Here's LSD, Erin Wasson, & Meredith Melling Burke At A Hoedown
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Okay so the PBR is over and done (no, not the beer), but cowboys and gals were back in NYC in full force Monday night — and we're not referring to the bull-riding kind. We're talking about the chic creatives who mosied on over to West Street for a hoedown that could only happen in the Big Apple. Specifically an "Urban Hoedown," the theme of the Art Production Fund's annual benefit, honoring Tobias Meyer, Mark Fletcher, and Kiki Smith — proceeds of which help artists produce large-scale work and public installations.

The dress code: Gown & Dirty, of course, which meant a mix of white-lace dresses, prairie prints, and high-end denim, though — gasp — we did spy a couple of ten gallon-hats and even some cowboy boots. (We opted for a GCB look, but a little less Neiman Marcus, and a little more Kate Bosworth at Coachella.) All appropriate, given that instead of the de rigueur Philippe Starck ottomans, strategically placed hay bales let the Artforum and French Vogue set — think APF's Casey Fremont Crowe, Doreen Remen, and Yvonne Force Villareal, Vladimir Restoin-Roitfeld and Giovanna Battaglia, Lauren Santo Domingo, Meredith Melling Burke, Bettina Prentice, and Erin Wasson — rest their weary spurs stilettos.

Add a set by Ryan Bingham that wouldn't feel at all out of place in Country Strong, shots of Glenmorangie, a mechanical bull, and a fiddler on a pickup truck, and we weren't sure if this was Texas on fashion steroids or a rodeo gone totally right.

As for the grub, well, filet mignon was most definitely not on the menu. Holy carbs — Silkstone whipped up a caloric fest that included brisket, baked beans, and cornbread, and, shocker, the glossy-posse (perhaps inspired by the buxom barmaid/shoot girls) was actually eating it. Leaving a couple of pounds heavier is not unusual for your average hoedown, but somehow we don't think buckaroos usually exit their watering hole with Marc Jacobs gift bags. Either way, Yeehaw!

Photo: Joe Schildhorn/BFA.com; Courtesy of Art Production Fund.
White dress round one: Lauren Santo Domingo would stand out at the saloon.

White dress round two: Meredith Melling Burke doesn’t care if it gets a little dirty.

Lake Bell’s boots were made for walkin’.

The outlaw (Vladmiri Restoin-Roitfeld) and Laura Ingalls Wilder (Giovanna Battaglia).

Bromance: Aaron Young and Nate Lowman hug it out.

Artist Kevin Baker rides the mechanical bull. Yeah, that happened.

Two R29 faves: Morgan Collet and Jenne Lombardo.

Rodeo power couple: Jamie and Bettina Prentice.

Athena Calderone’s leopard print would scare the buffalos.

As if Pamela Love would miss any type of hoedown.

Amanda Brooks get fringe-y!

Michelle Violy Harper has no problem wearing heels in the hay. Like you’d expect anything less.

Yvonne Force Villarel and “The World Famous BOB”... we’ll let you caption this one.

Ellen Von Unwerth and Erin Fetherston get involved with orange.

Laure Heriard Dubreuil and her man Aaron Young found love on the ranch.

A pregnant Casey Fremont Crowe finds maternity wear that’s actually cute.

Champagne, prints, and satin... R29 photog Angela Pham (right) gets snapped.

Amira Neen’s Phoebe Stephens brings some bling to the badlands.

Doreen Remen and Yvonne Force Villarel give Ryan Bingham a good ’ole fashion welcome to the rodeo.