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Vancouver high school students' fashion designs to debut at New York Fashion Week

Four local students have been creating unique pieces that will be modeled during one of the world's biggest fashion shows

Vancouver, BC (February 7, 2019) – A group of Vancouver area high school students will have their designs modeled during New York Fashion Week (NYFW).

Students at Green Apple Art Center will be put in the front seat of one of the world's biggest fashion shows with the New York Fashion Week program. The Center's students are the only high school aged designer group that debuts their designs on stage during the international fashion show.

Grade 10 and 11 students work on their designs starting at the research and planning stages based on a specific theme. Then they spend months preparing for their debut; the opportunity to have their unique design appear on stage during one of the world's biggest fashion events.

This year's group includes Calysta Chang, George Huang, Mika Shimmura and Noelle Yau who are being sponsored by Mercedes-Benz.

As part of the program, the students were asked to design pieces that are inspired by the fluid curves of modern cars. They also choose to use a unique special reflective fabric to help bring their designs to life.

Each student will present up to seven designs based on their inspiration and the theme requirements.

With the NYFW program, Green Apple Art Center students are given a head start in an extremely competitive industry. Those who attend have a potential for international recognition of their work, as well as networking opportunity that can help them launch their brands before they even finish high school.

At the school, students start learning design early from Grade 4 sewing and fashion classes all the way to the NYFW program.

In addition to sending their own high school students, Green Apple Art Center and Mercedes Benz are also sponsoring two students from the Make-A-Wish-Foundation who will model the designs for a professional photo shoot. These students are 16-year-old Ciona Gumm and 14-year-old Lexi Nielson.

Green Apple Art Center has been participating in the New York Fashion Week since 2016.

Green Apple Art Center

Green Apple Art Center has been training students to be leaders in creative industries for over 15 years. Through project-based work, our graduates build up an outstanding portfolio of work under skilled and experienced instructors. Students are able to explore new media and various disciplines that allows them to grow as artists and designers.

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