

## Fashion Week Africa unveils designer line-up

Organiser and leading fashion authority, African Fashion International (AFI) has unveiled an extraordinary line-up of sartorial talent for the Mercedes-Benz Fashion Week Africa 2014. Designers from all over Africa - including Cameroon, Zimbabwe, South Africa, Rwanda, Kenya, Mozambique, the DRC, Nigeria, Tanzania, Ghana and Cote d'Ivoire - are set to showcase under this year's theme, 'Our Heritage Reimagined', in 16 shows from 29 October to 1 November at Melrose Arch, Johannesburg.



The first day will present exciting collections from renowned labels, Kibonen (Cameroon), Intisaar (Zimbabwe), Mille Collines (Rwanda & Kenya) and Taibo Bacar (Mozambique). The Elle Rising Star 2014 show will see finalists - Chris Dawson, Tamara Cherie Dyson, Frances Pauls, Kelli Botha, Nadia Viljoen, Jeandri Britz and Michelle van der Westhuizen - compete for the accolade and the chance to design a capsule collection for retail clothing chain, Mr Price.

Day Two will bring collections from stars Tina Lobondi (DRC); Marianne Fassler and Spero Villioti (South Africa); Josh&Nicol and one of Africa's preeminent menswear designers, Mai Atafo (Nigeria) to the runway.

The third day will be a cross-continental affair with Sheria Ngowi, John Kaveke and KikoRomeo, Carducci, Christie Brown, Loza Maleombho, and Ituen Basi - from Tanzania, Kenya, South Africa, Ghana, Cote d'Ivoire and Nigeria respectively - bringing their newest designs to the ramp.

The showcase will close out in style on Day Four, beginning with the capsule collections of the AFI Fastrack winners - Rich

Mnisi, Jessica Ross, Nazneen Kagee and Tuelo Nguyuza - who will vie for the title of AFI Young Designer of the Year. Thereafter, the City of Tshwane Presents Show will bring designs from Archiebald Monyepao, Dennis Maponya & Neville Masondo to the ramp.

Finally, Murade (Mozambique), Nana Brenu (Ghana), Laurence Airline (Cote d'Ivoire) and David Tlale (South Africa) will unveil their latest collections and bring the show to an elegant conclusion.

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