

## **Mondo Guerra Bio**

Fashion designer Mondo Guerra won the hearts of judges, fellow contestants and viewers following the emotional disclosure of his HIV-positive status on Lifetime's hit reality TV competition, *Project Runway* season 8. Mondo returned to the runway in 2012 on the debut season of *Project Runway All Stars*, where he emerged as the series' first champion. And earlier this year, Mondo joined fashion guru and Emmy Award winner Tim Gunn as a mentor on the new show *Project Runway: Under the Gunn*.

Mondo has been HIV-positive for over ten years and his courageous revelation on *Project Runway* has launched him into HIV awareness advocacy. He is currently collaborating with Merck on ***I Design***, a national HIV education campaign aimed at helping to empower people with the disease to play an active role in designing their treatment plan with their doctors. Through ***I Design***, Mondo shares his experience living with HIV and discusses the importance of people living with HIV to have an open and honest dialogue with their doctors to address important topics such as how they are feeling on their current therapies, other conditions they may have and other medications they are taking beyond their HIV therapy.

In addition to his work with ***I Design***, Mondo has designed an exclusive collection of frames and sunglasses for national optical boutique SEE Eyeware, with a portion of sales benefitting amFAR. He has also collaborated on a line of shoes with Crocs, Inc., a world leader in innovative casual footwear. Mondo also continues to develop his eponymous label, offering his designs exclusively on his website, [mondoguerra.com](http://mondoguerra.com).

More information on ***I Design*** is available at [www.ProjectIDesign.com](http://www.ProjectIDesign.com).