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## CMOA's Third Thursday: Museum Joy

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The Carnegie International closed out at the Carnegie Museum of Art this past weekend with a fashionable bang on Thursday night as more than 350 partygoers brought their style A-game as they took part in Beverly Semmes and Jennifer Minniti's CarWash Collective fashion event. Ms. Semmes's work focuses on themes of feminism, gender roles and womanhood. She found international success on the fashion and art scenes in the late '90s for her large-scale dress works.

Guests struck a pose — and took several selfies — while posing with sculptural pieces and becoming a part of the designer's vision while music by girlFX kept the energy high. Style 412, Pittsburgh's inaugural fashion council, brought out their inner fashionistas, donning neutrals and denim that set the SEEN for the night. Standouts included Elysia Newman in Pittsburgh-based denim designer Silk Denim, while Jay Barlow and Leigh Solomon Pugliano rocked dark neutrals. "It was great to see the International go out in style and the galleries alive with visitors taking in their favorite works one last time," said Laura McDermitt. The 57th Carnegie International was curated by Ingrid Schaffner.

**#SEEN:** Beverly Semmes, Jennifer Minniti, Karla Boos, Aire Plichta Reese, Kelly Gualtieri, Jessa Gibboney, Sara Longo, Madeline Quigley, Dana Bishop-Root, Sarah Silk, Sarah Collins, Eileen French Jordan, David Widder, Shannon Daly, Liz Juchno, Brittany Spinelli, Kara Shields, Joy Cannon, Himanchi Yadav, Reese McArdle, Christina Lee, Bruce Jia-Chan and Ethan Frier.