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KEVAN HALL & CCI • KIMBERLIN BROWN

## Sport & Style



Kevan Hall

Kevan Hall's red-carpet designs are touted for their fit and feminine silhouettes. Next month, he will debut his new golf line to the ladies of Greenwich

Kevan Hall has outfitted A-Listers from Celine Dion to the First Lady. Recently he introduced an activewear line, Kevan Hall Sport: garments that drive style on the golf course yet are chic and comfortable enough to wear all day. The Sport line was rolled out at some PGA locations last year, but will debut on the East Coast during an upcoming event in Greenwich. Some of Hall's local fans are involved with Community Centers Inc. and arranged for him to present at their luncheon on Wednesday, April 1 benefitting CCI summer programs. We caught up with Hall to talk fashion and philanthropy.



From Hall's new 2015 sport line



Elegant designs like this one from Hall's spring line made him a red-carpet favorite

### Q&A WHAT INSPIRED YOU TO BECOME A DESIGNER?

When I was seven or so, I'd watch old movies and dream of designing for the film industry. Growing up in Detroit, there was an incredible influence of Motown, Diana Ross and The Supremes, The Temptations. I would see how many Motown people were groomed when they were traveling the world, how they became style icons. My mom was a great influence as well. She loved fashion. My brother, sister and I were always impeccably dressed for church on Sunday mornings.

### YOU'VE DRESSED MANY CELEBRITIES OVER THE YEARS. WHO STANDS OUT?

Vanessa Williams is one. She knows fashion; she has an

incredible eye. I've known her for many years. She was going to be presenting at the Emmys; I called and said 'I've got a dress for you. If you're willing to take a risk on this one, it will really have some impact.' She went with me on this beautiful celadon-colored feathered gown with draped bodice. When she hit the red carpet, the paparazzi went nuts.



## **WHAT WAS IT LIKE TO OUTFIT MICHELLE OBAMA?**

I designed a beautiful silk navy and brown polka-dot dress for her. She looked amazing in it. She also reached out to many designers who have dressed her since she's been in office and invited us to the White House for an event...She wanted to thank us for being a part of the thriving American economy. That was a wonderful evening.

## **TELL US ABOUT YOUR SPORT LINE.**

The collection is a different take on golf. It's more of a lifestyle collection. The concept was to take this woman from her front door to the greens to the clubhouse. It has all those wonderful qualities for being active: moisture wicking, UV-protectant, antibacterial, easy to care for. It's chic, sophisticated, fun. This really does make a girl look like a girl on the green.

## **WHAT LED YOU TO SUPPORT CCI?**

I was in New York for fashion week and had lunch with friends who introduced me to CCI and told me about their free summer programs for children, creating a safe, structured environment for kids to learn and have fun, and mentoring and encouraging them. Later I met the board and toured the facility. They're doing so many great things. I thought, I'd love to be a part of it. [kevanhalldesigns.com](http://kevanhalldesigns.com) —Mary Kate Hogan

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