

# Best designers and finest talent to dazzle catwalk

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Fantastic designs and the best entertainment will make the Sunday Observer Fashion Designer of the Year 2009 competition a brilliant event. Enthralling the audience with his charismatic personality and his 'singsong' voice will be Clifford Richards who will be the compere for the night along with a special guest. The night will come alive when the best designers give the interesting and heart-warming designs to display the finest of Sri Lankan talent that will dazzle the catwalk.

A dazzling guest performance by the prettiest and most talented girls from Mumbai will make it a night to remember. Be prepared to keep your eyes peeled for the best Hindi dancers ever to hit the town of Colombo - Alamika and Simran. The dynamic duo will be seen for the first time live and kicking in action at the Sunday Observer Fashion Designer of the Year 2009 competition. Currently performing at the Planet Bollywood 'on-going event that takes place at the Global Towers, the girls are part of a 12-member team that are versatile and talented in dancing to the best songs Bollywood had to offer.

Speaking to the Sunday Observer was their representative who said that the girls haven't performed before anywhere except at the Global Towers and this is the first time that they will be seen at a prestigious event. "We're talking about the best of Bollywood dancing that is unmatched anywhere else.

These girls are happy to be performing in Sri Lanka for an event of such a magnitude." The girls rotate performing in Sri Lanka and are keen on giving their best with a song called 'Deevani, Deevani' which is a Bollywood smash hit. "The idea is to reveal the girls to the Sri Lankan audience so that they know the real effect of Bollywood and not just copy-cat dance moves you see on the television," said the representative. Further adding, "The girls are quite in demand because many five-star hotels have approached us in asking them to perform but the girls have been selective in picking the right event to perform and we are happy that the first time will be at the Sunday Observer Fashion Designer of the Year event". The Hindi dancers will wear the best and dazzling costumes that have been designed especially for them with Indian material. The unique concept is that the event will showcase harmony and unity between Sri Lanka and India and what better way than a renowned Fashion Designer event? "The dawn of peace this year is a milestone occasion and we hope that by getting the best of Indian dancers to dance for the future of Sri Lankan fashion designing, we can bridge the gap and set an example of unity" said Chula Nanayakkara, the main brains behind the Sunday Observer Fashion Designer of the Year 2009 event.

The stage backdrop and music is done by Kapila Peiris who has done the lighting as well. Tickets are now available at Harpo's outlets, the Bayleaf Restaurant and Commons Coffee House.

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Dimutha Siriwardena



Vinoda Godamane



Madushree Kalpana



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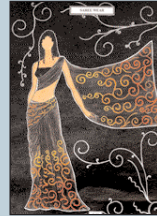
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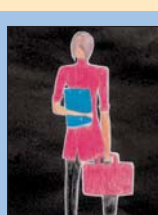
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