

French lingerie hits the catwalk

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TORONTO - The Lingerie Francaise Paris fashion show, which took place in Toronto's Distillery District on July 27, featured fall and spring collections of four of France's top intimate design houses.

Runway highlights

Simon Pérèle: An embroidered periwinkle thong teddy with a corseting detail up the back.

Princesse tam.tam: Whimsical patterns and unusual colours, like Naples yellow, in unlined balconette bras and perfectly-cut briefs.

Gerbe: In a collaboration with French designer Gaspard Yurkievich, the hosiery brand focused on decorating calves with stunning patterns below the knee that had an Art Deco-vibe, with flag-like patterns and crenellations just above the knee.

Lejaby: A shiny and smooth set of printed pink floral boyshorts with a matching underwire full-cup bra was both flirty and practical, making them appropriate for just about any age.

Empreinte: A beautiful deep-cup underwire bra in myrtle green with leaf embroidering that feathered over straps and hips on sheer boyshorts.

Beauty: The bombshell look: lips were a glossy pink nude that balanced smoky, black-rimmed eyes, while hair was kept down in brushed waves.

Tunes: Goldfrapp "Strict Machine" and Dragonette "I get around," among other high-voltage beats with female voices.

Atmosphere: Clips of screen sirens like Sophia Lauren and Elizabeth Taylor ran between shows, bringing the "Ladies of the Silver Screen" theme into play.

Wish-you-were-there moment: When an Empreinte model gave up on a pair of hazardous heels, took them off halfway down the catwalk, and flashed the audience a smile while flinging them over the shoulder.

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A look from Simone Perele at the Lingerie Francaise Paris show in Toronto, July 27, 2011. (Jack Boland/QMI Agency)