

## SUNDAY OBSERVER SINGER<sup>®</sup> Asian Fashion Designer 2011

# The colourful finale on January 15



BY MAHES PERERA

Next week we will be carrying all the details of the meeting of the contestants with the judges yesterday, and the outcome of the display of their creations showcased by the models.

Princy Butani commented last week that she was confident that the contestants will maintain a high standard in designing and that she was happy they were enthusiastic of their

task. The next date when the contestants have to face the panel of judges will be January 8 and at this meeting there is a possibility of short-listing taking place. This would mean that those selected will move into the final pageant on January 15, 2012, which will be held in all its splendour at the host hotel, the Ceylon Continental Hotel.

The *Sunday Observer* Singer Most Popular Designer contest is fast gaining momentum, considering the fact that we have received a large haul of entries. Get your copy of

the *Sunday Observer* and mail your entries fast and make sure that your special contestant wins the contest. Part of the proceeds from the glittering pageant will be donated to the Sri Lankadhara Society to build classrooms for pre-school students. If you wish to make a contribution please contact Princy Butani on 0773527093/077 8127960/078702448.

Tickets for the pageant priced at Rs. 5,000/=, Rs. 4,000/=, Rs. 3,000/=, Rs. 2,000/=, Rs. 1,000/= are available at Benares, Crescat.

### Dinushi Kulatunge



ing fashion drawing. She entered the competition, she said, because she has an idea of going international. She intends studying at a private fashion school in Kandy and "if I win this competition I will go in for a degree in designing because I have this dream of sending my designs to a foreign house of designers. The judges made the selection of evening dress, office wear and swim wear for me and I'm nearing the completion of the outfits for presentation at our next date. I have my own models to display my clothes".



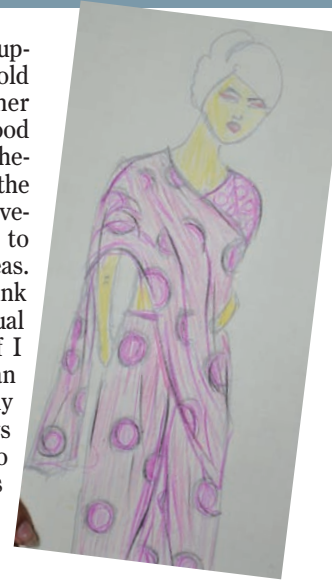
Awaiting the results of her A/Level in Bio Science is Dinushi Kulatunge who hails from Kandy. She studied at Hemamali Girls College, Kandy and was involved in art in school includ-

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### Amritha Abilashini

She gives me a lot of support" says 17 years old Amritha who had her school education at Good Shepherd College, Kotahena. The judges gave her the categories casual wear, evening wear and saree to fashion her creative ideas. "I've chosen black, pink and green and for casual wear multi colours". "If I win I want to join an academy and gain my diploma and who knows if I'm lucky would like to display my designs abroad."



This is the first time that young Amritha Abilashini has ventured to take part in a contest of this nature. "It's all new and interesting to me. But because I can draw and paint well using clever combination of colours, my mother made me enter the competition.

### Dalreen Rozairo



to light my hidden talents". Just turned 24 years, Dalreen completed her studies at Good Shepherd Convent, Kandy. Her early education was in Matale her home town. She has not done any courses in fashion designing. She is but just a beginner yet for occasions she sits down and designs clothes for others.

"The judges selected three categories for me to display my creations and they are saree, ethnic wear and evening wear. I think the idea to have this competition is good.

Although I offered art as a subject for my A/Levels, I never had the opportunity to move into fashion designing. All I did was landscapes and portraits for art and of course Sri



Lankan culture and Asian paintings for my theory. So I think this is a good opportunity for all of us to show off our hidden talents. I am completing my creations and will be ready with my outfits and my models. If I win this contest then I'll pursue my career, I need to follow up the subject because I want to be a great designer."

### Vote Count

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#### Most Popular Designer

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|----------------------------------|---------|
| 1. Kumashini Mendis              | - 1,027 |
| 2. Dalreen Rozairo               | - 984   |
| 3. Thara Priyadharshini Selvaraj | - 981   |
| 4. Nayomi Siriwardena            | - 748   |
| 5. Supuni Adishika               | - 544   |
| 6. Dilum Sachindra               | - 491   |
| 7. Rasika Konara                 | - 477   |
| 8. Thakshila Perera              | - 361   |
| 9. Malkini Chandrasiri           | - 322   |
| 10. Hashini de Silva             | - 299   |

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#### Most Popular Contestant

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