

10TH ANNIVERSARY
EMERGE! *Virtual*
FASHION
SHOW



A DECADE OF DIVERSITY
ON THE RUNWAY
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WELCOME!

I am truly grateful about presenting the 10th Anniversary Emerge! Fashion Show during New York Fashion Week virtually! When I created Emerge! 10 years ago my purpose was to highlight the creativity and art that designers create for the runway. I am always at awe at the talent and gifts that designers bring to light.

February 2020 was the Emerge! last show before the pandemic hit and the world was shut down! To say the year 2020 was a challenging one is an understatement. But, when met with challenges, creators create. It's just what they do. They adapt, originate, overcome and birth new concepts. One shining example of this spirit to create will be found in this innovative virtual runway presentation. I am excited to present this dynamic virtual presentation, it is chock full of great design, fashion icons, performance and so much more!

I am equally excited about honoring Law Roach with the Fashion Innovator Award. Stylist and Image Architect, LAW ROACH, undeniably transforms celebrities into fashion icons and I am grateful to him for accepting this award.

I want to thank Claire Sulmers of Fashion Bomb Daily, Andre' Leon Talley & Fern Mallis who have participated in the show and have supported me through this journey. I love their commitment to black designers and creatives.

Also thanks to our sponsors for supporting this virtual edition, Ambi Skincare, New York & New Jersey Port Authority, ORS Haircare, LAMIK Cosmetics & GFNTV. Your commitment to supporting Emerge's mission is to be commended.

Enjoy this 10th Anniversary edition of the Emerge! Fashion Show and I am honored you are here to enjoy this journey! On behalf of our talented designers, production staff and all of our sponsors, I welcome you to witness Emerge! 10th Anniversary Virtual Show.

Dionne Williams

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Creator, Emerge!
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Emerge! Fashion Show is one of the leading emerging designer runway show established to be a catalyst and provide a platform for designers. The Show is celebrating its 10th Anniversary during New York Fashion Week with a virtual fashion event. The Show themed “A Decade of Diversity on the runway” features top emerging designers from the United States as well as Africa.

Tonight the virtual fashion event is hosted by Claire Sulmers of Fashion Bomb Daily, with special guest presenters Andre’ Leon Talley (former Vogue contributor) & Fern Mallis (creator of New York Fashion Week.) The virtual event also features congratulatory remarks from fashion & style notables, a performance by Yanna Cello, a look back over the 10 year history of Emerge!, special clips from Emerge! Design Talk featuring London-based designer Ozwald Boateng, urban street wear designer Karl Kani & iconic model Pat Cleveland.

Each season, EMERGE! presents the coveted ‘Fashion Innovator Award.’ An honor to those who have received the award in the past recognizing them for their impact in

fashion. Past honorees have included: Audrey Smaltz, President of the Ground Crew (presented to her by Harriette Cole); Constance C.R. White, Editor in Chief of Essence Magazine (presented to her by Tracy Reese); Andre’ Leon Talley, contributing editor of Vogue (presented to him by Diane Von Furstenberg), Fashion Icon Mikki Taylor (presented to her by Style Expert Philip Bloch), legendary model Patricia Cleveland (presented to her by legendary fashion designer, Stephen Burrows) and Fern Mallis (presented to her by Bibu Mohapatra).

This year’s Fashion Innovator Award Honoree is celebrity stylist & “image architect” Law Roach. Law is being recognized for his impact in shaping the global fashion industry.

This season Emerge! features a talented list of designers who were selected to unveil their newest collections. Terri Stevens of funkinbeautiful Designs (Chicago), Scalo Designs (Johannesberg), Jesu’ Segun London, & Haus of L.A. (Los Angeles, Chicago). The runway is “Reimagined” and feature the designs in creative vignettes.



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PRESENTS THE FASHION INNOVATOR AWARD TO

LAW ROACH

Stylist and Image Architect, LAW ROACH, undeniably transforms celebrities into fashion icons. Law grew up in Southside Chicago and embarked on his career as a vintage broker, collecting and curating vintage pieces. Quickly building a fan base, Law moved to New York to open his first boutique, Deliciously Vintage Harlem.

Inspired by the success of Deliciously Vintage Harlem, Law founded Deliciously Vintage Chicago, bringing a renewed energy to the city's fashion scene. The space soon captured the attention of fashion icons such as Kanye West. He later closed up shop to move to Los Angeles and pursue a career in styling.

Unlike many stylists, who began their careers as interns or assistants, Law built his own network of brands and clients which now include A-list celebrities such as Zendaya, Kerry Washington, Anya Taylor Joy, Naomi Osaka, Tom Holland, and many more. Some of Law's accomplishments include transforming Celine Dion into a fashion icon, being the first African American to be featured on the cover of The

Hollywood Reporter's Most Powerful Stylists issue and joining the panel of judges for the hit TV show "America's Next Top Model". In 2019, Law acted as creative director for the Tommy x Zendaya fashion line by Tommy Hilfiger, which premiered at Paris Fashion Week. In 2020, Law sat alongside Meghan thee Stallion, and others, as a judge on HBO Max's voguing competition show, "Legendary", and he will be returning to the cast for their second season which will air in 2021.

Fueled by his love for fashion, Law continues to conquer cultural limitations, making revolutionary strides for people of color within both the fashion and entertainment industries.



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HOST CLAIRE SULMERS
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ANDRE' LEON TALLEY
Special Guest Presenter



FERN MALLIS
Special Guest Presenter

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The show is themed the rainbow nation which is what South Africa is referred to in the world, it is a story of where we come from and where we are as a nation in terms of freedom.

The shoot took place at constitutional hill a place that used to be a prison that had freedom fighters such as Nelson Mandela being in-prisoned, but now is a museum and the country's constitutional court. I choose this location because it told the story of the struggles black people faced while fitting the white government which used to oppress black people.

I have designed an eight piece collection that showcases the vibrant nation of South Africa, my woman is confident, sophisticated, know where she comes from and where she's going, I did a lot of hand beading showcasing the brand's craftsmanship.

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SCALO

BY SELLO MEDUPE

DESIGNER

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