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A DECADE OF DIVERSITY ON THE RUNWAY

I am truly grateful to present the Emerge! Fashion live runway show during New York Fashion Week! When I created Emerge! 10 years ago my purpose was to highlight the creativity and art that designers create for the runway. I am always at awe at the talent and gifts that designers bring to light.

I am equally grateful about honoring legendary designer Karl Kani with the Fashion Innovator Award. Universally-deemed the Godfather of Urban Fashion, Karl Kani's style and influence impacted the culture in a major way with his iconic brand.

A special thanks to our sponsors for supporting this season, our presenting sponsor Mielle Organics, Courvoisier, New York & New Jersey Port Authority, Bennett Career Institute, LAMIK Cosmetics, GFNTV, Models, Inc. Your commitment to supporting Emerge! mission is to be commended.

Last but not least, thanks to everyone for supporting the show and I am honored you are here to enjoy this journey! On behalf of our talented designers, production staff and all of our sponsors, I welcome you to witness Emerge! A Fashion Runway Show.

Best,

*Dionne Williams*

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Creator, Emerge!  
President, D. Williams Public Relations Group

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Emerge! Fashion Show is one of the leading emerging designer runway show established to be a catalyst and provide a platform for designers.

For over 10 years Emerge! has consistently championed and provided support for an array of multicultural designers from around the globe to the frontline of fashion.

The Emerge! Fashion committee has selected talented designers to present their awe-inspiring collections during the show. This season's runway show features a talented list of designers who will unveil their newest collections: Makarassi Couture (New York, NY); Ty Brooks (Philadelphia, PA.); Ke'raye London (Las Vegas, NV); Shenell Renee (New York, NY); Cindy Mfabe (South Africa); Edwing D'Angelo (New York, NY)

In addition to the fashion show each season, EMERGE! presents the coveted 'Fashion Innovator Award'. An honor to those who have received the award recognizing them for their worldwide fashion influence. Past honorees have included: Andre' Leon Talley, contributing editor of Vogue (presented to him by Diane Von Furstenberg); Fern Mallis, creator of New York Fashion Week (presented to her by Bibu Mohapatra); Constance C.R. White, Editor in Chief of Essence Magazine (presented to her by designer Tracy Reese); legendary model Patricia Cleveland (presented to her by legendary fashion designer, Stephen Burrows); celebrity stylist Law Roach (presented to him by Claire Sulmers), legendary model Beverly Johnson (presented to her by J. Alexander) and many other icons in fashion.





# FASHION INNOVATOR *Award*

**KARL KANI**

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Universally-deemed as the Godfather of Urban Fashion, his style and influence extends far beyond the States, but rather reaches the masses on an international scale. Karl's clothing has been worn by all the elites of hip-hop, including the late great Tupac Shakur, Biggie Smalls, Nas, Jay-Z, Nipsey Huddle, De La Soul, DMX, A Tribe Called Quest, and so many more.



**SR** SHENELL RENEE

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Shenell Renee is a graduate from St. John's University with a BA in Psychology. She received a certification degree from the Fashion Institute of Technology in Image Consulting.

Shenell served as an Assistant Stylist for Fashion in Belmont and a Stylist for Fashion Week Brooklyn (Automatic Studio) show. She has styled celebrity video shoots and photo shoots and have dressed women of all ages.

She has donated her time to dress models during Bridal week in New York as well as volunteered at the Chromes & Colitis Charity event. Supporting women is one of her missions and she created a Women's Empowerment brunch to inspire women. Her fashion shows have been featured in Fashion Bomb daily.

Shenell loves designing and bringing her clients' visions to life. Welcome to a life-changing experience.



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Meet Kevon Raye, the creator, designer, and muse of Kéraye London. Kevon has always been known for her bold fashion sense and unique style.

Originally from Milwaukee, WI; Kevon Raye used her love for fashion as inspiration to resell her clothing and shoes to women who were local through Facebook and eBay. She officially started off her entrepreneurial journey with a clothing boutique in 2014 where she'd buy and sell items online through her own website.

Kevon tapped into the design industry by taking a class in New York City where she learned the basics of sewing. She would travel between New York's Garment District and Los Angeles' Fashion District to learn about and source fabric. Kevon Raye does not only make pieces for "special occasions" because everyday is a special occasion. The world is literally your runway. Whether going on a night out to dinner or to a gala event, Kéraye London's exclusive, quality pieces will surely have heads turning and most of all give you the ultimate feeling of confidence.

A portrait of Ty Brooks, a man with dreadlocks and a goatee, wearing a black t-shirt. He is positioned on the left side of the image against a dark background with stage lights.

# TY BROOKS

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Self-taught designer, hailing from Philadelphia, Ty Brooks has been honing his craft for over 20 years... sitting at his mothers feet he used to marvel at her creations. His singular dream and goal was to be a fashion illustrator and designer. He has dressed Jill Scott and Erykah Badu has donned one of his looks. "Determination, Faith and a whole lotta grace" has been his motto. "Never give up.. never." He believes anything is possible by staying grateful and knowing your worth and purpose.



## MAKARASSI COUTURE

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Makarassi Couture is the brainchild of Senegalese, Queen based designer who creates custom beaded gowns perfect for high end events.



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**EDWING  
D'ANGELO**

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Edwing D’Angelo is a Colombian-born New York fashion designer. He comes from a long line of tailors and seamstresses which is where he developed his craft and passion for creating custom garments.

With over 20 years in the fashion industry, D’Angelo has paid his dues as a designer. From his humble beginnings at his first boutique located on 125th Street and Broadway in Harlem under the #1 train station, where he personally built all the furnishings in the store, to his many fashion shows at non conventional venues, to becoming a favorite of fashion and celebrity stylists,

The first of its kind, Designer Edwing D’Angelo’s new atelier, befittingly named @EdwingD’Angelo Atelier is now in Harlem. The gorgeous 2000-square-ft Atelier is positioned on the historical corner of Adam Clayton Powell Jr. Blvd and 131st Street. The space features phenomenal, wrap-around storefront windows, showcasing the designer’s fabulous ready-to-wear collections for men and women.

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AFRICAN DESIGNER AMBASSADOR  
WEARABLE ART COLLECTIVE**

**LOLA OWOLABI**

The Wearable Art Collective consists of a rich pool of talented artisans emerging from the African continent and around the world. Through fashion design, jewelry, sculpture and textiles the Wearable Arts Collective challenges conventional notions of a singular African aesthetic and identity, and reflects the integration of African art and design without making the usual distinctions between “professional” and “artisan.”

The Wearable Art Collective mission is to promote, strengthen, empower African artisans. TWAC strives to serve as good global citizens and provide foundation to these African artisans, empowering the designers and artists giving them the exposure and resources to use the tools in the community. With this primary purpose we hope to bridge the economic and cultural gaps between Africa and America.

Each piece worn is contributing and making financial and social impact in the lives of families and young women in developing nations.

Lola Owolabi, FRSA, FinstLM, MA, a lover of all things Africa is the Curator for Wearable Art Collective and the creative force behind the brand. Lola has created this brand of African Collectives that she believes can bring her vision of African influenced beauty and design to the forefront.





THE MAKING OF  
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New York Fashion Week is the pinnacle moment in the industry and a culmination of talent, trend forecasting, launching careers and a response to the world at large.

Emerge! will offer insider never-before-seen footage as they share the process behind creating one of the top collective fashion shows during New York Fashion Week.

The Show will feature the excitement of all the components of creating a fashion runway show. From model castings, designer fittings, the personal stories of the designers & models, sound, lighting, the back of house frenzy of hair and make-up and showcasing the hair and glam team who work hand-in-hand to create a cohesive look. All these things bring the runway show to life.

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But whether it's the supplies that travel through our ports or the models, designers, and countless others in the fashion industry who travel through our airports, bus terminal facilities, bridges, and tunnels – it's clear why we're the fashion capital of the world.

For **Black History Month**, the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey partners with African American-owned EMERGE! Fashion to highlight **top African and African American designers** – **showcasing their talents to the world.**

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