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News Release

Prepare to be dazzled as GSA students get ready for the Fashion Show 2009

The Glasgow School of Art is awash with activity as students prepare for the annual Fashion Show taking place at GSA's Vic Bar, Renfrew Street on Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th March 2009 showing at 7pm and 9pm both nights.

Organised by third and second year textiles students on the BA (Hons) Design Programme, the Fashion Show has been a regular fixture in Glasgow's calendar since the 1940s. A total of 40 undergraduate students are involved in creating the garments for the show. Third year students work across four areas – print, weave, knit and embroidery, to make a three garment collection whilst second year students provide a garment each.

Jimmy Stephen-Cran, Department Head of Textiles says:

Fashion is now less about the subtleties of silhouette and more about the immediate impact of pattern, colour and texture – Textile design students obviously do this incredibly well. The Fashion show is not just about eye catching ideas, it offers third year students first hand experience of the professional world. As well as nurturing each students creative identity, the fashion show project develops the transferable skills and attributes necessary for future careers.

It is only a few years ago that the current darlings of British Fashion – Louise Gray, Scott Ramsay Kyle, Bebaroque and Jamie Bruski Tetsill all took their first fashion footsteps at the annual GSA Fashion Show – it will be curious to see which ones of today's participating students will go on to follow them.

As well as designing the collections, the students are working collectively to organise everything from models and stage design, to promotion. The third year students are hoping to raise enough money to take their creations to the new designers in London in their fourth year and so will be selling some of their pieces at the 'Fashion Show Boutique Shop'.

The fashion show gives students a chance to showcase their creative innovative textiles through different mediums of print, weave, knit, and embroidery. What's unique about this fashion show is that it is not fashion that determines the garment, but the creation of the textiles.

The Fashion Show would not be possible without the generous contributions of our sponsors – Mandors, All Talent UK the Sonia Scott Agency, Tunnocks and Buchanan Galleries.

All shows are open to the public and will take place at 7pm and 9pm. Tickets, priced at £7.50 (£5.50 concessions) are available from or the Vic Bar on 0141 353 4530 and from www.ticketsscotland.com. The after show party is taking place at The Vic Bar on Wednesday 18th from 10pm-3pm

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