

THE LIZZ RUSSELL COLLECTION

—Spring—

COCKTAIL
& COUTURE

THE WESTGATE HOTEL
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

CELEBRITY GUEST & HOST

Jackée

JACKÉE HARRY

EMMY AWARD-WINNING STAR
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SMILING ON THE INSIDE

BY LIZZ RUSSELL & INEZ M. ODOM

"Outstanding literary work"

HENRI AWARD WINNER
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“My emphasis is on timeless pieces that can be used throughout the year, not limited by trends or seasons. Pieces that compliment your body can be worn with other designs easily and comfortably. I want my clients to know that the way they feel in my clothing is very important to me. The ability to wear my designs with other designers is a compliment to my work.”

Timeless Fashion Never Fades

LIZZ RUSSELL is gifted with the ability to create designs that transcend the cyclical trends seen in today's fashion. She has established her place in jewelry, evening gowns, and her famous Rose Handbags. Lizz feels the pulse of fashion and has mastered the art of dressing her clients in timeless attire regardless of the season and body shape. Her creations compliment your body so they can be worn with other designers easily and comfortably.

Lizz began designing at 12-years old and a few years later

stepped into her journey of fashion as a student at Mesa College in San Diego, CA.

Annually, Lizz hosts a luxurious Spring & Summer fashion show in the elegant Versailles Ballroom at The Westgate Hotel located in the heart of downtown San Diego. The fashion show, Cocktails and Couture, honors the GBS/CIDP Foundation International and a portion of the show's proceeds is donated to them. Lizz is a Guillain-Barré Syndrome survivor and a liaison leader of the GBS/CIDP San Diego Chapter. While unfamiliar to most, GBS and CIDP are disorders characterized by a weakness, and sometimes paralysis, of the legs, arms, breathing muscles, and face.

More than a designer, Lizz Russell is also an inspirational storyteller. She recently released an autobiography entitled, "Smiling On The Inside." Lizz tells her amazing story in a frank and honest way that resonates in the heart of anyone who has faced sudden illness, affliction, or devastating disease. Lizz was an aspiring fashion designer when GBS attacked her nervous system. Today she extensively travels across the nation as a successful entrepreneur and tells her story of survival in ways that give inspiration to every listener. Lizz's book is

currently available in selected bookstores, Amazon.com, and on her website, <http://www.lizzrussell.com>.

Shortly following the release of her book in the Spring of 2015, Lizz was broadly acclaimed by The Christian Literary Awards of Frisco, TX as the recipient of the "Henri Award" for outstanding literary work. The Christian Literary Awards is a premier event honoring authors across the nation in multiple categories of excellence in writing.

As a keen competitor, Lizz also received the Philanthropic Spirit Award for the Pre-Oscar Luncheon and she was acclaimed for her collection at the annual "Eleganza" event held at Harvard University, best known as one of the largest student run charities and fashion shows.

Sharing the same birth date as fashion icon Yves Saint Laurent and named after actress Elizabeth Taylor, Lizz sets herself apart from commercial fashion, focusing more on the individual. This clarity in her creative process has opened doors for her to design for many stage and screen actors and celebrities. Today her fashions are selected as part of the wardrobe for TV pilots, weekly shows and red carpet appearances. Lizz's passion for excellence motivates her to deliver quality over quantity and has opened many doors in her life. 



Lizz Russell

International Fashion Designer, Certified MBE,
Entrepreneur, Author, Publisher, Speaker, Consultant

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CELEBRITY GUEST & HOST

JACKÉE HARRY
made her television
debut in 1983, opposite
Morgan Freeman in the

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JACKÉE HARRY
EMMY AWARD-WINNING STAR

daytime soap opera, *Another World*. A year later, she landed her iconic role of Sandra Clark on the NBC sitcom, *227*. As the breakout star of the series, Jackée became the first African American to win an Emmy Award for Outstanding Supporting Actress in the Comedy Series and was also nominated for a Golden Globe. Her performance on *227* inspired NBC producers to create a television pilot for her entitled, *Jackée*. After departing *227* in 1989, she starred opposite Oprah Winfrey in the critically acclaimed adaptation of Gloria Naylor's novel, *The Women of Brewster Place*. In 1991, Jackée joined an all-star cast led by Della Reese when she played the role of Ruth "Coco" Royal in *The Royal Family*. From 1994-1999, she started as the adoptive mother of Tia and Tamara Mowry on the ABC/WB sitcom *Sister, Sister*, winning the NAACP Image Award for Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Comedy Series for two consecutive years in 1999 and 2000. Jackée also made guest appearances on *Amen*, *Designing Women*, *Dave's World*, *Hollywood Squares*, *7th Heaven*, and *That's So Raven* before joining the cast of *Everybody Hates Chris* in 2006. Hollywood success did not lead Jackée to turn her back on theater; in 1994 she returned to the stage as Billie Holiday in *Lady Day at Emerson's Bar and Grill*, and in 2003 she played the role of the Madam in *The Boys From Syracuse* on Broadway. More recently, Jackee performed before sold-out audiences across the nation in the J.D. Lawrence stage play, *The Cleanup Woman*. More recently Jackée has starred in *The First Family* on Centric and has had a recurring role on BET's, *Let's Stay Together*. ☺



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Kathy David President & CEO of IT TechPros, Inc., is considered one of the top IT Managed Services provider in the country. She is a small business leader, an in-demand professional speaker, a trainer, and a renowned author. Kathy is one of the leading providers of high performance sales and leadership training, as well as an authority in the field of Small Business Technology.

Kathy and her company have been seen in USA Today, CNBC, Boston Globe, Reuters, ABC 10News San Diego, KUSI Good Morning San Diego, Small Business Administration (SBA) publication, featured on the cover of MBE Magazine (May/June 2014 – 30th Anniversary Edition), SD Business Journal, and many more.

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IN THE NEWS

Extreme Women Entrepreneurs Event
"Business & Life Transformation
Power Summit," July 22-24th
Crystal City, VA <http://eweevent.com>
Contact: Vicki Irvin

Lizz will be honored along with other
awardees and celebrities by the BET
Network in June. Well deserved.
Congratulations, Lizz!

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show, private viewing, book signing
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“A Supportive Friend Who Never Gives Up”

This year's honored award winner is Julie Davison of San Diego. Julie is formerly one of San Diego's liaisons for the local GBS/CIDP chapter and is well known as “a supportive friend who never gives up.” She has a strong optimistic spirit that has inspired many families who have reached out for support in our community. May is GBS/CIDP Awareness Month. Guillain-Barre syndrome (GBS) and chronic inflammatory demyelinating polyneuropathy (CIDP) are auto-immune disorders that attack your nerve cells and affect dozens of residents in San Diego every year and millions of people around the world. Julie Davison was born in Minnesota and was a healthy active child. But at age 11, one day she noticed that she couldn't work the hand brakes on her bike very well. Soon it became harder and harder to do simple things like write and even comb her hair. Within five months she was so weak she was falling down at school. The Kids nicknamed her “The Fall Guy” after a TV show. A neurologist in Minneapolis finally diagnosed Julie with GBS. By then she couldn't walk and ended up in the Children's Hospital for six weeks. After many months of leg braces, physical therapy and steroid medication, she went into remission and was fine for nearly 10 years. However, she was later diagnosed with CIDP. After 22 years, Julie is finally able to get off IVIG and remain in remission from CIDP. Julie is the wife of Randy, an actor, and she is a Health Inspector for the State of California. Visit gbs-cidp.org for more information. ☺



JULIE DAVISON
 RECIPIENT
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