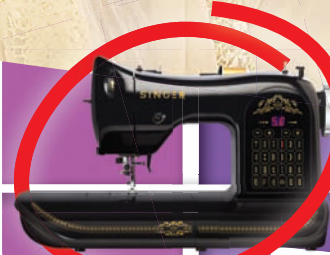


The bridal dress in focus



BY MAHES PERERA

The workshop that was held on June 23 held for the benefit of contestants. Demonstrations focussed bridal dress. Contestants were given a professional insight into designing the bridal dress, the embroidery that brides request, the correct method in making adjustments if necessary, the overall finish and choice of fabric. In keeping with modern times the Future XL 400

Singer computer machine was introduced to the contestants on which designing could be achieved with the least of hassles and anxiety.

Taking part in the workshop at Singer Mega, 4 B De Kretser Place, Colombo 4 were Dhammika de Alwis, Manager Educational Services, assisted by K.H. Rose Virgini Wejayabandara, a sewing demonstrator at the Singer Wellawatte Fashion Academy and V.A. Ranjika Hemasinghe, Sewing Instructor at the Singer Fashion Academy, Malabe - who has a diploma in Machine Embroidery from Singer. The B52 Cats Dance with music provided by DJs will be held on July

27 and 28 and also on August 24 and 25. The first 100 ticket holders who will patronise the night club on all four days will be given a valuable entrance gift. There will also be a fashion show to entertain the audience.

The semi-finals will be held at the host hotel the Grand Oriental Hotel and the other sponsors are Sterling Flowers, Sema Mirrors, Mal Key Rent-a-Car, Beautine Astron, Furnifits, Ferla Apparel Tec, Rite Shu and Imagine Works. Tickets are available at Singer Mega, Colombo 4, Sema Mirrors, Sterling Flowers, Mal Key Rent-a-Car and Imagine Works. For further information contact 0777305771.

Surani Weerasinghe

'Nuwara Eliya is my home town and after completing my school studies at Good Shepherd Convent, Nuwara Eliya I joined Sri Lankan Airlines and flew for 12 years. I'm now married and having two small daughters and am pursuing my dream of being a fashion designer.

I have a diploma in fashion designing from Singer and am working as a free lance fashion designer under the trade name SARAR. My speciality is kiddies wear and my dream is to have a whole line of my own garments and market them under my label.



Subhani Piyarathna

'I am a past pupil of Devi Balika Vidyalaya, Colombo and I entered the University of Moratuwa to read for an honours degree in Fashion Design and Product Development. I am currently undergoing plant training at MAS Active - Linea Intimo.

I always love to research on different subjects and get inspiration for my designs and this helps me to enhance the diversity in my designs. I'm glad I decided to take part in this competition.



Minuni Jayawardene

'A past student of Musaeus College and Lyceum International School, I was fascinated by fashion from my young days. I joined LIFT and gained a diploma in fashion designing and learnt the challenges of being a fashion designer. Currently I am following a course in Dress making at Singer and believe that creativity is being original and I like to experiment in all categories ranging from casual, evening, swimwear etc. because the more

you experiment in fashion the more you gain in experience.

My aspiration is to produce my own label which would be famous at affordable prices.



Nilanka Rathnayake

I have a passionate love for designing and modelling. I ventured into this direction as a hobby and this was my first attempt at a competition.

I feel I can do remarkably well in this field. It is indeed great on the part of the Sunday Observer

and Singer to organise the event because, it gives the young an opportunity to showcase their talents.



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1. Adeesha Gamage	7369
2. Nilanka Rathnayake	6823
3. Minuni Jayawardene	6714
4. Indeewari Manchanayake	5311
5. Thushani Rodrigo	4872
6. Subhani Piyarathne	4576
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