



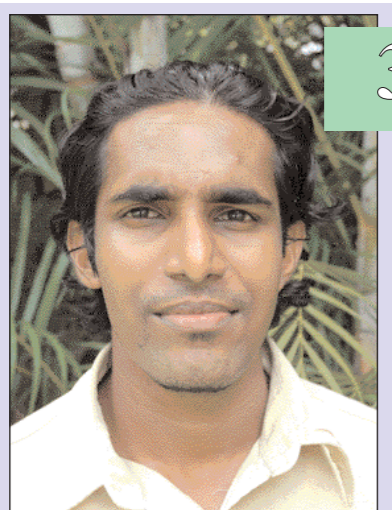
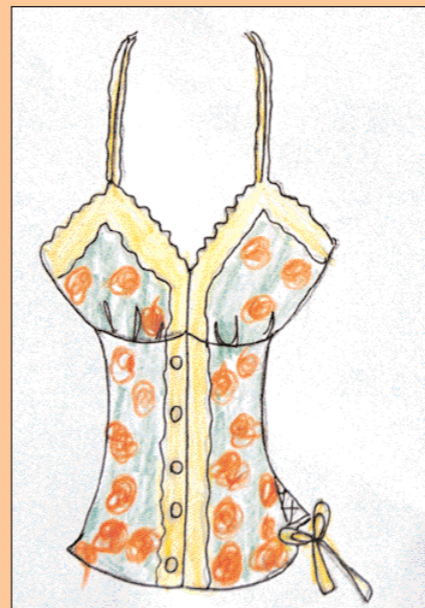
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Anne Lambert



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Subashini Wickremaratne



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Nuwan Perera



Chula Nanayakkara Ariyaratne

By Rosanne Koelmeyer Anderson

A repertoire of things to get in order before the 'Big Day,' the countdown is on for the busy twelve talented young designers who will flaunt their expertise at the fourth Observer Fashion Designer of the Year Contest on November 3 at the BMICH. A hectic time for the presenter of the show, no stranger to the ramp, a vivacious go-getter who has put all her creativity to make the show a gala event, Chula Nanayakkara Ariyaratne is all set to unfold the grandeur and talent of the new-fangled fashion designers to the industry. Sharing the exhilaration of the event are

Gala extravaganza - Nov. 3 A night of glamour and glitter

two eminent personalities very much a part of the show, the official beautician and hairdresser for the contest Ramzi Rahaman who has been associated with the event for the fourth time and the compere of the show, Clifford Richard who are geared up to give you their best while the twelve lucky finalists also eagerly vie for an added title, the *Sunday Observer* Queen. So keep your entry coupons rolling in for your pick, it is the last four days and your last chance after all and grab your tickets fast to avoid disappointment.

To add spice to the show and step up the tempo and keep you and your feet a tapping and swinging to the beat at the show will be the LA-Latino duo, Kevin and Natasha to give you an outburst of swift movement in quick tempo for all you Latino dancers, the graceful exposition of a 'Top hat dance' by

the ballet dancer's of eminent ballet exponent, Kanthi Ranchigoda, colourful cultural dance performances to the aesthetic sound of drum beats to grace the occasion by Chandana Wickremasinghe's renowned dance troupe and entertainment by Suraj Mapa have also been lined up for you to keep you entertained and add glitter and glamour to the event.

The twelve enthusiastic and aspiring young finalists who will showcase their creations at the Fashion Designer of the Year 2007 are Nuwan Perera, Amarsha de Silva, Ashani Madola, Buddika Samarakoon, Subashini Wickremaratne, Wyomi Ranasinghe, Dhanushka Prasad Ramanayake, Dulakshi Jayasekera, Ann Jayatika Fernando, Shashi Ratnayake, Anne Lambert and Nina Amerasinghe. As spelled out by Chula Nanayakkara Ariyaratne, the Dress Design-

er of the Year Contest was initiated by her in order to give aspiring young girls and boys like these contestants with an innate talent for designing an opportunity and a platform to make a name for themselves in the fashion industry, a profession and industry which has been part and parcel of her life and brought out the best in her and reminiscences of sweet memories and valuable time pleasingly spent.

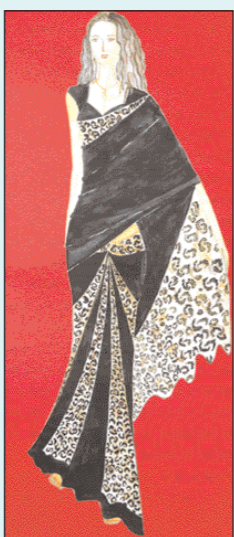
Tickets at:

- * Lake House - Maradana
- * Ceylinco Internet Services - R.A de Mel Mawatha, Bambalapitiya
- * Golden Key - Nawala Road, Nugegoda
- * Sponge Pastry Shop - Kollupitiya
- * On November 3 tickets will be available at BMICH from 10.00 a.m.



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Shashi Ratnayake



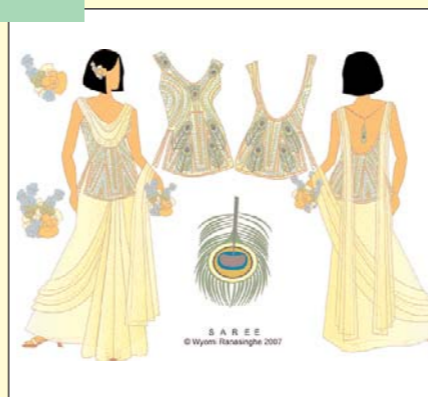
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Ann Jayatika Fernando



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Wyomi Ranasinghe



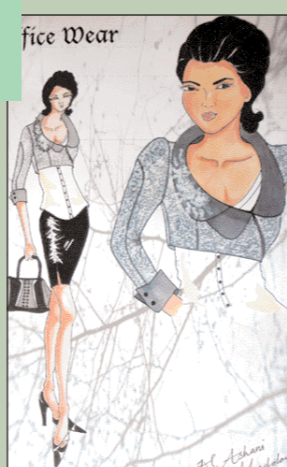
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Dulakshi Jayasekera



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Ashani Madola



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Amarsha de Silva



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Voting Coupon

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Fashion Designer of The Year 2007

Name of finalist of your choice

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Name of Sender

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Adress of Sender

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Mail your entries to the Editor Sunday Observer,
ANCL, 35 D.R.Wijewardena Mawatha, Colombo 10.

Tickets are available on

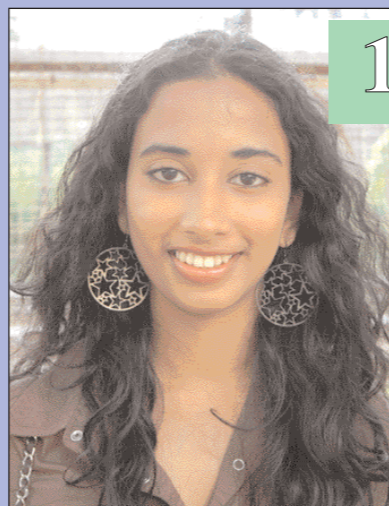
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discount up to 20%. till October 30, 2007
Normal tickets priced at Rs. 2500/=, Rs. 1750/=,
Rs. 1300/=, Rs. 650/=

Vote Count as at October 25, 2007- 3.30 p.m.

1. Subashini Wickremaratne	- 788
2. Anne Lambert	- 497
3. Nuwan Perera	- 348
4. Ann Jayathika Fernando	- 337
5. Dulakshi Jayasekera	- 230
6. Shashi Ratnayake	- 126
7. Wyomi Ranasinghe	- 88
8. Amarsha de Silva	- 88
9. Ashani Madola	- 81
10. Buddhika Samarakoon	- 52
11. Nina Amerasinghe	- 33
12. Danushka Prasad Ramanayake	- 26

Coupons will be entertained until Thursday 12 noon. The name of the winner will be announced at the contest.



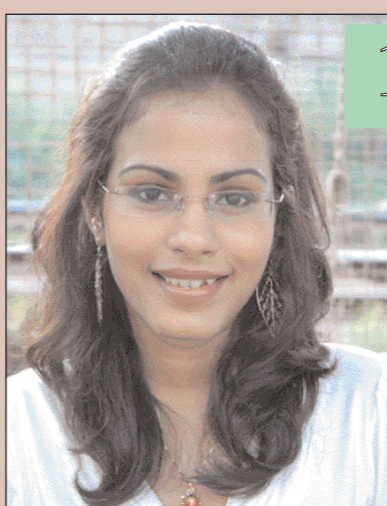
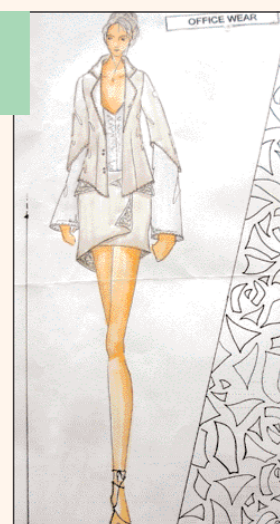
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Buddhika Samarakoon



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Danushka Prasad Ramanayake



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Nina Amerasinghe



Four more days for voting...

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