

Fashion Passes... Style Remains



This year at Vancouver Fashion Week was undoubtedly the best to date - having new Official Presenting Sponsors: Covergirl, Pantene and Glaxo to help develop the Fall/Winter 2014 runway looks.

The week wouldn't be possible without Jamal Abdourahman, founder and producer of Vancouver Fashion Week, who has put Canada on the world map for fashion. As a global fashion ambassador, Jamal had VFW featured in British VOGUE and GLAMOUR Magazine UK.

With the current season having just passed, many people and myself included are already looking forward to Spring/Summer 2015 at Vancouver Fashion Week this fall.

"Fashion week is exciting, there's so much creativity and teamwork that goes into the show and to see the final product of it, it's

really an honour to be apart of" - Theres Ameer, host of VFW.

"Everyone is important in the process of making fashion week happen, helping each other in a collaborate way." - Julian Scott, hair stylist.

INTERNATIONAL DESIGNERS' PROFILES

NOE BERNACELLI - Peru

I had the absolute pleasure of working with Noe Bernacelli at both Vancouver Fashion Week SS14 and FW14 showcases. It was amazing getting to know Noe and his family, who embody nothing but kindness, love, and support for his creative work.

Being a favourite at the Vancouver Fashion Week SS14 showcase this past September, Noe Bernacelli returned to close VFW with his new haute couture collection 'La Foret-Noire'. For FW14, La Foret-Noire expressed a more darker



collection than his previous works - and was once again an absolute standout of the event!

After concluding his showcase at VFW, Noe is already set to present his new collection at Lima Fashion Week this April.

Noe has certainly established his brand internationally, bringing influence from Milan, Italy's fashion capital. It was in Milan where he attended the Carlo Esciccoli Fashion Institute of Design and met inspiration Gianfranco Ferré, a famous designer and architect.

After completing his education, Noe brought his ambitions back to Peru and has redefined haute couture in his country.

Aside from Noe Bernacelli's beautiful haute couture, ready to wear, and brides collections, the creative director also offers a stunning accessory line of women's shoes, jewellery, belts, and handbags.

While continuously working on his designs, Noe Bernacelli has been busy with various features in global VOGUE Magazines, creating new fashion films, and judging Peru's Next Top Model.

GABRIEL LAGE - Argentina

From Argentina to Vancouver, Gabriel Lage was overjoyed with compliments after his show. VFW describing his FW14 showcase as "a breath-taking, jaw-dropping collection". It was great to see Gabriel and his manager Mariano Prato enjoying their time in Vancouver, and even having coffee in Gastown like locals! I recently received

a nice note from Gabriel and Mariano expressing their gratitude and how they are very thankful to have met so many lovely people during fashion week. Can't wait to have them back in Vancouver, connecting new waves of fashion!

Gabriel Lage's collections embody elegance, glamour, and design passed down by his father and grandfather. Having a strong foundation of haute couture influence in his family, Gabriel gravitates to using his grandmother's favourite colour - orange.



His carefully curated collections also embrace select European concepts, specifically found within Paris and Milan's fashion scene. To execute his exact vision for his designs, Gabriel plays with a variety of fabrics and techniques using muslin, silk, drapes, embroidery, paints, colors, and pearls. Past collections of dresses and accessories include Music & Classic, Premiere Brides, Bohemia, Paris Chic, Caprice, Les Nuits, and Milan.

With a belief that every woman can look flawless, Gabriel captures what that person wants to feel by combining attitude and personality with what he knows will look good.

HONG KIYOUNG - South Korea

After recently showcasing his SS14 collection at VFW in September, Hong Kiyoungh introduced "Chillin at 89 Ave" - his newest designs for FW14. His positive energy and creative designs made for an amazing runway show. When receiving news that British VOGUE covered the catwalk, it was fulfilling to see his humble yet excited response that