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## DAVID MARVÉ

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Atlanta, GA

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Server / Fashion Designer

Single / No Kids

She/Her

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## About

**David Marvé (Mar-vay)** is an Atlanta-born designer and avant-garde clothing visionary who aims to push the envelope with high fashion. His brand, "Marvé," brings an edge to traditional *and* unconventional silhouettes. He regularly heats, bends, molds, and sews items like pennies, bottle caps, aluminum, paper, wood chips, curtains, and other raw materials to make unique, innovative designs. As a self-proclaimed wild card, you never know what you're going to get with David – and that's the way he likes it. Living in the moment is his *forté*, and this always allows for creative flexibility.

## Story

- > David was born on the east side of Atlanta, which he calls "The Heartbeat" of the city. He claims that's where the hipsters and down-to-earth folks live – it's the REAL Atlanta. As a the middle child of three boys, his mom was a flight attendant and his dad was in the military. He spent a lot of time with his grandmother, as his parents were off working most of the time. David recalls feeling different than other kids, in the sense that he was always allowed to be himself and pursue what he wanted with no restrictions. Because of that, he found it hard to connect with other kids.
- > When he discovered a sewing box under his grandma's bed, David was immediately intrigued. The old threads, the patterns, the beads – it was all so mysterious yet enticing. He started watching his grandma sew buttons or embroidery on her dresses, and he would always start off the projects by threading the needle for her. This early bonding time with his grandma would soon become a permanent outlet with fashion design.
- > Eventually, he briefly studied design at a community college, but left the program, in favor of teaching himself the ropes. He loves the freedom of learning on his own and using his own creative process to complete tasks. When it comes to making statements with his clothes, he mainly just wants to emphasize that it's okay to color outside the lines – creatively *and* in regular life. As he puts, "It's okay to be the beautiful mess."
- > Nowadays, David focuses on custom, one-of-a-kind garments that provide a fashion forward approach and always spark self-assertion. From sewing and draping to pattern making, CAD, and beading, everything David does is DIY. He believes that upcycling is the future of fashion design, and thankfully, he's been riding that wave well ahead of the curve.
- > Winning this competition would not only validate David's calling as a designer, but it would also bring honor to his family's name. Additionally, he knows his grandma (who recently passed) would be looking down and happy knowing that her little sewing box gave her grandson the inspiration to shoot for the stars.

