

# MULTI-TALENTED ACTRESS HA PHUONG

Ha Phuong, the sensational Vietnamese singer/actress looked stunning as she walked Style Fashion Week's runway for the celebrity Red Dress fashion show on March 19 in L.A. The event, hosted by Beverly Hills haute couture boutique owner Pol' Atteu, benefited the American Heart Association.

Making her West Coast runway debut, Ha Phuong also heated up the red carpet in L.A., wearing a silky sky-blue gown designed by the acclaimed Vietnamese designer Quynh Paris, when she threw a classic Marilyn Monroe kiss to the cameras.

An iconic performer in her homeland, Ha Phuong (or HP) is unquestionably on a hot streak with the completion of director Igor Sunara's film *Finding Julia*, in which she has a starring role alongside Richard Chamberlain (*The Thorn Birds*, *The Perfect Family*) and Andrew McCarthy (*Pretty in Pink*). The dramatic thriller centers on a Vietnamese-American girl's struggles with a cultural divide and her need to conceal a secret.

"Richard and Andrew are extremely talented," she says. "I wore many hats in this production, including editing and producing, and working with the two of them was an incredibly joyful experience. Bai Ling, too, is a wonderful performer. She has a great sense of humor."

Later this year, the release of her new song, "Lost in a Dream," will be available on iTunes. Her musical vision delivers a haunting melody that captures the longing for lost love. With the release of twelve solo albums at home, this will be her first single release in the U.S.

The daughter of a prominent composer, Tran Quang Hien, Ha Phuong began singing



Ha Phuong wearing Versace

with her two sisters (Cam Ly and Minh Tuyet) in Vietnam. Quickly, she became a national sensation and the winner of many prestigious awards. Now living in New York, she studies with vocal coach Alissa Grimaldi and tells us she is inspired by Celine Dion and Sarah Brightman.

While Ha Phuong continues to pursue her artistic endeavors in New York, she is equally famous for her deep commitment to charitable



Photographs by Winston Burriss

Hair and makeup by Gordon Banh

work. The Ha Phuong Foundation embodies HP's passion for music and devotion to children's causes. The Foundation has already built a multi-media arts center in partnership with the Boys & Girls Club of Garden Grove, California.

"Using my gifts to help others is the best feeling in the world," she says. To see more, visit [www.haphuongworld.com](http://www.haphuongworld.com) and [www.haphuong.global](http://www.haphuong.global).