

## MISSION



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Nashville Fashion Week is a city-wide celebration of Nashville's thriving fashion and retail community and its vast array of creative talent—featuring local, regional and national design talent in fashion events and shows, and encouraging both Nashvillians and visitors to explore the city's diverse fashion and retail spaces throughout the week with promotions, partnerships and educational workshops.





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The Nashville Fashion Forward Fund was established in 2011 with funds from the first Nashville Fashion Week to support the next generation of fashion industry professionals with ties to Middle Tennessee and provide financial awards for professional development. The Fund and application process is managed by The Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee. Award recipients are selected by a committee of the Board of CFMT. Applications are accepted in the fall with winners announced early January. The establishment of the fund was inspired by the professional development opportunities provided by the Council of Fashion Designers (CFDA) through programs such as the CFDA/Vogue Fashion Fund. The Nashville Fashion Forward Fund ensures that Nashville Fashion Week is not just a signature high-profile event to celebrate creativity, but also an ongoing, sustainable focus for philanthropic support.

Originally established in 2011, this endowed fund supports the next generation of fashion industry professionals with ties to Middle Tennessee and provides financial awards and resources for experiential professional development opportunities. Past winners include accessory designer Ceri Hoover, clothing designers Julianna Bass and Lauren Leonard, creator of the Leona brand and Elise Joseph, stylist, creative consultant and creator of the lifestyle blog, Pennyweight.

"The aspirational mantra 'Nashville Fashion is more than a week' was just that when planning for the inaugural 2011 Nashville Fashion Week began. Five years later, the attention centered on the fashion community and the connections developed as a result of this week have supported Nashville's fashion industry in so many ways. The entrepreneurial spirit that is found in other industries throughout this community is front and center in the fashion industry. And, Nashville Fashion Week was there first to celebrate and acknowledge its potential."

- Ellen Lehman, President of The Community Foundation.

## CERI HOOVER

## NASHVILLE FASHION FORWARD FUND RECIPIENT 2014

"I'm so grateful to be part of the talented design community in Nashville," said Hoover. "I'm encouraged by our diversity, and though we are still growing as a community, the inspiration and appreciation for individual style is invigorating."



NASHVILLE









Originally from the Outer Banks of North Carolina, Hoover learned to sew using her mother's sewing machine. While working on on a custom pillow for her interior design business, Cooper Grey, she made herself a clutch that received so many compliments she knew she had to make more. After a sample sale in Los Angeles, Ceri Hoover Bags was launched in January 2013. The brand has seen continued growth and is now found in over 150 retails stores nationwide as well as sold in her Marathon Village studio showroom in Nashville and at cerihoover.com. Ceri Hoover Bags has gained exposure through both local and national press and Hollywood favorites such as Kristin Chenoweth, Jennifer Love Hewitt and Marisa Tomei have been spotted carrying the bags.

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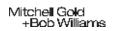
































































## ATTENDANCE

2000+ FASHION SHOWS & EVENTS

200 INDUSTRY PANELS

43 BOUTIQUE EVENTS

20 DESIGNERS

46 MODELS

**VOLUNTEERS** 

## SCHEDULE

## **NASHVILLEFASHIONWEEK**

OFFICIAL SCHEDULE APRIL 7-11, 2015

TUESDAY 4/7	WEDNESDAY 4/8	THURSDAY 4/9 SHOP	FRIDAY 4/10	SATURDAY 4/11
	9AM - 1PM / THE CORDELLE NFW TRADESHOW - INVITATION ONLY	9AM - 4PM / GREEN HILLS GREEN HILLS EYECARE		
		10AM - 5PM / BRENTWOOD VIGNETTE  10AM - 6PM / ARZELLE'S - WEST END BELOVED INTIMATES - GREEN HILLS BLUSH - COOL SPRINGS CALYPSO ST. BARTH - GREEN HILLS		10 - 11:30AM / CITY WINERY FASHION MEETS TECHNOLOGY INDUSTRY PANELS PRESENTED BY MTSU TEXTILES, MERCHANDISING & DESIGN THE FUTURE OF THE INDUSTRY  10AM - 4PM / CITY WINERY
		E. ALLEN - THE GULCH EILEEN FISHER - GREEN HILLS FABRIK - COOL SPRINGS		SISTERS OF NATURE MOBILE BOUTIQUE THE TRUNK
10AM - 6PM / IMOGENE + WILLIE - 12TH SOUTH MUSE - WEST END	10AM - 6PM /	FLIP - THE GULCH GUS MAYER - GREEN HILLS IMOGENE + WILLIE - 12TH SOUTH KING JEWELERS - GREEN HILLS MONKEE'S OF NASHVILLE - GREEN HILLS THE RUFFLED NEST - HENDERSONVILLE	10AM - 6PM / ARZELLE'S - WEST END IMOGENE + WILLIE - 12TH SOUTH NINA KUZINA GALLERY / MARGARET ELLIS	10AM - 6PM / ARZELLE'S - WEST END LEYY'S / CIRCLE OF GENTLEMEN - GREEN HILLS NINA KUZINA GALLERY / MARGARET ELLIS JEWELRY - BELLE MEADE THE RUFFLED NEST - HENDERSONVILLE
PIECES - GERMANTOWN THE RUFFLED NEST - HENDERSONVILLE	IMOGENE + WILLIE - 12TH SOUTH THE RUFFLED NEST - HENDERSONVILLE	TWO OLD HIPPIES - THE GULCH WOO SKINCARE & COSMETICS - GREEN HILLS	THE RUFFLED NEST - HENDERSONVILLE	10AM - 4:30PM / BELLE MEADE JAMIE / TIMO WEILAND
		11AM - 5PM / THE FRENCH SHOPPE - WEST END MARGARET ELLIS JEWELRY - SOBRO		11AM - 6PM / ANY OLD IRON / RELIGION - EAST NASHVILLE IMOGENE + WILLIE - 12TH SOUTH
		11AM - 6PM / GREEN HILLS K. MCCARTHY FASHION TRUCK AT SUGAR DIVE		PETER NAPPI - GERMANTOWN  12AM - 6PM /
12 - 6PM / WEST END SCARLETT BEGONIA	12 - 6PM / WEST END SCARLETT BEGONIA	12 - 6PM / WEST END HAYMAKERS & CO. SCARLETT BEGONIA	12 - 6PM / WEST END SCARLETT BEGONIA	SCARLETT BEGONIA - WEST END STACEY RHODES / LAGI NADEAU - BRENTWOOD
4 - 6PM / LOWES VANDERBILT HOTEL NIGEL BARKER BOOK SIGNING  7PM / ACME FEED & SEED NASHVILLE DESIGNER SHOWCASE PRESENTED BY YP MUSIC CITY ONA PEX VAN HOANG OLA MAI ERIC ADJER	7PM / THE CORDELLE ACCESSORIES AS ART	12:30 - 5:30PM / BRENTWOOD TOWNSEND STYLE	3 - GPM / GREEN HILLS MADEWELL	12:45 - 1:45PM / CITY WINERY INDUSTRY PANEL - THE FUTURE OF MANUFACTURING
		1 - 4PM / WEST END UAL		2 - 3PM / CITY WINERY INDUSTRY PANEL - THE FUTURE OF RETAIL
		2 - 6PM / GREEN HILLS THE PRIVATE LABEL		3 - 4PM / CITY WINERY INDUSTRY PANEL - HAPPY HOUR
		3 - GPM / KITTY - EAST NASHVILLE TRIBE KELLEY AT THE DRY HOUSE - GREEN HILLS		3 - 6PM / EAST NASHVILLE SISTERS OF NATURE
		4 - GPM / BILLY REID - GREEN HILLS LIZARD THICKET - HILLSBORD VILLAGE	III DETTECE	7PM / CITIZEN THE SECOND ANNUAL FASHION FORWARD GALA COCKTAIL PARTY
PINK ELEPHANT DESIGNS BLACK BY MARIA SILVER AMANDA VALENTINE	BONE FEATHER FANNY & JUNE MARGARET ELLIS JEWELRY	SOCA - GREEN HILLS  6 - 8PM / MITCHELL GOLD + BOB WILLIAMS	7PM / BICENTTENIAL MALL AMPITHEATRE READY-TO-WEAR RUNWAY SHOWCASE MEGAN HUNTZ	8PM / THE ROSEWALL GALA DINNER AND FASHION FORWARD AWARDS
9 - 11PM / ACME FEED & SEED ROOFTOP OFFICIAL NEW AFTER PARTY SPONSORED BY WILLIAM EDGE SALON	PETER NAPPI RINUEL SERAPHINE DESIGNS SHUTTERS + SHUTTLES	DESIGN + FASHION PRESENTED BY MG+BW CERI HOOVER HERB WILLIAMS	RELIGION LAGI NADEAU CIRCLE OF GENTLEMEN TIMO WEILAND	10PM - 12AM / CITIZEN OFFICIAL NFW CLOSING CELEBRATION SPONSORED BY WILLIAM EDGE SALON



## DESIGNERS

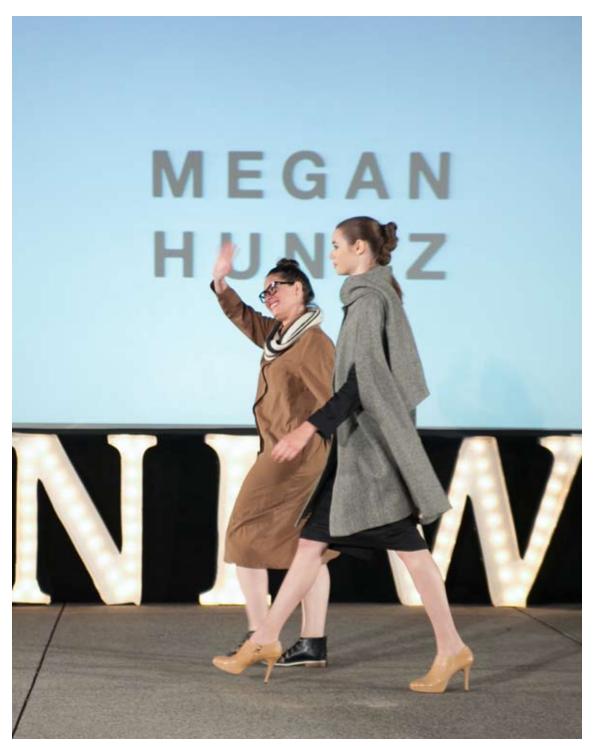


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\* LOCAL DESIGNER

^ RETURNING DESIGNER

Amanda Valentine\*^ Black by Maria Silver\*^ Bone Feather\* Circle of Gentleman Eric Adler Clothing\*^ Fanny & June\* Lagi Nadeau^ Margaret Ellis Jewelry\* Megan Huntz Ola Mai\* Ona Rex\* Pink Elephants\*^ Peter Nappi\* Religion RINjuel\* Shutters & Shuttles\* Seraphine Design\* Timo Weiland

Van Hoang Designs\*

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DAY 1 ACME FEED & SEED

















DAY 2 The cordelle







M E G A N H U N T Z





DAY 4
THE AMPITHEATER AT
THE BICENTENIAL MALL



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## DESIGNER TESTIMONIALS









MARIA "PONI" SILVER, BLACK BY MARIA SILVER

"NFW is an amazing celebration of the talented design professionals in Nashville today. Nashville has an incredibly diverse fashion industry and so much of it is on display thanks to NFW. I was truly an honor to be selected as the Fashion Forward Fund recipient in 2015. I can't wait until next year!"

CERI HOOVER, CERI HOOVER



"My menswear brand, Eric Adler wouldn't be where it is today without the Nashville Fashion Week. It has provided me with a network of peers and resources, expansive exposure and marketing opportunities and the ability to organically plant my roots in my home city of Nashville. In a rapidly emerging fashion community, NFW has provided a springboard for an emerging designer like myself to get their foot in the door, one of the hardest feats to overcome in fashion."

ERIC BORNHOP, ERIC ADLER CLOTHING



"Showing for my third year at Nashville Fashion Week 2015 has been an incredible experience. NFW has been a crucial platform for me to showcase my collection because it connects me with my market in Nashville and surrounding areas, builds brand awareness, and opens up selling opportunities. Nashville is one of my favorite cities; there is so much support and energy from the creative community. I've built strong relationships from participating in NFW that have helped my brand and myself personally to continue to grow."

LAGILELEI NADEAU, LAGI NADEAU

## M E G A N H U N T Z

"I'm so honored to have been invited to participate in Nashville Fashion Week! I had a wonderful experience. The event was very professionally coordinated, the models, hair and make-up, and the venues were great, and all of the sponsors and volunteers involved were so nice to work with. I gained a lot of exposure from participating and it was great to be aligned with other talent here in the Southeast."

**MEGAN HUNTZ, MEGAN HUNTZ** 



"Nashville Fashion Week provides a solid and relevant platform for designers to be seen and heard. This will be the third year I've been involved and every time, I leave feeling empowered and part of a caring and supportive community."

**LESLIE STEPHENS, OLA MAI** 

## DESIGNER TESTIMONIALS

O N A R E X "My first year showing at Nashville Fashion Week was such a blur of anticipation, exhaustion, and excitement! I was so honored to represent my hometown as an emerging designer and not only exhibit what I had been working on, but to share the experience with so many other talented peers. NFW was a perfect mix of feeling challenged, feeling encouraged, and leaving inspired. I hope to always stay involved in this community — it certainly gave me legs to stand on!"

ASHLEY BALDING, ONA REX



"Nashville fashion week is about more than just fashion it's about bringing an entire community together. Every year NFW without fail brings Nashville, fashion and art together in a week of spectacular shows and events . I am honoured to be part of such a phenomenal event and to call Nashville my hometown."

TRULY ALVARENGA, PINK ELEPHANTS DESIGNS



"Last year I was honored to exhibit in the Accessories as Art show during Nashville Fashion Week. As a long time fan of the event I was thrilled to be invited. The coordinators of NFW as well as the event designers, on-site managers and other exhibitors were all very professional and organized. Through my connection with NFW I gained exposure in many media outlets including television, articles in the Tennessean, blog posts, instagram posts, facebook activity and tweets. I also had the opportunity to meet and network with other designers and retail owners. This exposure helped for the local community to identify my brand and led to sales. NFW has brought the maker community together in Nashville and I am excited to see the event grow and evolve in years to come!"

**BROOKE SERAPHINE, SERAPHINE DESIGN** 



"As a designer, Nashville Fashion Week was a great way to gain exposure, meet industry insiders, and collaborate with fellow creatives. I loved seeing how supportive everyone was of each other. And, it was so great to work with a group of people who wanted to not only contribute to the growth of the fashion industry but to the city of Nashville as well. It felt really good to be a part of something that will continue to grow each year and undoubtedly establish Nashville as a city known for it's fashion, not just its music. I'm excited to see what each year brings!"

VAN HOANG, VAN HOANG DESIGNS

























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## MODELS 46 MODELS





MODEL SEARCH WINNER BRIGGS RUDDER

## AMAX TALENT/CREATIVE

Daisy Adkins Brian Alexander Chandler Bailey Faran Bell Kaitlin Benedito Taylor Brandenburg Sydney Chiyoko Camryn Clark M.E. Clark Rebecca Cook **Daniel Crotts** Sophie Cudd Hannah Darnell Phoenix Davidson Jenna Dorian Sarah Beth Elder Ashley Fisher Mary Fitzpatrick **Emily Grace** Mckenna Grace Kelli Hanson Jonathan Hippensteel **Brittany Jenkins** 

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## BOUTQUES 43 BOUTIQUES



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Any Old Iron\*^
Arzelle's Bridal Chic
Beloved Intimates
Billy Reid^
Blush Cool Springs^
Calypso St. Barth
E. Allen^
Eileen Fisher
Emerson Grace^
Fabrik
Flip
Green Hills Eyecare
Gus Mayer^

Haymakers & Co.

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Jamie\*^
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## INDUSTRY PANELS



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## **APRIL 11 AT CITY WINERY**

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## THE FUTURE OF THE INDUSTRY: THE IMPORTANCE OF THE NASHVILLE FORWARD FUND AND INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT OUTSIDE THE MAJOR CITIES OF LA AND NY

10 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.

Discussion of the foundational element of why fashion is a significant industry to the shaping of a city and why the Nashville Fashion Forward Fund is a vital part of that initiative.

**Panelists:** Fern Mallis, creator of New York Fashion Week, host of Fashion Insiders with Fern Mallis on Sirius XM Stars; Karen Elson, supermodel and songstress; and Timo Weiland, Vanderbilt graduate and ready-to-wear runway showcase designer.

## THE FUTURE OF MANUFACTURING: THE NEW STANDARD AND APPROACH TO PRODUCING A QUALITY PRODUCT 12:45 P.M. - 1:45 P.M.

From 3D printing to "Made in the USA" production, technology is changing the manufacturing process in fashion and what that ultimately means for the designer and the consumer.

**Panelists:** Amanda Valentine, founder of high end women's brand VALENTINE VALENTINE; Ashley Parkes, CEO of Aloncii; Maxine Bédat, Co-Founder of Zady.com; and Lisa Struble, Vice President, Apparel Development & Quality at Under Armour.

## THE FUTURE OF RETAIL: CONNECTING THE DIGITAL WORLD WITH THE PHYSICAL EXPERIENCE

2 P.M. - 3 P.M.

A glimpse at how technology is changing the shopping experience by connecting our digital devices to our physical environment.

**Panelists:** Carolann Larkin, Global Program Manager, eCommerce, Urban Outfitters; Leigh Fogle, Founder/CBDO, BKON; Sarin Kuruvilla, Co-Founder of Taggist; and Neil Kohler, Co-Founder of MakerWear.

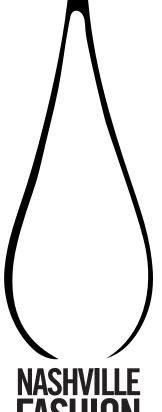
## GALA





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NASHVILLE FASHION FORWARD AWARDS NASHVILLE STYLE ICON AWARD presented to CLARE ARMISTEAD

FASHION FOWARD AWARD presented to CHERYLANN STEPHENS

LEGACY AWARD presented to MUNA ABBOUD

RISING STAR AWARD presented to ELIZABETH MATUCCI

FACE OF FASHION AWARD presented to LAURA HANSON SIMS

POINT OF VIEW AWARD presented to BRETT WARREN

FASHION RETAILER OF THE YEAR presented to STACEY RHODES BOUTIQUE

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## 12TH & BROAD

April 2015 - Half Page

## **NASHVILLE ARTS**

April 2015 - Full Page

## **NASHVILLE LIFESTYLES**

April 2015 - Full Page

## **NASHVILLE SCENE**

Web Banner - 300 px x 250 px Web Banner - 728 px x 90 px March 12, 2015 - Half Page March 19, 2015 - Full Page March 26, 2015 - Full Page April 9, 2015 - Full Page April 16, 2015 - Full Page

## **NFOCUS**

March 2015 - Full Page April 2013 - Full Page

## THE TENNESSEAN

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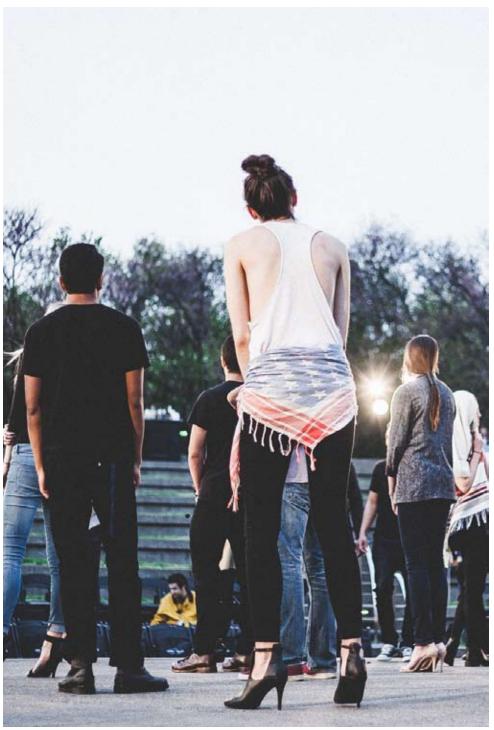


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