The Stephens College Fashion Program Presents



Media Kit

Each year at Stephens College, the fashion design students put in countless hours to create unique, one-of-a-kind garments and collections through meticulous research, design, and making. To showcase the incredible up-and-coming talent, Stephens College has been producing The Collections, the annual student designer fashion show for 79 years. Through planning and coordinating the public event and designing the clothing, the fashion show is 100% student-led, showcasing every student's talent, hard work, creativity, and leadership. The Collections allows our designers to finally watch their creations come to life.

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The Fashion Program at Stephens College prepares students who learn from fashion industry leaders to become the next generation of talent. Begun in 1944, the Fashion Program was led by Muriel King, one of the first American fashion designers to achieve name recognition. Throughout the years since, the program has received many honors, such as being an official member of the Council of Fashion Designers of America (CFDA); ranking number 13 of fashion programs worldwide according to the London-based Business of Fashion: and joining the Fashion Scholarship Fund, an esteemed invitation-only scholarship competition. Another highlight of the Stephens Fashion Program, launched in 2016 by alumna Jeannene Thompson Booher, is the Fashion Lecture Series. The series has brought notable fashion industry leaders on campus to advise and inspire students. American designer Brandon Maxwell and English designer Zandra Rhodes are two notable leturers. Providing firsthand experience and knowledge of fashion, the Stephens College Costume Museum and Research was established in 1958. The collection houses 13,000 historical garments in the Matilda Magnus Price Fashion Collection, including reputable designers Charles Worth, Claire McCardell, Oscar de la Renta, Dior, and Chanel.

Theme



For many, the past few years have been challenging and dark. People have felt the effects of being along, fear, and uncertainty. We believe the greatest show on earth is fashion. Each day we dress and fashion provides a platform for our dreams and fears-a place caught between reality and fantasy, even an illusion. This illusion allows us to move through the labyrinth of time and space to another dimension where for a fleeting moment we become performance art.

The Stephens College Fashion Program will craft a show full of imagination and fantasy. A moment to experience the thaumaturgy that emerges from many individual's originality and lust for new. It is time to be strange, odd, and unafraid. Let fashion and its expressive personality inspire you to see things in a whole other way.

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SAVE THE DATE: THE COLLECTIONS FASHION SHOW ON APRIL 15TH

The Stephens College Fashion Program is announcing the 79th Annual Student Designer Fashion Show, The Collections, will be held Saturday April 15th, 2023, at 2pm, 4pm, and 7pm in the Windsor Auditorium. A student-led production, the event is set to show the world what Stephens College fashion students can do. An ever innovative show, The Collections Fashion Show brings the community together through a celebration of the future of fashion.

Every year, The Collections Fashion Show provides Stephens College fashion students with the opportunity to present their hard work for all to see. Students spend countless hours researching, planning, sewing, and tailoring to bring each of their designs to life. All their hard work is then presented to the Jury of Selection, a panel of fashion industry professionals that selects only the best designs to be showcased at the fashion show.

Last year, the 2022 spring show sold out of tickets. This year's show reflects on the changes that have occurred over the past few years and how we overcame challenges during the pandemic. Not only does the show reflect on the past, but it envisions a future that is bright, curious, and unafraid. It focuses on the magic of fashion—how fashion forms an illusion by skirting the edges of reality and fantasy. The Collections Fashion Show this year is set to be a day of beauty and fashion reimagined for a future world of impactful personal expression through dress.

Join The Collections on April 15th for a day of runway fashion made to inspire. As you watch the passion and hard work presented on the runway, we hope that you imagine the infinite possibilities along with us.

Showtimes: Saturday, April 15th, 2023 2:00pm | 4:00pm | 7:00pm

Location: Stephens College The Collections Fashion Show Windsor Auditorium 1405 E. Broadway Columbia, MO 65215

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