S
PRE-FALL / FALL 2016 COLLECTION IN COLLABORATION WITH SAKS FIFTH AVENUE**

PALM SPRINGS, CA (March 8, 2016) – [Saxony Group Fashion Week El Paseo](#) will present world-renowned designer Monique Lhuillier's Pre-Fall / Fall 2016 collection, in collaboration with Saks Fifth Avenue, during its 11th annual event, April 2-9, 2016 at The Gardens on El Paseo at 73545 El Paseo. This premier Palm Desert fashion event — the largest of its kind on the West Coast – will feature a star-studded line-up of top designers from across the country, including Michael Costello, Marc Bouwer and Zandra Rhodes.

"My Pre-Fall / Fall 2016 collection is an artistic expression of an eccentric woman that is cool, relaxed and rock 'n' roll – mixing unexpected combinations and experiments with rich textures for over-the-top elegance," said Lhuillier. "I am very excited to be partnering with Saks Fifth Avenue Palm Desert and it's a wonderful opportunity to showcase my Fall 2016 collection to the fashion-forward crowd at Fashion Week El Paseo."

Eccentric while remaining sophisticated and ultra-luxurious, Lhuillier's Pre-Fall / Fall 2016 collection takes cues from actress and style icon, Talitha Getty. The collection highlights a rich color palette of cherry, teal blue, rose pink and basil is contrasted by caramel and dark amber tones. Metallic hues featured throughout, including in tailored separates such as pencil skirts and cropped pants, are styled with psychedelic ease.

A nod to early 1970s muses, the collection's fanciful prints are aplenty, including metallic tapestry lame, paisley printed jacquard and watercolor roses. Outerwear ranges from oversized coats in cashmere, mink, chinchilla and astrakhan fur to art deco embroidered cardigans and knitwear. Evening items include lacquer embroidery adorns column skirts and floaty dresses in varying sleeve lengths, at times styled with leather belts for a rocker-chic edge that remains feminine.

"The showcase of Monique Lhuillier's collection at Fashion Week El Paseo demonstrates the unbelievable quality of designers at our event and its growing popularity as a must-attend annual fashion gathering," said Susan Stein, fashion editor of *Palm Springs Life* and creative producer of Fashion Week El Paseo. "With the participation of Monique and others, there's no doubt that Fashion Week El Paseo is the signature fashion experience on the West Coast."

Lhuillier's collection also includes the debut of her first sunwear collection. Crafted in black, red, tortoise and rose gold, the sunglasses are worn throughout to complete the look. Day bags are showcased in exotic skins featuring signature closures, printed silk scarves knotted onto the straps and belts with gold

clasps are used to create an ultra-luxe combination. Additionally, footwear includes high-heeled ornate floral caged sandals that make a statement when worn with crystal socks, while lace up oxfords in rose gold lace and Nile crocodile provide varied options for playfulness and whimsy, no matter the occasion. The collection will be featured on Saturday, April 2, 2016. For more information and to purchase tickets, please visit www.fashionweekelpaseo.com.

About Fashion Week El Paseo 2016

In addition to Lhuiller's collection, Fashion Week El Paseo 2016 will feature world legend and icon Zandra Rhodes, *Project Runway* sensation and celebrity designer Michael Costello, and fashion's answer to elegant yet avant-garde eveningwear, Marc Bouwer. The event will also include a who's-who of *Project Runway* stars, including Anthony Ryan Auld, Peach Carr, Jesus Estrada & Antonio Estrad, Michael Knight, Justin Leblanc, Valerie Mayem, Kimi Zamora, Casanova and Christopher Straub.

Fashion Week El Paseo will draw more than 13,000 people from around the world. Since its inception, the event has supported over 100 local charities including Fashion Group International Inc., The GirlFriend Factor, Variety, The Children's Charity, Junior League of Palm Springs Desert Communities, Desert Outreach and the Humane Society of the Desert.

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