



[Staple](#) Design and Airwalk hosted "Past. Present. Now", an exhibit featuring Airwalk's history as well as the launching of their Fall 2009 Collection available exclusively at Payless, last night in NYC. Airwalk is probably known mostly for their boardsport sneakers. Now, with the mix of hip hop and skater cultures, the brand is significantly more mainstream than ever. They're now a permanent fixture in [Payless Shoe Source](#). The exhibit and party were old-school fun. Hip-hoppers mingled with skater dudes, all admiring the displays, which included vintage shoes, while head-bopping to the classics. One shoe that caught my attention was [the classic](#) gym shoe done in the material of a tennis ball. Crazy cute! For their Fall 2009 Collection, they turned to sneaker expert (yup, there is such a thing) and designer, jeffstaple, for something fresh.