

A fashion photograph of Valerie Steele. She is wearing a black, long-sleeved, high-necked top with a large circular brooch at the collar. Her skirt is voluminous and made of many layers of black fabric, creating a ruffled, tiered effect. She is posing with one hand on her hip and the other near her head. The background is a textured, light blue-grey color.

Valerie Steele

**THE BLACK
DRESS**

PHOTOGRAPH BY IKÉ UDÉ OF THE SINGER RIHANNA, FIRST PUBLISHED IN ARUDE, 2006. The Nigerian-born artist, photographer, and publisher Iké Udé depicts Rihanna wearing a sexy little black dress by Diane von Furstenberg, president of the Council of Fashion Designers of America. At a time when celebrities have become fixtures in the front row, Rihanna created a sensation at New York Fashion Week. *Photograph courtesy of Iké Udé.*

