

■ Sunday Observer Fashion Designer of the Year 2009

A week more to go for the night of glory!

The excitement continues to pulsate with vibrance as many applications pour in as the days grow nearer to the all-important big day culminating in the 'Sunday Observer Fashion Designer of the Year 2009' competition. There are plenty of surprises in store for all those who will witness this grand spectacle of fashion designing talent from far-flung parts of Sri Lanka.

Says Chula Nanayakkara, the organiser behind this highly anticipated competition, "We are getting a good response from the participants and would like to inform the applicants that it's not about just taking part in a fashion competi-

tion but they have to be committed to making the most of the opportunity given". Chula said that it was essential for all participants to gain confidence by taking part in the competition and with the 'Sunday Observer Fashion Designer of the Year 2009' competition, it was instrumental to ensure that they make the most of it.

"The applicants can develop their English speaking skills and also obtain valuable advice on how they can make it on their own. In addition to this, the applicants will be able to network and make contacts to get ahead in the fashion industry" she said.

In each category encompassing 'Office Wear', 'Sports Wear', 'Sari Wear' and 'Evening Wear', the best design from each will receive a prize.

Chula revealed another secret, "In order to make it a happening show, we will award a prize to the 'Best Dressed' member of the audience so that everyone has a chance to be a part of this exciting event."

Definitely, the 'Sunday Observer Fashion Designer of the Year' will be a night to remember when the best Sri Lankan designers showcase their talent and reveal it to the general public. Keep those votes and appli-

cations coming in to the Sunday Observer.

This week we publish some of the designs that our aspiring designers will take to the fore. These dazzling designs were done by Cindy Nanayakkara and Sachini Nimasha Wijesinghe who will take the stage on the 17th of October at the BMICH. Tickets are available at the Bayleaf restaurant and Commons Coffee House and are selling fast so make sure you don't miss out on the action.

Please call Chula on 0776 325118 to obtain the best seat.

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Samudra Semasinghe



Nichola Dilhani Uralagamage



Marianne Gnanapragasam



Milupa Piumi Fernando



Kshyaha Pinto Jayawardena



Gihan Ediriweera



Charith Wijesekera



Shenali M. Perera



Dimuthu Rushitha Siriwardena



Madushee Kalpana Perera



Sachini Nimasha Wijesinghe



Roshitha Madurapperuma



Subhashini Perera



Upekshi Kasturirachchi



Vinoda Godamunne



Sheruka Shanani Mahakumarage



Cindy Nanayakkara



Mahoshadi de Silva



Nilakshi Peiris



Anuthitha Hapuarachchi

Votes for the Most Popular Designer	
1. Vinoda Godamunne	631
2. Subhashini Perera	619
3. Madushi Kalpana Perera	289
4. Sachini Nimasha	279
5. Gihan Ediriweera	185
6. Sheruka Shenali Mahakumarage	185
7. Dimuthu Siriwardena	125
8. Shenali M. Perera	117
9. Nilakshi Peiris	62
10. Roshitha Madurapperuma	44
11. Nichola Dilhani Uralagamage	43
12. Marianne Gnanapragasam	33
13. Mahoshadi de Silva	22
14. Milupa Piumi	21

Sunday Observer Fashion Designer of the year 2009 Most Popular Contestant

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