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### Real Housewives of Atlanta Reunite at Shereé's Fashion Show

May 13, 2009

A fashion show with fashions might sound fairly standard, but fans of *The Real Housewives of Atlanta* know that such a feat proved to be a **major challenge** for **Shereé Whitfield** on the show's first season.

The **soon-to-be-divorced** diva successfully pulled off a do-over without major incident Tuesday night at Atlanta's W Hotel. "I am on cloud nine! I am very, very pleased," Whitfield said after receiving a standing ovation as she pranced down the runway in a form-fitting black satin cocktail dress and fuchsia pumps.

Debuting her long-anticipated She By Shereé fall clothing collection with fellow costars **Kim Zolciak**, **NeNe Leakes**, **Lisa Wu-Hartwell** and **new girl Kandi Burruss** (a singer-songwriter from platinum-selling '90s R&B; girl group **Xscape**) looking on from the front row gave Whitfield the chance to redeem herself — and for PEOPLE to catch up with *Atlanta's* ladies.

"It's all about sexiness and celebrating a woman's curves," Whitfield said of her collection of form-fitting dresses and casual wear festooned with rhinestones and fur. "When a woman puts on my clothes I want her to feel sexy and classy."

Even rival Leakes admitted that it was a change from Whitfield's infamous clothes-free "fashion viewing" featured in the show's first season. "I liked that she had a jumpsuit in the collection. That is very in, very happening. She had a lot of variety: dresses, furs, gowns and even a jogging suit," Leakes told PEOPLE. "It went from nothing coming down the runway to *something*."

Cast members are remaining tight-lipped about what to expect from a **new season**, only promising to deliver plenty of drama. Zolciak hinted that her singing career is still on track (even if **her friendship with Leakes** is not. "It is what it is," she said of their relationship). "I am so happy with my music career," Zolciak said, "I'm really excited about it. Everyone's going to die when they see what happens."

What about the cigarette smoking? "I still smoke all day," she said.

The overly active Wu-Hartwell expressed happiness for Whitfield, telling PEOPLE, "I love to see anyone out there pursuing their dream." And she remains as busy as every, pursuing dreams of her own with a fashion line in the works as well as a book about domestic violence. "Expect more drama for sure," she says of *Atlanta's* season 2, "but lots of entertaining moments. We share a lot of personal stories that will touch people."

Added NeNe's "gay boyfriend" **Dwight Eubanks**: "It is so over the top that we're going to be the number one reality show on TV!" — *Chandra Thomas*

**Tell us: Are you excited for the return of *The Real Housewives of Atlanta*? Are you surprised Shereé pulled off a fashion show that even impressed NeNe?**

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STEVEN | May 14th, 2009

I'm not surprised Shereé pulled off a great fashion show, she seems like a person that loves fashion and can

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really pull it off. Good for her!

I don't enjoy the personal attacks against the women and the comments that want people to fail. That kind of thinking will come back to bite you in the butt.

I wish them all luck and hope they will show a softer side this year.

I really miss the original premise of the show when the OC started. It was about the women, their family, friends and you got to know the ladies. They didn't spend all their time fighting and saying horrible things about each other. There was a level of respect and kindness that Bravo seems to have hijacked. I look forward to seeing what happens...

**MISSY** | May 14th, 2009

I can not wait until the new season. As a former Atlantan and "it scene" person, I am loving the fact that this show truly represents the way life is for some of the "elite" in the Atl. It is so true to life. Don't know about the way live for "Housewives" in other states but I totally know about those in Atlanta. It may get a little crazy at times but, they definitely keep it real. Love it. Can't wait to see more of it.

**ANGE** | May 14th, 2009

I can't believe they are doing another season. One lied about cancer, one was found to be renting her house...the same one called another one a "trashy hooker" and put down her wig despite having an obvious weave during the shows taping. They have no class and were an embarrassment to the "Real Housewives" everywhere.

**NIKKI** | May 14th, 2009

I don't know...the first episode of the NJ season was much better than the first episode of the Atlanta season. And really, there's only so much of the say thing that we can take. At least the NJ cast is actually a group of housewives who (for the most part) hang out together anyways.

**JON** | May 14th, 2009

Anything can happen on The Real Housewives of Atlanta.

**ALEXUSDRIIVER** | May 14th, 2009

I'm laughing my @\$% off...Sheree looks like a transvestite...her nose and face are jacked up...and Lisa, LORD HAVE MERCY, her boob is about to pop out...it looks flat—like a pancake...only one missing to make this picture perfect is (Joe the Camel or Camelette) NeNe...and these women are "suppose" have money and be ballers...well, I think the ball has been dropped...I have to admit they're good for a laugh on Tuesday nights..

**SHANNON** | May 14th, 2009

I love the Real Housewives of Atlanta. They are dramatic and who doesn't love Reality T.V. Drama. Hopefully this season is bigger and better. I love NeNe...continue to keep real girl.

**D** | May 14th, 2009

I can't wait for the new season to start. I am looking forward to seeing Kandi on the show and how that may change the dynamics of the relationships between the cast members. Last season captured my attention without a doubt and I am certain this season will be just as memorable, if not more than last year. Regardless, I wish all the cast members nothing but prosperity and blessings in their endeavors. I would like to see who is all about self and who is about really giving back to those less fortunate.

**KIA** | May 18th, 2009

I am excited to have the show return. I am waiting to see what happens this season. I can do without that Kim and I want to know, where is Deshawn. Also where will Kandi Burress fit in?

**YOLANDA WRIGHT** | May 21st, 2009

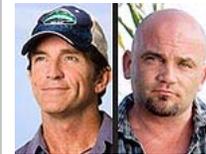
I love the cast of "Housewives of Atlanta". I am getting impatient awaiting the announcement of the start date of the season3. I pray the stations owners read this and make faster plans for season 3 which I am SURE will happen cause I am so interested and ready for season 2.

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