

Lions and tigers and models, oh, my!

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A two-day fashion show extravaganza showcasing a number of Birmingham designers makes its debut at the Detroit Zoo on Oct. 1-2. Created by Project Runway's Joe Faris, "Fashion In Detroit" will include 12 fashion shows by premier designers, a VIP private reception, an Afterglow bash with top-name rock concert and "Made in Michigan" product displays.

Each day's admission ticket includes six fashion shows, gift bags, a souvenir guidebook and other fun surprises. A portion of the proceeds from ticket sales will go to a local charity, plus a grant will be presented to one local fashion designer.

"My purpose for spearheading this event is to put a fashion spotlight on Detroit and create a venue that fills the needs of many locally based designers and the Detroit fashion community," said Faris, who will show two of his lines at the event.

The show's executive committee is made up of Detroit's heaviest hitters in fashion:

- Rino Marra, owner of FIGO salon in Birmingham.
- Lians Jadan, international fashion photographer and co-owner of LM Studios in Birmingham.
- Leslie Ann Pilling, Bloomfield Hills resident and nationally renowned designer.
- Karen Buscemi, Royal Oak resident and editor of StyleLine magazine.
- K'Kio Hardin, international designer and art director.

Situated between the dates of New York Fashion Week and LA Fashion Week, "Fashion In Detroit" will feature top models showcasing the best designs of Spring 2010 on a 60-foot runway in a spacious tent with VIP seating, risers and standing room for 500 guests. Shows run 1-5:30 p.m. on both days. For more information, visit www.fashionindetroit.com or call (248) 723-9770.

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