

Today – is the D-day!

The Grand Finale



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The long awaited day has arrived! Today is the day when the Sunday Observer CATS SINGER Designer of the Year 2012 will be selected at a colourful pageant that will culminate the weeks of feverish preparation, by the contestants. This extravaganza at the host hotel, the Grand Oriental Hotel, Colombo will commence at 5 p.m, and audience are requested to be in their seats at least 15 mts before the show commences.

Twenty three contestants will vie for the coveted trophy that will give them the opportunity to shine as a fashion designer not only on the Sri Lankan scene but also on the international runway. Most of the contestants are young, some cutting their teeth on fashion designing and the result will surely be a remarkable achievement for them.

The Designer of the Year 2012 will not only receive the coveted trophy but also a Singer machine, which will be awarded to the 1st and 2nd runners up as well, plus jewellery from Olive Fine, shoes from Rite Shu and several other exciting prizes. Bouquets of flowers for all will be provided by Sterling Flowers.

The display of styles will be by professional models in the categories bridal, kiddies wear, saree wear, evening wear, office wear, winter wear, sports wear, casual wear, swim wear and lingerie.

The main title for the Fashion Designer of the Year 2012 will include the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th runners up giving the contestants a wider opportunity to fame. According to the organisers each category of design will carry the winner plus the 1st, 2nd, 3rd runners up. The show will be choreographed by Natasha and compered by Arshad Najumudeen and Chatuni Uduwela. The toe tapping music for the whole show is in the hands of DJ Saman.

The good news for those following the Sunday Observer Most Popular Contestant competition is that the closing date and time for this contest will be today, 12 noon for last minute voting. A special box will be provided for you to drop in your coupons (not in envelopes) at the Grand Oriental Hotel, to accommodate the late comers at the very last minute to vote for their favourite designer. The result will be announced with a great deal of pomp at the show.

The sponsors of this exciting contest are Sterling Flowers, Semage Mirrors, Rite Shu, Elegant Smockers, Olive Fine, Furnifits, Ceyline Shipping Ltd, Astron Limited, Image Bay and YFM Radio.



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Voting for the Sunday Observer Most Popular Designer

The winner will be announced at the Show

A special box will be kept at the Grand Oriental Hotel, Colombo today for readers to drop in your last minute voting coupons (not in envelopes).

The closing time will be 3.00 p.m. Here's another chance for you to ensure that your favourite designer wins the trophy.