Singer Designer of the Year contest 2015

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CATS Award 2015

Tickets for the finale now available

The annual Singer Designer of the Year contest organized by the CATS Designer Circle will be better than ever this year. It was heart warming to see an increase of participants this time!

The chief organizer and chairperson of the CATS Designer Circle, Kumudu Amarasinghe said "I feel privileged and proud to hold this event yearly because it is mainly organized to showcase the talents of young people as designers.

It is an opportunity to these people to establish their names in the world of fashion and be reputed fashion designers. We have been holding this event for four years, and this

time it's even better! We make sure that all our contestants are given the best of attention and also experience. The Day-out which was held recently at the Regency Country Club was a tremendous success. I'm sure the grand finale will to be really glamorous and exiting, and will give all our contestants something to remember!"

The event will be sponsored by *Sunday Observer* Singer Sri Lanka, Semage Mirrors, Hameedia, Mihin Lanka, Laksala, FAR Holidays, Salon Glee, Grand Oriental Hotel, Sterling Flowers, CUE Entertainment *Tharunee*, *Daily News*, KIK Cola, Regent Country Club, and the American College of Higher Education. Next Sunday (30th) all the contestants will be visiting Laksala at Green Path.

Tickets for the finale priced at Rs. 5,000, 3,500, 1,500 are available at Sterling Flowers, Kollupitiya, Semege Mirrors, Nawala, Singer Mega, Duplication Road, Bambalapitiya, Salon Nimmees, Kohuwela and Fingara, Delkanda or call 0777212153.

Chairperson of the CATS Designer Circle, Kumudu Amarasinghe

Organized by CATS Designer Circle & Lions Club of Colombo Park Circle

Contestants' comments

Ramesha Oshini

Ramesha Oshini, 24 years of Mathugama read for a degree at the University of Visual and Performing Arts Special in Design and followed a fashion design course at Fashion Tec.

Being a fashion designer was my childhood dream. I think this competition is so important to me to achieve success. CATS Award 2015 is my first national level competition, and it's a new experience for me.

I hope to present ideal and creative styles for this event.

Purnima Matharage

I'm 22 years old and I'm a past pupil of Good Shepherd Convent, Colombo. Currently I'm following an advance diploma course in fashion designing and product development at Sri Lanka Institute of Apparel and Textile.

As a fashion Designer my ambition is be to start my own brand and establish my own image in Sri Lanka as well as in the international fashion industry. Before starting on my own journey I need to gain more experience so I thought this competition would be a great opportunity to show my skills and abilities towards designing and produce unique exceptional designer wear.

Chantal Dassanayake

I'm 17 years old. I study at Holy Family Convent, Bambalapitiya. I've always been passionate about art and of sketching clothes which became a part time hobby. After watching Project Runway four years ago, I thought of choosing fashion designing as a career, as I was inspired by the designs.

However, it was my school Principal, Rev. Sr. Chandani Jayasuriya who first encouraged me to participate in competitions of this nature.

My favourite designer is Tory Burch. I love the way she works with prints, which happens to be an area I too am interested in. My dream is to start my own brand of clothes and accessories.

Thumara Dilani

Thumara Dilani (age 22) is a Freelance Fashion Designer from Embilipitiya, Sooriyawewa. She presently lives in Ethul Kotte, Battaramulla with her mother. Achieved A/L and O/L success at Sujatha College and Sunethra Devi. She has a special ability for singing, dancing, song writing and hand drawing. Currently following a 1 year Media Diploma at D.F. Kariyakarawana Mass Media Institute.

Thumara has followed a drawing course at Battaramulla Art Residence, and presently working as a Graphic Designer.