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AROUND THE WORLD: The Givenchy men's show, staged in a voluminous warehouse on the eastern fringes of Paris, attracted a globetrotting crowd Friday evening. Amar'e Stoudemire and fiancée Alexis Welch, fresh from Milan, said they planned to catch a few shows in Paris before flying off to Marbella, Spain. "That's a long walk," said Welch, eyeing the catwalk.

DJ Honey Dijon was gearing up for planned gigs in Canada, Germany, Croatia and Italy in the next couple of months. "Yes, permanently jet lagged for the entire summer!" she laughed. The statuesque performer was sporting one of Givenchy creative director Riccardo Tisci's oversized nose rings. "I hope Riccardo lets me keep it, because I begged him. It's like, he sent me all these clothes and the only thing I was looking for is, 'Where is that nose ring? Is that nose ring in the bag?'" she laughed.

Ladyfag, meanwhile, was sporting a sheer black skirt that left little to the imagination. "I think Riccardo thought I was going to wear it with trousers. He should know me better by now," she joked. The nightlife fixture said she was launching a new club night in New York next fall. "We do a party here called Pacino, and we're going to be starting one in New York during Fashion Week and that will be called Deneuve. So that's like Paris comes to New York, but then New York comes to Paris," she explained.

British rapper Professor Green said he was one of the opening acts for the eagerly awaited Stone Roses reunion gig in Manchester on Saturday. Though he caught some flack from Stone Roses fans criticizing his appearance, Green said he looked forward to facing festival crowds in Britain over the summer and catching up with friends. "We're all so busy doing our own things, but then come the summer we get to bump into each other. And festival crowds are different, so it's exciting," he said.

Artist Benjamin Shine, meanwhile, is planning to flee London for a month while it is overrun by tourists attending the Olympic Games. But before that, he will be auctioning off two statues at Sotheby's to benefit children's counseling service ChildLine. One of them, "Box Lounger," is on show at department store Harvey Nichols, while the other, "Long Distance," is on public display in London's Cranbourne Street. "It's a classic real phone box which has a giraffe bursting through the top of it," he said.

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