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## **FRENCH GOVERNOR HOSTS OUTSTANDING CATWALK BY WOMEN AMPUTEES IN INVALIDES**

**BRIGITTE MACRON GUEST OF HONOUR**

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The Minister of the Armed Forces, Florence Parly was also invited, as well as the Ambassador of Italy, Teresea Cataldo, and Genevieve Darieussecq, Secretary of State for the Armed Forces, seated alongside the First Lady, Brigitte Macron, to this unique show in her kind, catalyst of positive energy and courage far from silly benevolence and goodwill. He adds that the logo which was produced by Noemie had the difficult task of representing both the magnificent Dome des Invalides and the catwalk for women amputees. He explains to us how he was conquered by the result of the esbigner having completely freed his mission according to the required charter: it is Noemie who makes us this logo with different words and an idea even richer than that which we had before, that we wanted to organize this event, explained General Christophe de Saint Chamas.

**AMPUTEES WOMEN CATWALK WEARING STUNNING GOWNS SIGNED BY FABIO PORLOD REQUIRED A BUDGET OF 350K €-----**The Victory Catwalk, 23 women amputees and fitted parade with grace and intense femininity with a mutilation of their bodies, assumed, for the benefit of a fundraiser and offered to the public, another look on the handicap. The Association « Gueules cassées » (« Broken Faces »), chaired by Patrick Remm, was one of the biggest patrons of the evening, and one of whose gueules cassées walked alongside the twenty three female amputees. Patrick Remm, is said to be "moved, touched by the grace of this victory parade and whose mutilated and broken faces, give him back a dose of courage and a lesson in life, by their commitment"

**THE VICTORY CATWALK PROJECT CARRIED OUT BY GENERAL DE SAINT CHAMAS IS A SUCCESS-----**

The project, Catwalk of the Victory was carried by the Governor of Invalides, General de Saint Chamas, and by the National Institution

of Invalides, which is a great military and medical emblem in terms of socio-medical care of large wounded, in France, since the time of Louis XIV, then Napoleon.... One could say that this is a historical filiation in the organization of this catwalk dedicated to amputee women, at the prestigious, INVALIDES show, in the spotlight during Fashion Week, thanks to the partnership with Phoenix Alternative Models, with the French royal ancestors who cared for the war-mutilated within it, at one of the best Parisian hospitals.-----

The very cultivated historian Franck Ferrand, who animated the evening admirably, punctuating the victory parade, during the breaks, during the change of clothes, by a story richly told with humor, on the beautiful History of France and by recalling key historical moments of benevolence towards disabled people with war disabilities of the time and today. The head of Phoenix Alternative Models, explains that "The Victory Parade" had already taken place in a smaller committee, in 2019, (For the first test, very few sponsors or patrons had been solicited) before the COVID crisis -19, in the form of a charity evening to renovate the Institution's foyer. This "heart of the Invalids" which indeed allows residents (disabled and disabled patients of war and civilians, such as survivors of terrorist attacks) to meet, share and make them participate in community life, to boost their convalescence. This idea immediately appealed to the general bosses of Invalides, who said yes and made a commitment to make the dream possible. And voila, two years later, in this Napoleon room, where a catwalk, worthy of professionals, is followed by fashion photographers and playful journalists, follow the event, facing Brigitte Macron, whose appearances are rare in Parisian events. ...

2ND EDITION OF AMPUTEE CATWALK IS GETTING BIGGER & MEETS SUCCESS WITH THE AUDIENCE-----The second edition, raised the level to a degree of professionalism, thanks to the commitment of this famous Italian designer Fabio Porlod, the uncle himself of a young athlete of the Paralympic Olympics, amputee, who contributed to his new collection. . The gowns, ranging from bright ready-to-wear outfits to those for the finale, in tulle meringues like crinoline dresses, and whose wedding dress was breathtaking. These ready-to-wear outfits, highly designed and sewn by Fabio Porlod, were and worn admirably by the "model amateurs", amputee women, who sported a devastating smile, and proudly strolled in the delicate pastel-colored dresses, in front of an audience who was in standing ovation, a long applause for this dilemma of victory. Some of the guests, mainly great patrons and dignitaries and officials from the military or senior civil service in France, seemed moved to tears like Brigitte Macron ...-----

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## BRIGITTE MACRON ENGAGED & STUNNED BY WARMTH OF GENUINE AMPUTEES CATWALK OF VICTORY BY DISABLED WOMEN IN INVALIDES-----

In fact, this catwalk of victory, by the amputees women, has reflected an image so positive and powerful of the strength of the difference and symbol of freedom. It appears afterwards, how simple is, to launch a strong and committed message, that makes sense, and full of beautiful proof that inclusion can walk and for the good of all, in a society that is a great democracy. This allowed these women to get rid of their disabilities and to reconcile with their mutilated, different but handsome, and strong body in their head, facing an audience feel free in their body and in their heads. The women they are of size 6, or 10, round, busty, disabled, different, are sexy women, to the extent that they have good in their body and their head, t even better if it live in France the country of Fashion and elegance. Brigitte Macron, certainly the best French Elegance ambassador has been adequate of this defile of victory and brings more than a support, to this beautiful team of the inclusion by the fashion, by its presence and its committed speech And heart, remote from any political calculation.-----

It is a way of empowering women, inspire women who suffered from disability, or vulnerability, one day in their lives, showing to the rest of the society that they matter. Inclusivity does matter and can also give hope to the very often left aside, due to te invisibility. These kind of initiative soule not only taken as an example but also, a trigger to other magic shows to serve the minority of disabled people in France who lack of visibility, and recognition.-----

As for the Governor of Invalides General de Saint Chamas and his spouse, as well as the general of the National Institution of Invalides and his wife, they were and remain sincere guests and organizers of this remarkable parade, which is unlike any other and designed perhaps the first stepstone to future other catwalk by disabled ladies.-----

One can only wish them to prepare in a more beautiful and dazzling truism edition with more media coverage to reach a wider audience in order to spread visa happiness and giant emotion to models source of inspiration and hope. To be continued... /

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