



**GUESTS:** (From left) Jimmy T, Paul Foster and Tara Rushton; Karen Ng and Grace Chew.

*Givenchy preview at National Museum of S'pore*

# PRINTS CHARMING



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**I**T WAS a call to meet your next prints charming so, of course, everyone showed up.

That's the pull of the FJB name - Frank J Benjamin, the family that retails a luxury label empire that began in the 70s with Lanvin, a brave move, introducing Singaporeans to French shirts that cost almost \$200 apiece, then.

Its second-generation Benjamin have since expanded the stable to include home-grown Raoul.

However, last week's party was all about Givenchy, the house founded in 1952 by Hubert de Givenchy who dressed his muse, the actress Audrey Hepburn almost exclusively.

It was the time to become an *elle* and *glamour* magazine cover girl.

Givenchy handed his sketchbook to the late Yves Saint Laurent, Alexander McQueen, John Galiano and Thom Browne. The house of Givenchy was a group of friends



**WILD THING:** A model wearing a Givenchy print.

transsexual model. This spring/summer men and women collection is pretty much straight up, all ethereal white or bold animal prints. Charming.

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Besides Hepburn in her films, Givenchy famously courted for the families Guinness, Grimaldi (Monaco royals) and the Kennedys.

In our own backyard every girl worth her party wardrobe has at least a single Givenchy, like stylist Karen Ng and galpal-about-town Grace Chew. "Givenchy, of course!" on what they wore.

Other charmers in the midst were Paul Foster, Oli Pettigrew and Jimmy T - faces you may know from television, acting and hosting and modelling. Hello, Givenchy.

## Fly on the Wall



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