

HERRERA, CAROLINA (1939–)

Herrera was born to a wealthy and prominent family in Caracas, Venezuela but she became an internationally known figure with the founding of her fashion house. Although she was raised in the milieu of the well-to-do, Herrera was interested in fashion design and the working end of the business since she was a girl. In time, she worked with leading designers and learned the business. After raising four daughters, Herrera embarked upon a professional career. She opened Carolina Herrera, Ltd. selling on the high end of the scale and a more affordable CH line. Inducted into the Fashion Hall of Fame, Herrera has received numerous honors for her work and has designed outfits for First Ladies, Jacqueline Onassis and Nancy Reagan.