

FASHION FIESTA 23



#FASHIONFIESTA23

CELEBRATING DIVERSITY, CREATIVITY, SUSTAINABILITY AND PHILANTHROPY



We are thrilled to have you here at Fashion Fiesta 2023, an event that transcends the ordinary, where fashion becomes a canvas for creativity, diversity is celebrated, and philanthropy is at the heart of everything we do.

As we showcase the incredible designs and talents of our fashion designers, we invite you not just to witness but to immerse yourself in an evening of innovation, art, and a true sense of community. Fashion Fiesta is not just a show; it's a movement to empower emerging designers, support sustainability, and raise vital funds for the Children's Heart Surgery Fund.



With your presence tonight, you're contributing to a brighter, more inclusive future, supporting creativity and artistry, and joining our mission to make a lasting impact in the world of fashion.



We thank our sponsors, our designers, our volunteers, and most importantly, you, for being part of this incredible journey. Enjoy the show, embrace the art, and let's make Fashion Fiesta 2023 a night to remember.

Rachel Hatfield
Founder, Fashion Fiesta CIC

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TONIGHT

- 18:00 Doors open, seats taken, music from Live Band Entertainment
- 18:30 Introduction from Rachel Hatfield, words from the Stewart Boutcher (Veracity, sponsor), and compère Stuart Hyde QPM
- 18:50 Anthony French - Remade-Remodled
York College students - Year 1 Padded Jackets Collection
Sophie Merriman - Childish dreams
Andrea Benahmed Djilali - Andrea Benahmed Djilali
Stephanie Ndukuba - Certified City Gworl
Blandine Fonjah Lum - Africa Royal 80
- 19:20 Interval
- 19:35 Stephanie Galij - BadGal
Georgia Linsey-Bessent - Submerged seas
Omar Mansoor - Omar Mansoor
Sarvin Clark - Elegance
El Holgate
Chinenye Nwasike - Nenysty
Marlon Bethell - From fields to fashion
Mido Turki - FW Collection - The Hooded Thobe
Cathie McCartan - Core of Creativity
- 20:05 Final walk around from all designers
- 20:10 Key note from Amanda Warrent, Children's Heart Surgery Fund
- 20:15 Live & silent auction
- 20:25 Winners announced
- 20:30 Show closes





At Fashion Fiesta, we believe in the power of small steps to create a big impact. We are proud to have Shoo Social Media as our partner.

Shoo Social Media has been with us since 2016, making Fashion Fiesta a great success. Their commitment is vital to our mission of celebrating creativity, diversity, and community impact.

They've generously sponsored our Events Manager, ensuring our shows run smoothly.

However, their support goes further. It's about nurturing talent and potential, not just money.

Shoo Social Media crafted our remarkable show magazine. It's a precious keepsake that truly captures Fashion Fiesta's spirit, thanks to their creative touch.

They've gone beyond shows, mentoring students and volunteers. Sharing wisdom and expertise, they've kindled passion and guided young talent.

Shoo Social Media knows that giving back can be enjoyable. They embody Fashion Fiesta's making an impact while relishing the vibrant event atmosphere.

We're immensely thankful for Shoo Social Media's unwavering support. Together, we're creating a brighter, more inclusive future through fashion and purpose.

Here's to more years of collaboration and shared impact.

For more about Shoo Social Media, visit their website.



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FRANCK BEKAKA

Fashion Designer

WHAT ARE WE LOOKING FOR?

ORIGINALITY

1. Is the collection unique?
2. Does it have its own personality?
3. Is it set apart from the rest?



CONCEPT

1. What is the idea/intention behind the collection?
2. Does it tell a story?
3. Is it emotive?

CRAFTSMANSHIP

1. Does it display a high level of skill and ability?



SUSTAINABILITY

1. Are the garments ethically sourced?

COMMERCIAL AWARENESS

1. Could you see the designs being worn around the city, or on the high street?
2. Are they commercially minded?

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involved and to the entire
Fashion Fiesta team and fellow sponsors.

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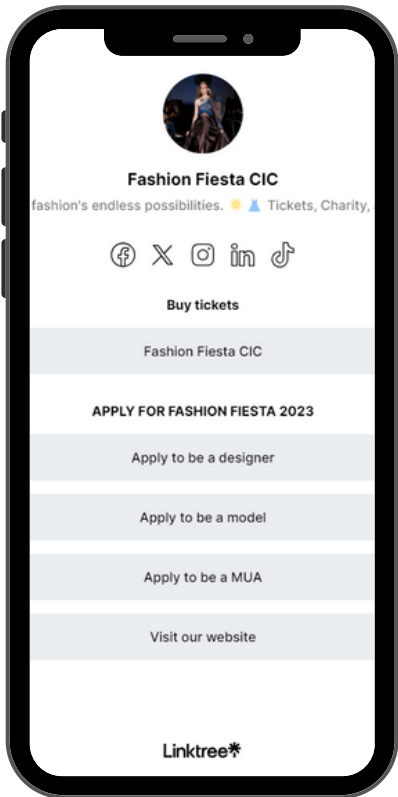
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DESIGNERS

Explain the concept behind your design...

Anthony French

Collection: **Remade-Remodled**

Upcycle, reuse and refresh.



York College University Centre

Collection: **Year 1 Padded
Jackets Collection**

Sheila Hicks Textile Designer
(exhibition at The Hepworth,
Wakefield).

DESIGNERS

Explain the concept behind your design...

Sophie Merriman

Collection: **Childish dreams**

My collection is based on the confidence we had as a child. How we dressed un influenced by society and our peers. We didn't dress according to trends but how we felt that day. We dressed for us. My collection is centred round my 5 year old daughter and how she dresses. Childish dreams is a collection of bold ,bright coloured garments, interactive prints and extremely oversized playful accessories. This collection is designed to look like a child in adults clothing and so the oversized silhouettes and the drape of the garments all add the the theme. Jumbo sequins and shocking pink jumbo Knits are just some of the collections textured fabrics.



Childish dreams is a collection designed to make you feel. It has been designed for the bold, the not so bold and those who wish to be bolder and everyone in between. This dopamine inducing collection is a nostalgic, bright, fun and playful. Everything the inner child within us all needs.

DESIGNERS

Explain the concept behind your design...

Andrea Benahmed Djilali

Collection: **Andrea Benahmed Djilali**



My design concept is centered around combining traditional Hungarian folk art with modern eco-friendly practices. Hand-painted denim collection takes inspiration from the Kalocsa Richelieu Table Runner, bringing a unique aesthetic to denim fashion. My leather handmade handbag collection focuses on sustainability, using every piece of leather to minimize waste. Commitment to eco-friendly practices is evident as you strive to become a zero-waste company, with less than 5% of your waste going to a landfill. Overall, my design approach merges cultural influences with environmental awareness to produce stylish yet sustainable collections.

DESIGNERS

Explain the concept behind your design...



Stephanie Ndukuba

Collection: **Certified City Gworl**

For everyone to have their
unique style.

Blandine Fonjah Lum

Collection: **Africa Royal 80**

Smart wear,
occasion/formal.



DESIGNERS

Explain the concept behind your design...

Stephanie Galij
Collection: **BadGal**

Baddie winkle.



Georgia Linsey-Bessent
Collection: **Submerged seas**

Submerged sea is an upcoming 2024 trend, brimming with colour and limitless possibilities. Using inspiration from The Deep in hull and artwork from Tom Lewis I wanted to make a fun colourful collection that draws attention, fits beautifully and makes the wearer feel comfortable. Using womenswear techniques in bodice making to make male and female bodices and a unisex trouser block.



DESIGNERS

Explain the concept behind your design...

Omar Mansoor

Collection: **Omar Mansoor**

Wearability.



Sarvin Clark

Collection: **Elegance**

Empowering women.

DESIGNERS

Explain the concept behind your design...

El Houlgate

Collection: N/A

Elenor takes a deep dive into the complex world of mental health. The psychology of colour informs the colour palette and the collection plays with scale in the embroidered self-portraits on oversized organza pocket bags.

Semi-opaque materials expose the inner workings of tailored pieces – a representation of the true, inner self.



DESIGNERS

Explain the concept behind your design...

Chinenye Nwasike

Collection: **Nenysty**

The concept behind Nenysty revolves around celebrating Africa's rich and diverse cultures through clothing and accessories. I draw inspiration from the continent's history, traditions, and vibrant aesthetics to create unique and culturally significant fashion pieces. Nenysty's brand essence is rooted in authenticity, promoting African heritage while also embracing modern influences and trends. The Key Elements of Nenysty's concept include: Cultural Fusion: we blend traditional African elements with contemporary fashion styles, creating garments that appeal to a global audience while preserving African identity.

Unique Fabric Selection: I carefully choose textiles that reflect the diversity of African materials, such as Ankara, Kente, and Mudcloth, showcasing their beauty and versatility. Ethical Production: Nenysty prioritizes ethical and sustainable production practices, supporting local artisans and communities to ensure fair labor and environmental responsibility. Storytelling: My brand narrates the stories and meanings behind each design, allowing customers to connect with the cultural significance of the garments they wear. Inclusivity: Nenysty is inclusive, welcoming people from all backgrounds to embrace and appreciate African fashion, fostering cross-cultural understanding. In a nutshell, Nenysty is a blend of creativity, culture, and commerce, offering a unique and socially conscious approach to the fashion industry.



DESIGNERS

Explain the concept behind your design...

Marlon Bethell

**Collection: From fields to
fashion**

I take tents that get left at
festivals and give them a new
lease of life and create
garments ready to be worn at
the festival next year.



DESIGNERS

Explain the concept behind your design...

Mido Turki

Collection: **FW Collection -
The Hooded Thobe**



My design concept revolves around the integration of the classic Moroccan hooded thobe, specifically tailored for winter, with a contemporary and functional twist. Inspired by the rich cultural heritage of the Moroccan thobe, I've incorporated its distinctive hood and silhouette, infusing it with modern fabrics and innovative features for enhanced insulation and adaptability to winter weather. The result is a harmonious blend of tradition and modernity, aiming to offer not only a stylish homage to the Moroccan heritage but also a practical and versatile winter garment for the contemporary wearer.

DESIGNERS

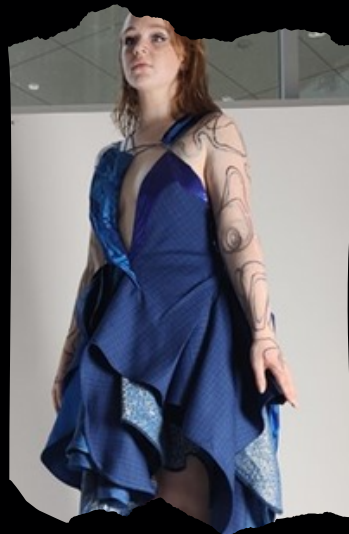
Explain the concept behind your design...

Cathie McCartan

Collection: **Core of Creativity**

This collection takes you through a narrative of style development with creativity at the core. A journey exploring the form fitting cut of contoured seams, design features of functional details and luxuriously innovative repurposing are used for the first four looks of this collection. Further developments have taken Cathie's practice into using pattern cutting as an art form. SurrChemise is a surreal take on ideation of a classic shirt styling using a combination of moulage and flatpattern cutting to exaggerate and layer details.

Sculpdress II questions concepts of drawing to produce abstract linear intricacies wrapped around the figure, a combination of print and contrasting textures join in seams that form a 3D drawing of the feminine form through pattern cutting. Pieces of high end art/fashion, wearable yet fit for an art gallery.



All dressed up ready for the show.



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MAKEUP ARTISTS

Our makeup artists have created the neutral looks for all of the models on our catwalk tonight. They have also sent portfolios to the judges, and have been judged on these prior to tonight's show.

Candiece Kaya

Abbie Beattie

Mia Husband

Caitlin Cook

Gemma Douglas

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Liliia Molodetska

Juliana

Lilly Harper

Amaryah Owhoka

Paris

Rachel Peru

Orianne Abeton

Francesca Hindmarch

Francesca Wynn

Favour Emobena

Diogo Monteiro

Paige Tyler

Lottie Doyle



CHOSEN CHARITY



CHILDREN'S HEART SURGERY FUND

Hi, I'm Amanda,
Corporate
Partnerships Manager
at Children's Heart
Surgery Fund (CHSF).



CHSF are a completely self-funded, regional charity set up in 1988 to redress the lack of funding within the field of congenital heart disease. In addition to supporting the LCHU by providing revolutionary equipment and funding clinical posts and research, the charity delivers a programme of practical and financial support for children and their families each year.

Coming to hospital is a daunting prospect for a child and stressful for parents and other family members. CHSF's aim is to support the family by making the ward a comfortable place, providing accommodation and living expenses for families.

A very warm welcome to everyone attending Fashion Fiesta tonight. CHSF are so lucky to have been chosen as the charity partner for this year's event. CHSF supports babies, children and adults across Yorkshire and North Lincolnshire with congenital heart disease who are treated at the Leeds Congenital Heart Unit (LCHU) within Leeds General Infirmary, and the 19 local hospitals with outreach clinics across our region.



I can assure you that the money raised tonight will make a huge difference to the specialist treatment and care of patients with congenital heart disease, and their families.

Here's to an evening of fashion, fun and fundraising under the auspices of this fantastic venue.

Please give what you can to take part in the raffle and have a fabulous night.

If you would like to learn more about what we do, please visit our website <https://www.chsf.org.uk> or contact me, Amanda Warrent on 07508 240843.



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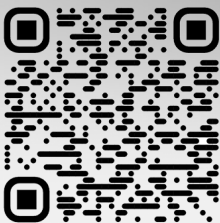
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To raise money for an incredible cause, we ask you to purchase a raffle ticket, get involved in the live auction and put a your best bid in the silent auction too.



Live auction

- Bespoke art by Mike Hall
- Handbag creation by AndReal Design
- 2 nights in Harrogate at the Artists' Cottages

Silent auction

- Monaco Grand prix package- 3 nights accomodation in Nice, Secteur Rocher tickets (upgradable) return flights and transfers
- Spa and dine at Coniston Hall for 2 people- 2 hour spa, welcome health shot, dining in Blossom kitchen
- Dinner, Bed and Breakfast for 2 @ Grassington House
- View from The Shard for 2 people plus 3 course meal at Marco Pierre Whites ... and much more.



WIN

Raffle prizes

Champagne, CHSF & Rachel Moore
Gift voucher, Stylejunky Boutique
Hamper of booze, Mollie
Family day pass, Michelle Mettrick
Amazon voucher, CHSF
Mastering Social Media Marketing bundle, SHOO
Online tutoring sessions in A level Business Studies
or Economics, Tutor Aim
Deluxe pedicure, Lasting Beauty Wakefield
£25 gift voucher, Clothes Horse Boutique
£80 facial, Coty and Madison, Menston
Half day coaching with horses in York, Julia Felton
LinkedIn profile polish, 1 hour session, Judy Parsons
Hamper, Monica Almasi, Diora hair design
Thermal haircut, Monica Almasi, Diora hair design
4 x silk scarves, Buttercrumble
Alcohol (bottle), The Wright Wine Company
Beer, Brightside Brewing
Camilla Grayley Garden Design
Bottle of gin, Rebecca Birch





"I don't design clothes I design
dreams."

Ralph Lauren



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"I want people to see the dresses
but focus on the woman."
Vera Wang

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York College - Room staging

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Carl Marsden - Website

Thank you



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