

## “Modern Threads: Fashion and Art by Mariska Karasz” shortlisted by the Costume Society of America

ATHENS, GA, December 8, 2008 – The Costume Society of America (CSA) recently shortlisted the exhibition catalogue “Modern Threads: Fashion and Art by Mariska Karasz” (Georgia Museum of Art, 2007) for the Millia Davenport Publication Award.

Organized by Ashley Callahan, former curator of the Henry D. Green Center for the Study of the Decorative Arts at the Georgia Museum of Art, *Modern Threads: Fashion and Art by Mariska Karasz* was the first exhibition on fashion designer and fiber artist Karasz in nearly 40 years. Karasz incorporated unorthodox materials such as shoestrings, post office twine, fishing line, tinsel and cello strings in her work, which can be seen in detail in the publication.

The Millia Davenport Publication Award is presented annually to a published book or exhibition catalogue that makes a significant contribution to the study of costume. The award recognizes excellence in scholarship in the study of costume and in promoting research and publication in the area.

Founded on March 23, 1973, the Costume Society of America advances the global understanding of all aspects of dress and appearance. CSA works to stimulate scholarship and encourage study in this rich and diverse field.

“Modern Threads” is available for purchase in the museum gift shop, which will be open through the end of December.

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### **Museum Information**

Partial support for the exhibitions and programs at the Georgia Museum of Art is provided by the Georgia Council for the Arts through appropriations of the Georgia General Assembly. The Council is a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts. Individuals, foundations and corporations provide additional museum support through their gifts to the Arch Foundation and the University of Georgia foundation. The Georgia Museum of Art is located in the Performing and Visual Arts Complex on the East Campus of the University of Georgia. The address is 90 Carlton Street, University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia, 30602. The museum's galleries are temporarily closed in preparation for construction of the museum's expansion. The Museum Shop and offices are currently still open. Museum Shop Hours: Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. until 4:45 p.m., Sunday from 1 p.m. until 4:45 p.m. and Wednesday from 10 a.m. until 8:45 p.m. For more information please visit, [www.uga.edu/gamuseum](http://www.uga.edu/gamuseum).