

# Singer Designer of the Year contest 2015

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## The excitement builds up

**T**oday all contestants, will visit Laksala at 9 am to learn more about textiles and the suitability of the textiles for the fashions they design. Tickets for the pageant at the Grand Oriental Hotel are available at Semage Mirrors Nawala, Sterling Flowers Kollupitiya, Nimmees Salon Kohuwela and Singer Mega Duplication Road, priced at Rs. 5000, 3500 and 1500.

The event is sponsored by *Sunday Observer* Singer Sri Lanka, Semage Mirrors, Hameedia, Mihin Lanka, Laksala, FAR Holidays, Salon Glee, Nimmees Salon, Grand Oriental Hotel, Sterling Flowers, CUE Entertainment *Tharunee*, *Daily News*, KIK Cola, Regent Country Club, and the American College of Higher Education.

### Contestants' comments

#### Abdul Azeez

The designing adventure of 29-year old Abdul Azeez started at the age of ten. Having designed his first piece of clothing, a boy's kurthi, which he wore for nearly five years, his career in the industry was then stitched in gold. Nearly nineteen years later, Abdul prepped for his first charity fashion show and has also been nominated as an official designer for his first international beauty pageant. However, it was with designing that he truly found himself. Influenced by his mother, also a reputed and experienced children's dress designer, Abdul was constantly encouraged to vividly pursue his passion for designing. He believes that the world of fashion designing is a competitive one, which is constantly growing and expanding in unparalleled proportions which creates a healthy market for new designers and designs.



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#### Chathurika Jayasena

#### Radhika Ranaweera

Hi! I'm Radhika, 24 years old. I'm from Pannipitiya.

I studied Fashion Designing at Lanka Institute of Fashion Technology and completed the Advanced Diploma in 2013 which included Conceptual Designing, Garment Manufacturing and Fashion Business Management. I have started my career as a Fashion Designer / Product Development Merchandiser and am currently employed at a Buying Office.

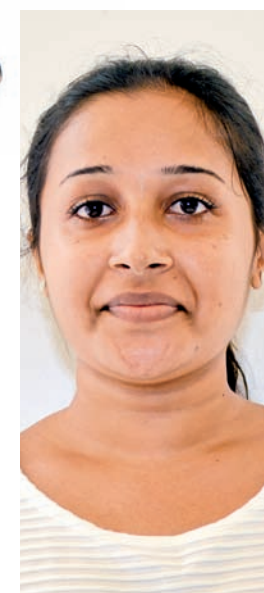
My passion for fashion made me apply for this competition and my concept is 'Iron Maiden' which express the strength and beauty of modern women. My collection includes Casual Wear, Office Wear, Evening Wear and Bridal Wear. I hope my collection will inspire the audience.



#### Fathima Shazna Rushdi

I'm Fathima Shazna Rushdi. I'm studying at Amana International School. I'm 16 years old, and living at Rajagiriya. I have some special ability like dancing, singing, drawing and designing new designs. My ambition is to become a Fashion designer.

My hobby is to collect designs of dresses and accessories. I design my original dresses. My mother is my role model. My first dream is to become a Fashion designer, be popular and influence youngsters about fashion. My special thanks goes to my mother Hajara for supporting me towards gaining my ambition.



I am Chathurika Jayasena (23 years old). I am an undergraduate of the Department of Textile & Wearable Arts in University of the Visual & Performing Arts, Colombo 7.

I am following an Advanced Diploma in Fashion Designing & Product Development at Sri Lanka Institute of Textile & Apparel. CATS Awards 2015 is a good platform to showcase my talent as a student designer. My categories are Beachwear, Office wear, Evening wear and Casual wear.

Fashion is an integral part of society, a language which expresses personalities. Simplicity always runs with me. As a student designer, I have a thirst and curiosity about what fashion is all about.