

SINGER Designer of the Year contest 2015

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Semi Final today

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My passion for designing has enthused me about this field. My participation as an amateur twice, in the designing contests in 2012 and 2013 has given me exposure in this field and this has been a great experience. It has also helped me receive a scholarship to study Fashion Design and Textiles at one of the leading fashion institutes. I have started my own clothing business under the name 'AZADEH' and I hope to make it successful in the future. I thank my family and close friends for their support.



Radhika Ranaweera



I'm Radhika, 24 years old, from Pannipitiya. I studied Fashion Designing at the 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 in 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.

The semi final of the CATS Designer contest will be held today at the Grand Oriental Hotel at 9 a.m.

Tickets for the grand finale on October 25, at the Grand Oriental Hotel, are available at Semage Mirrors, Nawala, Singer Mega at Duplication Road, Bambalapitiya, Sterling Flowers, Kollupitiya, Nimmes Salon, Kohuwela and Fingara Club.

Tickets are priced at Rs. 5,000, 3,500 and

1,500 with dinner and DJ Dance by DJ Cha. Ticket inquiries: 0777212153.

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Candidates' comments

Jeeza Jameel

I'll be designing Evening wear, Office wear and Casual wear categories - which I have chosen for the contest.

"Bold colours, originality and elegance" are reflected in my designs. I am a fashion marketing student, currently studying at Raffles Design Institute, Colombo.

I challenge myself to come up with something better than before. Doodling ideas is something you will always catch me doing. It is my hope that one day, I will be able to put out my own brand of clothing that can rival those here as well as in the international market. Winning CATS Designer of the Year will take me one step closer to achieving my dream."



Sasinda Thathsarani



I'm 23 years old. My home town is Rajagiriya. I was interested in Art and Designing since my younger days. As a hobby I experimented using different materials for my designs. Also I like to read books and listen to music.

At present I'm an undergraduate in Fashion and Lifestyle Accessory Design at the University of Moratuwa - Department of Integrated Design. I am doing graphic designing on a freelance basis. My future plan, is to launch my own brand and label. And then I need to build up my own business. The CATS Designer of the Year is the third competition in which I am participating as a competitor. In my view the CATS Dress Designer competition is good to uphold our talents.

I must thank my family members and my relatives, also my teachers and lecturers, who showed me the right path, to success.



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Damitha Sanjeewa

I followed a one year Fashion Designer Course and Pattern Maker Course at NVTC and a six month Pattern Maker Course at CITI Moratuwa. Furthermore I followed a tailoring course at the Veyangoda Vocational Training. At present I run my salon.

