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As fashion fever grips Durban in the lead-up to the Hollywoodbets Durban July (HDJ), Gateway Theatre of Shopping hosted the glittering Hollywoodbets Durban July Preview Fashion Show.

The HDJ YDA 10 finalists captured the audience with their personal interpretations of this year's theme – 'Out of this World'. The YDA is a golden opportunity for young designers to get noticed and catapult their careers to the next level.

The top three and ultimate YDA winner will be announced at Greyville on 1 July.

Young Designer Award finalists

- Nontuthuzelo Ndongeni, Lindiwe Khuzwayo Academy of Fashion
- Thabiso Khethelo, Durban University of Technology
- Siphesihle Mkhize, Umgungundlovu TVT College
- Nokwanda Ndlovu, PMB School of Fashion
- Smangele Mbanjwa, PMB School of Fashion
- Hlonela Danisa, Umgungundlovu TVT College
- Lwandlekazi Zwezwe, Umgungundlovu TVT College
- Emmanuel Kucherera, Ezile Fashion Skills Academy
- Minenhle Luvuno, Esayidi Fashion School
- Andile Nsele, Durban University of Technology

Durban Fashion Fair's Raising Stars

The depth of local talent was on show as the Durban Fashion Fair's Rising Stars showcased their stunning designs.

A selection of Gateway's fashion brands provided dazzling ready-to-wear looks as HDJ inspiration. Invited guests and dedicated followers of fashion were treated to a show of rampant creativity, meticulous craftsmanship and pulsating entertainment.

Gateway Theatre of Shopping marketing manager, Michelle Shelley said that it was a privilege to work alongside the mall's HDJ partners and host the VIP Preview Fashion Show again after a break since 2019.

"Fashion is in Gateway's DNA and as a mall, we open up every day 'runway-ready,' thanks to our fabulous tenants.

"As a fashion focal point, HDJ season is an opportunity to celebrate our leading local and international fashion brands and pause for a pose on the catwalk as the official mall partner of the HDJ."

Durban Fashion Fair Rising Stars

DESIGNERS	BRAND	MODELS
Treasure Cindi	TREASURE CINDI	Mpilo Mkhize
Sanelisiswe Skhosana	BLACK FAITH	Bella Nqobile Gabela
Dineo Khumalo	DINEO KHUMALO	Nokwazi Makhathini
Scelo Dlezi	YATSAR FASHION HOUSE	Mbali Buthelezi
Sizwe Mncube	LIBO CREATIONS	Lerato Makhobela
Zavier Gumede	ZAVAR FASHION HOUSE	Nwabisa Ndlela
Martin John	MARTIN JOHN	Nomfundo Khumalo
Sandile Mngadi	DUKE CLOTHE YOUR SOUL	Lungelo Mthimkhulu
Kwenzi Khomo	INDONI FASHION HOUSE	Nomfundo Dlamini

Showstoppers

Six invited designers presented the fashion finale with showstoppers that celebrated aspirational levels of self-confidence and diversity.

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