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 EVENT THEME 2024:  
**RIDE THE WAVE**



# Cheers and tears as student designers show off their creations

THE young future stars of fashion in KwaZulu-Natal stepped into the limelight on Tuesday – and tears were mixed with celebration as the 25 semi-finalists were selected for the Hollywoodbets Durban July Young Designer Award presented by Durban Fashion Fair.

Over 100 young fashion design students presented their creations and the panel of judges were tasked with whittling the entries down to just 25 semi-finalists.

Judge and public relations officer for the Hollywood Foundation, Vuyisile Ngobese said that the standard of designs was “absolutely thrilling”.

“The ‘Ride the Wave’ theme has inspired creative and stunning designs,” added Ngobese. “Each designer brought their unique interpretation; showcasing a remarkable blend of innovation and artistry. The intricate details, bold colours and inventive textures we saw today were truly extraordinary. These young designers have pushed the boundaries of fashion, and we are incredibly excited to see who will emerge victorious in the competition.”

The 25 semi-finalists will show their work once again at Gateway Theatre of Shopping on June 19, when 10 finalists will be announced. These top 10 will then



show off their interpretations at the Hollywoodbets Durban July Fashion Experience Preview Gala at Gateway on June 28 as well as on-stage at the Hollywoodbets Durban July, where the top three student designers will be revealed on July 6.

The winning student will receive a bouquet of prizes that includes a “fashion” travel package to Johannesburg for 2025 SA Fashion Week, a R50 000 bursary from the Hollywood Foundation, a cash prize and gift cards from Gold Circle, Schweppes and Gateway Theatre of Shopping.

The second and third-placed students will receive bursaries from the Hollywood Foundation valued at R30 000 and R20 000 respectively, as well as cash and gift cards.

With 29 days to go until the big race day on July 6, the fashion, social and racing communities are ramping up their preparations at Hollywoodbets Greyville Racecourse.

While the thoroughbreds are competing for their places in one of the most prestigious fields on the South African horseracing calendar, the sites for the various hospitality villages are being prepared. The marquees will soon start appearing on the infield in preparation for their opulent décor.

Entrance tickets for the Hollywoodbets Durban July are R230 and Golf Course parking tickets at R170 are currently on sale online from Ticketpro and at Payzone Kiosks at SPAR stores nationwide. From June 24, entrance tickets will also be sold from the sales kiosk in Avondale Road at Hollywoodbets Greyville Racecourse.

## Young Designer semi-finalists

The 25 semi-finalist in the Hollywoodbets Durban July Young Designer Award presented by Durban Fashion Fair are:

- ◆ Ntombikayise Khumalo (Lindile Khuzwayo Academy)
- ◆ Sphesihle Mathe (DUT)
- ◆ Liam Nisbet (SG International)
- ◆ Samukelisiwe Zulu (Esayidi Fashion School)
- ◆ Fundiswa Bhengu (Esayidi Fashion School)
- ◆ Relebohile Mongali (DUT)
- ◆ Ndlozi Sineziwe (PMB School of Fashion)
- ◆ Nduduzo Zwane (Lindiwe Khuzwayo Academy)
- ◆ Erin Seymour (Esayidi Fashion School)
- ◆ Balungile Ndlovu (PMB School of Fashion)
- ◆ Nontsikelelo Godlo (PMB School of Fashion)
- ◆ Beryl Sithole (PMB School of Fashion)
- ◆ Monwabisi Xulu (PMB School of Fashion)
- ◆ Krishan Ramdewu (PMB School of Fashion)
- ◆ Lindelwa Maseko (Inscape Education Group)
- ◆ Tamaryn Price (Esayidi Fashion School)
- ◆ Olwethu Payi (DUT)
- ◆ Avuyile Sihlobo (DUT)
- ◆ Nontuthuko Chagwe (DUT)
- ◆ Ayanda Zulu (Lindiwe Khuzwayo Academy)
- ◆ Kisha Williams (Fezile Fashion Skills Academy)
- ◆ Bongumusa Bhengu (Umgungundlovu TVET)
- ◆ Simngaye Zuma (Umgungundlovu TVET)
- ◆ Sanele Mkhize (Umgungundlovu TVET)
- ◆ Siphesihle Mkhize (Umgungundlovu TVET)



Strength and beauty: Charne Leaf shows off Kwenzi Nkomo's interpretation of the theme for the Invited Designer Showcase at the 2024 Hollywoodbets Durban July. Nkomo, from Indoni Fashion House, says the Ride the Wave theme allowed her to weave a narrative of strength, identity and beauty rising from adversity into her collection. Photo: Sean Laurenz/Gold Circle

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## INVITED DESIGNER SHOWCASE



### KWENZI NKOMO

LABEL: **INDONI FASHION HOUSE**  
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This theme speaks to my journey and essence – wave means freedom to express and explore the sea as a creative. For colour, I have used the light to dark shades of nude. Each shade reflects my unique aesthetic, carefully curated to resonate with my personal narrative. I have used sea shells to symbolise my life's journey and the birth of Indoni Fashion House. The sea, representing people, has played a pivotal role in shaping who I am. Growing up, I faced ridicule and rejection, fashion became my armour. What society (the sea) cast away, I transformed into a beautiful story of resilience and triumph. The entangled ropes represent the intricate roots of trees and plants, symbolising my cultural heritage and personal history. They serve as a reminder of where I come from and the strength of my foundation. Through these elements, my collection weaves a narrative of strength, identity and beauty rising from adversity.



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A wave builds like the arched neck,  
 Of a horse with a free-flowing mane.  
 Gravity takes over as the wave gushes forward,  
 In an eruption of foaming champagne.

Pressed white breeches and brightly coloured silks,  
 Mirror a tapestry of towels on the beach.  
 Marvel at the power of nature,  
 It leaves one in awe, beyond speech.

18 Thoroughbreds launch from the start,  
 Like a wave racing towards the shore.  
 Jockeys jostle for early position,  
 Each striving for more and more.

As the crowd urges their fancies on,  
 With each stride the horses draw near.  
 The roar from the stands echoes the roar of the waves,  
 As they jump, shout and cheer.

The latest champion is crowned,  
 A wave of new sensations found.  
 As the sun sets low, there's still time to play,  
 It's Hollywoodbets Durban July Day.

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