

Keynote Speaker



Sandy Starkman, President & CEO, Sandy Bear Designs and Sandy Starkman Co., New York City and New Delhi

Hailing from the New York City borough of Brooklyn, schooled in fashion design at Parsons School of Design and NYU, inspired by the exotic and ancient cultures of South America and India, Sandy Starkman has become today's leading advocate of multifaceted design while transforming the aesthetics of design on a global scale.

His clothing lines as well as accessories, home furnishings and lifestyle collections are featured in Neiman Marcus, Saks Fifth Avenue, Nordstrom, Bloomingdale's and Boston Proper. His clothing lines are regularly featured on QVC. Sandy Starkman Designs has created a kaleidoscope of color and perspective that transcends fashion and has become one man's unique homage to the tapestry of our shared global experience.

Since appearing in "Fortune Magazine" at the age of 24 and being the cover story of "Life Magazine" at 27, Sandy Starkman has led the way in pioneering the incorporation of the techniques of ancient peoples into inspiring and functional fashion design.

- Sandy Starkman was appointed to the Board of Directors of Air India.
- Sandy Starkman designed a collection of scarf and accessories for Echo for six year.
- Sandy Starkman was the first designer name that was adopted as a separate entity for Warnaco Corporation.
- Carpet Collection shown at ABC/Doris Leslie Blan.
- Painted panels used as a whole rooms/restaurant, showrooms/plantations.
- Home furnishing sold at ABC. John Roselli and Rose Cummings.
- Men's wear collection was launched in 2009.
- Gardens - Various Indian Cabinet and Chief Ministers - Tihar Jail with Dr. Karin Bedi.
- Yearlong design presentation at request of Raisa Gorbacev (Soviet Union)

Museum Appointments:

- Museum of Art and Design – Columbus Circle Advisory Board
- Museum of Modern Art – Council of Education
- Museum of the Indian Women in the Arts, New Delhi
- Museum of Women in the Arts in Washington, DC

Mr. Starkman has had his designs manufactured in India for over twenty years. He maintains an office in New Delhi that coordinates orders from the United States and overseas production schedules, quality control, letters of credit, and shipments in over forty factories within a 500 mile radius of New Delhi. He also has been granted privileges and licenses from the Indian government permitting him to have ownership in Indian based companies and property.

