

Grand Finale on September 30



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Last Sunday the Grand Oriental Hotel was as predicted a hive of activity as the contestants jostled with each other to gain prominence to be selected for the final. Behind the stage the contestants and the models who were displaying the outfits were in a flurry of excitement checking on their dresses and make-up making sure there were no errors for the judges critical eyes.

The panel of judges comprised personalities who are well versed in their particular subjects. Today a further selection will be made for the finale which will be held at the Grand Oriental Hotel the host

hotel on September 30. Olive Fine will be giving prizes of jewelry to the winners.

More good news this week is that all the Rs. 3,000 tickets are sold out and there is a mad rush for the Rs. 5,000 tickets. So don't say we didn't warn you! Hurry, get your ticket and ensure your place at the pageant!

The *Sunday Observer* Most Popular Designer of the Year contest has got an extra thrust, now that the finale will be held on September 30. Last week Kumashini Mendis kangarooed into first place in the vote count. This week? Take a look at the vote count published. The sponsors of this exciting contest are Sterling Flowers, Semage Mirrors, Rite Shu, Elegant Smockers, Furnifits, Ceyline Shipping Ltd, Astron Limited, Image Bay, and YFM Radio.



Panel of judges -LR

1. Kumudu Amerasinghe - Managing Director, CATS Creation House and Publication.
2. Ranjika Hemasinghe - Instructress, Singer Fashion Academy Malabe. Diploma in Scientific Dress Making and Machine Embroidery.
3. Apsara Malmi Egodawatte Arachchi - Instructress, Singer Fashion Academy, Wellawatte. Diploma in Scientific Dressmaking and Machine Embroidery.
4. Dr. Sujeewa Suriyaarachchi - Chairman, Suriyaarachchi Group of Companies. MBA - University of Western Sydney, PhD - University of California.
5. Dr. Nirmali de Silva - Course Director, Fashion Design and Product Development, University of Moratuwa, Sri Lanka. Senior Lecturer, Department of Textile and Clothing Technology
6. Dulip de Alwis - General Manager, Grand Oriental Hotel, Colombo.
7. Achini Tharaka Ranaweera - Lecturer, University of Moratuwa, Course Editor, Open University Sri Lanka (visiting)

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Vote count

1. Sharmika Malwatte	1,491
2. Kumashini Mendis	1,389
3. Sabry Junaid	1,208
4. Niranjala Manchanayake	1,127
5. Venya Lakshami de Silva	1,076
6. Yasisurie Kiribandara	978
7. Fahima Hafsa Killrun	923
8. Mohamod Isham	911
9. Sulochana Amerasinghe	872
10. Lasanthika Randima	504
11. Madusha Basnayake	397
12. Ayesha Thilini Bodhinayake	364

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