

## Style Profile...

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**First Lady Michelle Obama** has become a political and fashion force to be reckoned with. It is obvious she has no plans of slowing down this second term. In the first couple months of 2013 Michelle Obama has already been spotted dancing on Late Night with Jimmy Fallon, and was a surprise presenter for Best Picture at the Oscar Awards.

Four years ago Michelle Obama looked sweet, hopeful, and idealistic in a custom ivory *Jason Wu* gown. The floor length, ethereal, one-shoulder ensemble sparkled and swept across the dance floor as it was decorated with Swarovski crystals and flower appliqués. That event made the young *Jason Wu* a household name and favorite designer for our First Lady.

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Michelle Obama's 2009 Inauguration dress, a white, floor-length gown with a strapless, ruffled bodice and a full skirt, was a significant fashion moment. It was designed by Thom Browne and featured intricate detailing, including a large, sculptural floral motif on the bodice. The dress was widely praised for its elegance and its nod to traditional American fashion. Barack Obama's tuxedo was also a notable choice, designed by Tommy Hilf, and was described as a "classic" tuxedo with a white shirt and a white bow tie. The couple's choice of attire for the inauguration was a blend of tradition and modernity, reflecting the historic nature of the event.