

Beauty and elegance to the fore

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That is how the Sunday Observer Fashion Designer of the Year is different. It's not about bizarre and unwearable designs, it's about beautiful, elegant and most importantly, wearable designs.

The contestants have to design four types of wear and will be judged on each of those categories; Sports Wear, Office Wear, Evening Wear and Saris. But meanwhile, you, the public have a role to play in picking a winner as well; the most popular contestant of the year.

Reproduced below are the names and pictures of each of the 20 finalists.

May the Best Contestant Win! Singer Sri Lanka is the Official sponsor of the show while Ranjan Dedigama of Gems and Jewels (Pvt) Ltd, Maharagama is the sponsor for the office wear segment. Khalil Masood, CEO of SKM Lanka Holdings (Pvt) Ltd will be the sponsor of the Sports wear category while Coca-Cola Beverages Sri Lanka Ltd is the Beverage Partner. Ramzi Rahaman is the show's official hairdresser/makeup artiste.

Chula Nannayakara Ariyaratne will also be presenting a segment on the show and the hair dresser/makeup artiste for her segment will be Saroja Anthonis of Salon Saro.



Shashikala Cooray



Udaya Fernando



Niluka Kaushalya



Raffella Fernando



Mekala de Silva



Krishan - Galle



Gayathri Wijebahu



Umani Baduge



Anusha Samarasinghe



Akshari PUNCHILAME



Dumila Chandrasena



Prabudi Dissanayake



Amanjane Nilaweera



Keshini Munaweera



Juliet Ranasinghe



Sapuni Adishika



Dimithra Sahabandu



Graham Anderson



Dharshika Ekanayake



Dilum Sachindra