

# FASHION FIESTA 24



#FASHIONFIESTA24

# CELEBRATING DIVERSITY, CREATIVITY, SUSTAINABILITY AND PHILANTHROPY



We are thrilled to have you here at Fashion Fiesta 2024, 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 The Clarke Foley Centre and Improving Ilkley.



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 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 2024 a night to remember.

*Rachel Hatfield*  
Founder, Fashion Fiesta CIC

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# TONIGHT

- 18:00 Doors open
- 18:30 Guests to be seated
- 18:31 Welcome note from CEO Rachel Hatfield  
Introduction of Isabel Ashman as compère  
Isabel will officially open the show:
- Fire safety at the start of the event
  - Introduce the keynote speaker, Mayoress Sharon Milner
- 18:45 1st half  
Jigsaw  
Mint Velvet  
Ilkley Grammar School - A-Level textile students  
Reclaim Tentwear by Marlon Bethell  
Meg Gardner Designs  
MIKKIMONO by Sue Gillespie  
Kirk Fashion by Richard Kirk  
Isabelle Randall  
reFresh by Anthony French
- 19:25 INTERVAL
- 19:40 2nd half  
Whistles, Ilkley  
Fig & Willow, Ilkley  
Vanessa Brain  
Reloved by Charlotte Dearden  
Anaqa Studio by Aaliya  
Bejaja, D by Bekaka Franck Diabagate  
Corinne Valente  
AndReal Design by Andrew Benahmed Djilali
- 20:25 Talk from Improving Ilkley - Louise Hepworth  
20:30 Talk from The Clarke Foley Centre
- 20:35 Show closes
- 20:40 Networking, pop-up stalls, mingling
- 21:00 Home time





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 and marketing, 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.





# 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?

# TEAM WORK...

*The extraordinary event organising volunteers...*



MARIE-THERESE HARDY



JAY KAUR



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VICTORIA REDDINGTON



RACHEL MOORE

# MAKES...

*The volunteers steering board*



DANIEL HOUCHEN



JOANNA HARDY



JANE CLARKE



VANESSA BRAIN



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ANNY LIAN

# THE. DREAMWORK.

*The fabulous fundraising team*



ALI NAJMI



CHRIS MORRIS



SHARON MILNER



ISABEL ASHMAN

# BEHIND. THE. SCENES

*The directors*



FRANCES DIXON



CHRIS MORRIS

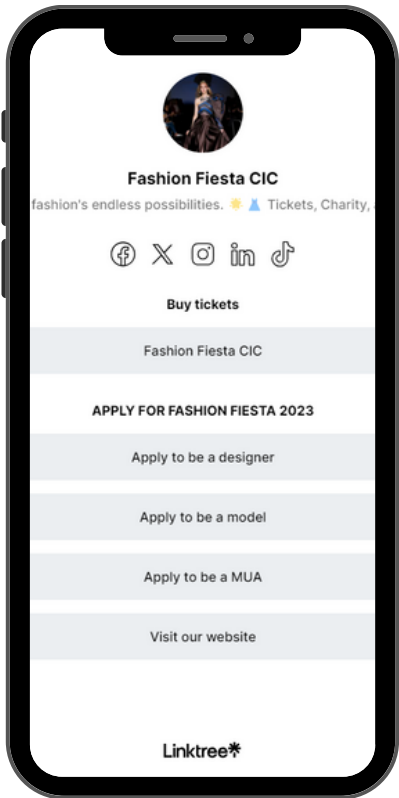


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# DESIGNERS

A little bit about our designers...

## Jigsaw - Ilkley

### Collection: The Art of Spring

Get ready to embrace the art of spring with Jigsaw's dynamic, fresh, and crisp collection on the catwalk. Like the season, their designs embody renewal, vitality, and effortless elegance.

Jigsaw showcases the latest trends and timeless classics, curated to inspire and uplift your wardrobe for the season ahead.



## Mint Velvet - Ilkley

### Collection: New Energy

Introducing Mint Velvet's exhilarating new collection, 'New Energy,' where every piece exudes vibrancy and freshness. Embrace the essence of spring with dynamic styles and crisp silhouettes that breathe life into your wardrobe. From effortlessly chic separates to statement-making ensembles, 'New Energy' embodies the spirit of renewal and invigoration.

Elevate your style and embrace the season with Mint Velvet's latest offering.



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Ilkley Grammar School

**Collection:** A-Level Textile Students.

Inspired by Balenciaga's iconic designs, our talented students from Ilkley Grammar School embarked on a journey to create their unique interpretations of the one-seam, zero-waste coat.

Each student poured their creativity and newfound skills into crafting coats that reflect their style and pay homage to Balenciaga's vision of timeless elegance. Join us as we celebrate the remarkable creations of Bobbi Makin, Ursula Reynolds, Phoebe Dickinson, Cassia Gee, and Nance Gale.



**Reclaim Tentwear by Marlon Bethell (2nd place winner 2023)**

**Collection:** From fields to fashion - festival

Introducing the innovative Festival and Outdoor Collection by Reclaim Tentwear by Marlon Bethell.

The collection embraces sustainable fashion with garments crafted from upcycled festival tents, giving them a new life and purpose. Our functional yet fun designs, including versatile ponchos and one-size-fits-all, ensure style for all shapes and sizes. While we prioritise sustainability, the collection also exudes personality and flair, perfect for outdoor enthusiasts looking to make a statement with their wardrobe. Join Reclaim Tentwear in embracing eco-conscious fashion with our unique and sustainable creations.



# DESIGNERS

A little bit about our designers...

## Meg Gardner Designs

**Collection:** ReadyToWear Collection of Timeless and Classic Silhouettes.

Meg J Gardner, the visionary behind our sustainable and ethical fashion brand dedicated to creating classic and timeless womenswear and bridal wear. Born and raised in Yorkshire, Meg's passion for fashion blends tradition with innovation, showcasing the rich history of textiles through modern design. With a focus on circular fashion, our finely crafted garments reflect Meg's commitment to sustainability and her belief in the power of slow fashion.



## Sue Gillespie

**Collection:** MIKKIMONO

Introducing MIKKIMONO, a genuine cottage industry born from a passion for creativity and a love for beautiful textiles. Founded by Sue Gillespie, a seasoned designer with a background in fine art and antique textile restoration, MIKKIMONO offers a unique blend of vintage and contemporary wearable garments crafted from various fabulous fabrics.

From the quaint setting of a small cottage in a walled garden, Sue and her team bring to life an ever-changing collection of wearable pieces designed to cater to all sizes and special needs. With a focus on skilful craftsmanship and attention to detail, MIKKIMONO invites you to explore a world where tradition meets innovation in every stitch.

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## Kirk Fashion

**Collection:** Expedition

Introducing Richard Kirk, founder of Kirk Fashion, where high-end militaristic fashion meets avant-garde design. Inspired by military aesthetics, upcycling uniforms and infused with cutting-edge style, Kirk Fashion offers a unique blend of sophistication and boldness.

Each piece is meticulously crafted to exude power, confidence, and unparalleled elegance. Experience the fusion of precision tailoring, luxurious fabrics, and innovative design.



## Isabelle Randall

**Collection:** isabelleRANDALL

Isabelle Randall is a couture luxury designer renowned for her exquisite bespoke bridalwear, eveningwear, and tailoring. With a focus on handcrafted individual designs, Isabelle brings her artistic vision to life in her atelier in Scarborough, North Yorkshire. Her diverse collections encompass avant-garde bridal wear, dramatic evening wear, and impeccably tailored bespoke pieces, all crafted from the finest and most luxurious fabrics sourced locally in the UK.

Isabelle's creations are timeless works of art designed to provide value for money in an era of disposable fashion. Trained in Fashion Design at Leeds University and the Royal College of Art, Isabelle offers a highly personalised bespoke service, ensuring that each client receives a garment that is as unique as they are.

# DESIGNERS

A little bit about our designers...

## reFresh by Anthony French

**Collection:** Remade-Remodled

Anthony French: reFresh, a designer and producer of made-to-order fashion and homestyle textiles. Anthony's creations are inspired by the beauty of fabrics and yarns, weaving together vibrant colours and rich textures to create pieces that stand out from the crowd. Each garment and textile is crafted meticulously, reflecting Anthony's commitment to local craftsmanship and individuality.



## Whistles, Ilkley

**Collection:** Spring Summer 2024 Collection

Introducing Whistles' Spring Summer 2024 collection—a revival of effortless and versatile staples. With a refined grown-up elegance, this collection celebrates everyday styles and takes them to new heights of sophistication.

Discover a range of silhouettes that exude confidence with clean lines and uncomplicated dresses adorned with intricate beading or cut-outs, offering modern occasion solutions that embody elegance and wearability for every moment beyond the celebrations.

# DESIGNERS

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## Fig & Willow, Ilkley

**Collection:** Independent lifestyle, sustainable fashion.

Discover Fig & Willow in Ilkley, a charming independent lifestyle shop offering sustainable fashion and high-quality items at reasonable prices. From lovely homeware to cards, candles, and gifts, Fig & Willow has everything you need to make a stylish entrance. Explore their selection of British, Scandinavian, and Italian clothing brands known for their simple, chic, and elegant designs.



## Vanessa Brain

**Collection:** Vanessa Brain

Introducing Vanessa Brain's visionary collection, a testament to her background in menswear design and specialisation in sustainable fashion. Available for rental, her pieces redefine contemporary style with innovative designs that challenge convention and celebrate individuality. From the unisex Shirt re-imagined, featuring sculptural details like elongated shirt tails, to the Manhattan outfit inspired by New York's vibrant energy, each piece captures attention and pushes boundaries.

The What Lies Within coat adds an intriguing twist with its revealing X-ray print. At the same time, the Fight Club capsule collection showcases traditional tailoring skills with bold pinstripe suits and deconstructed jackets.

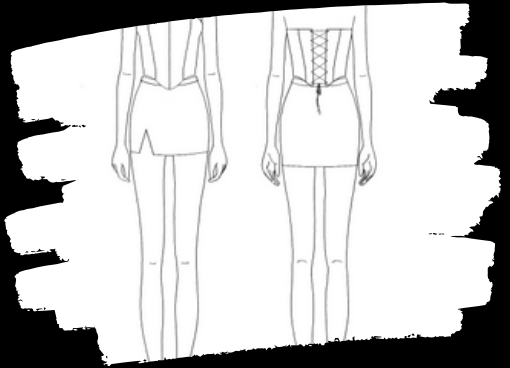
# DESIGNERS

A little bit about our designers...

**Charlotte Dearden**

**Collection:** Reloved

A gothic twist on sustainability.



**Aaliya**

**Collection:** Anaqa Studio

Discover the essence of empowerment with ANAQA Studio's collection, where women from diverse backgrounds flourish and inspire positive change. Our meticulously crafted pieces, including maxi dresses, shirts, skirts, and suits, are designed to harmonise effortlessly, offering complete and stylish ensembles for every occasion. Embrace your individuality with ease as you express yourself through our thoughtfully curated collection.

# DESIGNERS

A little bit about our designers...

## **Bekaka Franck Diabagate**

### **Collection:** Bekaka. D

Introducing the avant-garde creations of Bekaka Franck Diabagate, a visionary fashion designer whose expertise in MA Creative Pattern Cutting from the University of Huddersfield shines through every stitch. Bekaka. D, prepare to embark on a journey of innovation where traditional craftsmanship meets contemporary design. A collection that redefines the boundaries of fashion.



## **Corrinne Valente**

### **Collection:** L'Atelier

Discover the essence of timeless elegance with L'Atelier by Corrinne Valente. Embracing the ethos of slow fashion, our bespoke wedding wear is crafted with meticulous care and attention to detail. Each gown tells a story of sustainability and love, ensuring your special day is memorable and environmentally conscious.





# DESIGNERS

Fashion Fiesta Show, 2023 WINNER...

**AndReal Design** Andrea Benahmed Djilali

**Collection:** Rebirth Design

Introducing the avant-garde creations of Bekaka Franck Diabagate, a visionary fashion designer whose expertise in MA Creative Pattern Cutting from the University of Huddersfield shines through every stitch. Bekaka. D, prepare to embark on a journey of innovation where traditional craftsmanship meets contemporary design. A collection that redefines the boundaries of fashion.



# All dressed up ready for the show.



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# CELEBRATING OUR UNIQUENESS



# 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.

Casey Wood

Katie Taylor

Sian Hughes

Louise Hepworth-Wood

Paige Harley

Marianna Easter - Smink

Deborah Hadley

Samantha Jane Poole  
Thompson

Thank





# MODELLING ON THE CATWALK

Laura shaw  
Kirsty grace  
Natalie Lawrence  
Andreea Szirbik  
Swayze-Leigh Best  
Lilly Harper  
Paris  
Liz Blizzard  
Olaitan Faroun  
Pauline Winch  
Liliia Molodetska  
Sydney-Alicia Newman  
Favour Emobena  
Fiona Harrington  
Timothy Robinson  
Anne Hawkesworth  
Inez Strzelecka  
Olivia Bielawska  
Michael jacobs  
Kate Dawson  
Kishorn Roberts  
Reo Fay  
Yasmeen Daily  
Molly-rose eccles  
Ashena Green  
Juliana Idris  
Rachel Thorp  
Francesca Hindmarch  
Angelo Roura

Leilani Diaz  
Samirah jannan Al-rubai  
Charles Cain  
Caitlyn Hepburn  
Naomi Malcolm  
Kate Durkin  
Charlotte Jackson  
Anna M. Kingston  
Ian Cardwell  
Clare Jowett  
Pilar Donnelly  
Robert Milner



# CHOSEN CHARITIES

All profits from the show go to these two amazing local causes.



Improving Ilkley does exactly what it says on the tin. We work with others to deliver projects that will improve the town and its surroundings, especially in the civic realm.



Clarke Foley Community Hub is a charity providing facilities for recreational, educational and a wide range of other leisure pursuits.



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


Ralph Lauren



# B F D

Bradfordian





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

# With special thanks...

## Main sponsors

Shoo Social Media

## Making this show happen...

Beth Chamberlain - Photography

Jon Green - Photography

Bradley Durante - Photography

To all the prize donators.

And of course... you the reader.

Our raffle prizes include...

- Jigsaw Voucher
- Fig and Willow Voucher
- Whistles Voucher
- Mint Velvet Voucher
- Porters Menswear Voucher
- Burberry scarf
- Signed book
- Alice Wheeler Boutique travel bag
- Beaujolais-Villages red wine
- Nora's bath and shower gel set
- Luxury chocolate set
- Bottle of port
- Liz Earle set
- Bottle of prosecco
- Mug and coaster set
- Gift vouchers worth up to £50
- Neom gift set
- Hand-designed t-shirt
- Designer dress
- Coffee and biscuits set from Betty's
- Sleep set
- Nara candle
- Espresso maker
- Locally sourced coffee beans
- Molton Brown bath and shower set

Many more donations for the raffle we just can't fit them on here...

A large, stylized handwritten 'Thank you' in black ink, written in a cursive script. The 'T' is very large and bold, with a long horizontal stroke that extends to the left. The 'Thank you' is written in a fluid, connected cursive style.





# HONESTLY, HOW DO WE TOP A FASHION FIESTA PROPOSAL?

FASHION FIESTA 2019



Unleash your passion for fashion.

We welcome all who are eager to champion creativity, diversity, and community growth. There's a role for everyone to shape a brighter, more inclusive fashion and business landscape.

*Become a volunteer or sponsor*



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