



Council of Fashion Designers of America

ANNUAL REPORT 2025

OUR MISSION

The CFDA mission is to strengthen the impact of American fashion globally by *amplifying creative excellence*, business longevity, and positive impact.

LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Thom Browne

at a time when the role of a designer is questioned every day, we must focus on what matters the most...

telling important stories that bring to life big ideas...

stories that make everyone think and question what they thought they knew...

stories that allow the world to see the pure creativity american fashion has to offer...

the strength of our industry lies not only behind the clothing... the shows... and what you see in stores... but through the way we challenge others to look at the world...

now more than ever, it is essential to foster creativity...

and lift the voices of those around us who champion american fashion...

i am proud to be a part of this important moment as chairman of the cfd a board...

thom.





A LETTER FROM THE CFDA CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND
PRESIDENT

Steven Kolb

2025 was a year of steady, meaningful progress for the CFDA.

We strengthened our financial position, exceeded fundraising goals, and grew our fund balance, reinforcing our role as the leading organization supporting American fashion.

As the organizers of the official New York Fashion Week schedule, we continue to see the cultural relevance and market potential of American fashion expand. We relaunched CFDA.com and the Fashion Calendar to better serve our community, while partnerships with the Fashion Institute of Technology, Rockefeller Center, and Google Shopping broadened access and engagement.

We advanced key initiatives with the Frazier Family Foundation, Genesis House, and Tiffany & Co., expanded scholarship support with Veronica Beard, and welcomed new advocates through Friends of CFDA.

The CFDA Fashion Awards, presented by Amazon Fashion, reached a broader global audience, celebrating talent including Cynthia Rowley, Ralph Rucci, André Walker, and A\$AP Rocky.

Member engagement grew, and Membership 2.0 is building a more connected and active community. At the center of this work are our designers, whose creativity and resilience define the industry.

Looking ahead to 2026, we will build on this momentum with a partnership with OpenAI and the launch of the Next Thread initiative, in collaboration with the Bezos Earth Fund, advancing innovation, sustainability, and American manufacturing.

Our focus remains clear: champion American design, support our members, and invest in what comes next.

I'm grateful for this community and energized for the work ahead.

Steven Kolb

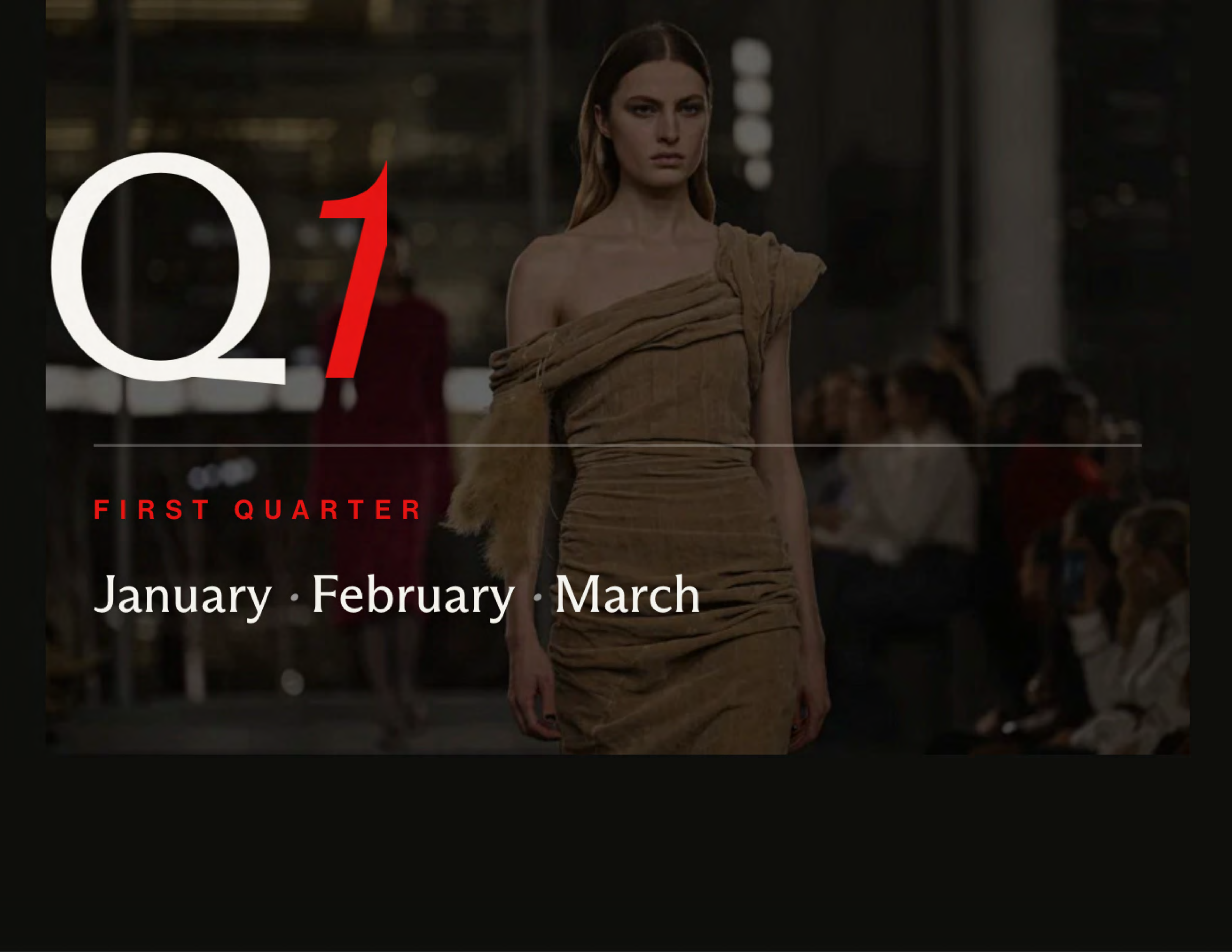
The CFDA in 2025

The Council of Fashion Designers of America reinforced its influence on the global fashion industry through major events, talent development, and industry recognition in 2025.

The most visible moment was the CFDA Fashion Awards in New York City, where leading designers such as Ralph Lauren and Thom Browne were honored for excellence in womenswear and menswear, respectively. Initiatives like the CFDA/Vogue Fashion Fund provided financial support and mentorship to diverse designers, helping shape a more inclusive industry.

Additionally, the CFDA promoted innovation and social responsibility, supporting forward-thinking practices within fashion. Together, these efforts underscored the CFDA's ongoing role in elevating American fashion, supporting emerging designers, and setting cultural and ethical standards across the industry.



A fashion show runway scene. A model with long blonde hair is walking towards the camera, wearing a tan, one-shoulder, form-fitting dress with a draped detail on the shoulder. The background is dark and out of focus, showing an audience seated in rows. The overall lighting is dim, with some stage lights visible in the background.

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FIRST QUARTER

January · February · March



JAMEEL MOHAMMED

CFDA IMPACT

Jameel Mohammed Wins the Inaugural Tiffany & Co. x CFDA Jewelry Designer Award

Jameel Mohammed, recipient of the inaugural Tiffany & Co. x CFDA Jewelry Designer Award, received \$50,000 and a one-year paid fellowship in Tiffany & Co.'s design department.

To mark the occasion, Tiffany & Co. and CFDA hosted an intimate cocktail reception at The Landmark, the brand's iconic Fifth Avenue flagship. The award was presented by Tiffany & Co.'s Global Vice President of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging, Stéphanie Oueda-Cruz, alongside CFDA CEO and President Steven Kolb and Tiffany & Co. CMO Andrea Davey.

The program also recognized 10 participants selected by the committee, each tasked with creating a final presentation honoring Tiffany & Co.'s heritage and spirit of innovation.

PHILANTHROPY

CFDA Cares: LA Wildfire Recovery

As the industry witnessed the devastating impact of the fires across Los Angeles, the CFDA organized a Product Drive to collect donations of clothing, health and other basic essentials to provide relief to the affected communities. The CFDA partnered with Glam4Good and Delivering Good to assure that all donations are distributed to those who need assistance most.





VERONICA SWANSON BEARD & VERONICA MIELE BEARD

EDUCATION / SCHOLARSHIPS

The CFDA x Veronica Beard Creative Futures Scholarship

CFDA and Veronica Beard launched the CFDA x Veronica Beard Creative Futures Scholarship to support the education and development of emerging fashion designers, with a focus on inclusivity, creativity, and design excellence.

The program supports four undergraduate juniors enrolled in fashion design or textile programs at U.S. colleges and universities. Finalists, selected across four categories—denim, knits & sweaters, soft wovens, and tailoring—compete in a design challenge judged by founders Veronica Miele Beard and Veronica Swanson Beard. One winner per category receives a \$50,000 scholarship to advance their education and professional growth.

Recipients also participate in a paid summer internship at Veronica Beard's New York City headquarters.



TORY BURCH FALL/WINTER 2025-2026



THOM BROWNE FALL/WINTER 2025-2026



PRABAL GURUNG FALL/WINTER 2025-2026

NEW YORK FASHION WEEK / FASHION CALENDAR

New York Fashion Week, February 2025

The Official NYFW February 2025 Schedule featured more than 52 runway shows and designer presentations, with additional collections being presented digitally and by appointment.

Brands included Anna Sui, Carolina Herrera, Christian Siriano, Coach, Collina Strada, Diotima, Eckhaus Latta, Kallmeyer, Khaite, Lafayette 148, LaQuan Smith, Luar, Michael Kors Collection, Monse, Prabal Gurung, Simkhai, Todd Snyder, Tory Burch, Ulla Johnson, and Zankov. Altuzarra, Calvin Klein Collection, Christopher John Rogers, Fforme, Lapointe, Norma Kamali and Theory also returned to the New York runway.



NYFW

NYFW Travel Fund & Shuttle Bus

In an effort to build meaningful relationships between renowned international stakeholders in press and media and the designer brands who show during the week, the NYFW Travel Fund was established in 2022 to raise awareness of the importance of NYFW's cultural, artistic, and economic impact.

The CFDA NYFW Travel Fund, both in February and September, has proudly supported international editors with financial and in-kind support made possible through brand contributions and strategic partnerships.

The CFDA NYFW Shuttle Bus presented by Google Shopping took editors and buyers around the city in stylish—and sustainable—ways during the February and September fashion weeks. It's an effort to help with any logistical hurdles show-goers might face in transit between shows, and another step CFDA is taking for a greener fashion week. The NYFW Shuttle is also helping reduce the environmental impact, improving the week's carbon footprint with group ridesharing.

PARTNERSHIPS

Dauphinette's Olivia Cheng Wins CFDA | Genesis House AAPI Design Grant + Innovation Fund

Olivia Cheng of Dauphinette was named the second annual CFDA | Genesis House AAPI Design + Innovation Grant winner.

In its second year, the program continues its mission to amplify AAPI designers, offering mentorship and funding from Genesis to support collections reflecting participants' Asian heritage.

Cheng, alongside finalists Bach Mai and Kozaburo, presented their collections to a panel of judges. Dauphinette's bespoke collection, Clove, draws on the fleeting transition between seasons, honoring the ginkgo tree's cultural significance across East Asia and in Cheng's own upbringing.



OLIVIA CHENG



PARTNERSHIPS

CIFF & CFDA Sustainable Fashion Showroom Returns to NYFW

The Copenhagen International Fashion Fair (CIFF) and the CFDA's New York Fashion Week showroom returned for a second season at the Plus Plus Showroom at 161 Water Street. It featured two American and 10 Danish designers redefining fashion through sustainability and prioritizing environmental responsibility, ethical sourcing, and innovative design: Agboby (USA), Private Policy (USA), Adnym (DK), CDLP (DK), Dawn x Dare (DK), Herskind (DK), Molebo (DK), Monies (DK), Neuw Denim (DK), Résumé (DK), Samsøe Samsøe (DK), and Skandinavisk (DK).

NYFW KICKOFF

At the Rainbow Room, a Fabulous NYFW Kickoff

At CFDA's New York Fashion Week kickoff cocktail, hosted by CFDA Board Chairman Thom Browne and Board Member Tory Burch, the fashion industry's top fashion creatives gathered in the room atop Rockefeller Center, including Jenna Lyons, Zac Posen, Henry Zankov, Wes Gordon, Maria Cornejo, Dennis Basso, Rebecca Hessel Cohen, Adam and Ryan Goldston, Jacques Agboby, Bach Mai, and Spencer Phipps.

The crowd also included Allison Sarofim, David Lauren, Nardos Iman, Alina Cho, Lauren Levison, Linda Fargo and Tony Brand, Casey Kohlberg, Renna Brown Taher, Raul Penaranda, and Yao King.



DENNIS BASSO, ZAC POSEN



MICHELLE OCHS, TORY BURCH, ROOPAL PATEL



KATE BARTON, COLM DILLANE



NICOLE ZISMAN, ANDRE WALKER



ZAC POSEN



EVENTS

The CFDA Hosts First-Ever Shabbat Dinner

CFDA welcomed fashion friends and family to celebrate the Jewish Friday night tradition of Shabbat with a dinner at The Manner hotel in SoHo.

Supported by Gap Inc. and Urban Zen, attendees included CFDA members Zac Posen, Rebecca Moses, Batsheva Hay, Kobi Halperin, and Jacques Agboby, alongside designers Andre Walker, Rebecca Hessel Cohen, Kozaburo Akasaka, Conley Averett, and Fe Noel. Guests gathered at The Otter, the hotel's restaurant.

Comedian Modi Rosenfeld served as master of ceremonies, leading blessings over Kiddush wine and challah with his husband, Leo Veiga—both dressed in Todd Snyder. Breads Bakery's challah and rugelach added to the evening's spirit, alongside Don Julio 1942 cocktails with playful New York–Jewish touches, including a NY 1942 Sour with a Manischewitz float and mini challah garnish, Apples & Honey with dehydrated apple crisp, and a non-alcoholic LES Pickle Martini.

FRIENDS OF THE CFDA

Andy Warhol Sale at Hotel Chelsea Benefits the CFDA

A curated selection of Andy Warhol photographs by Hedges Projects was celebrated with a CFDA and Vogue100 dinner and sale hosted by Aurora James, with proceeds benefiting the CFDA Foundation.

The collection featured iconic figures including André Leon Talley, Diana Vreeland, Diane von Furstenberg, Diane Brill, Halston, Stephen Sprouse, Tina Chow, Deeda Blair, Grace Jones, Bianca Jagger, Michael Chow, and Valentino, available via Artsy.

Guests included Darren Star, Allison Sarofim, Bethann Hardison, and others.



GRACE JONES AND ANDRÉ LEON TALLEY
PHOTOGRAPHED BY ANDY WARHOL



MARTHA GRAHAM BY WARHOL



KAREN FRIEDMAN, LEGENDARY DAMON, EZRA J. WILLIAM



ULLA PARKER, ALLISON SAROFIM, ANN DEXTER-JONES



JIM HEDGES, DIANNE BRILL



STEVEN STOLMAN, GIGI BURRIS O'HARA

MEMBERSHIP

Member to Member Conversation: Steven Stolman & Gigi Burris O'Hara

The CFDA presented a Member-to-Member conversation with Steven Stolman and Gigi Burris O'Hara at Freeman's | Hindman.

Hosted by CFDA Executive Vice President Lisa Smilor, the evening paired a discussion with a preview of vintage couture and accessories, including WILLIAM J hats by Bill Cunningham, who began his career as a milliner.

Attendees included Jeffrey Banks, Michelle Smith, Alejandra Alonso Rojas, Fern Mallis, and others.

MEMBERSHIP

Rebecca Moses: A Designer-Artist and Enduring Multi-Hyphenate

At the National Arts Club, the CFDA and Editorial and Communications Director Marc Karimzadeh welcomed Rebecca Moses for a reflective salon conversation.

A CFDA member for nearly four decades, Moses spoke on her creative evolution, the challenges and failures she's faced, and the importance of risk-taking.

Attendees included John Bartlett, Yeohlee Teng, Nicole Fischelis, and more.



REBECCA MOSES & YEOHLEE TENG



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SECOND QUARTER

April · May · June



SCARLET FU, STEPHEN LAMAR, LAURA WEBER, DR. D'WAYNE EDWARDS, ULLA JOHNSON, BILL FOU DY, LANCE RUTTENBERG, LEWIS PERKINS, STEVEN KOLB

EVENTS

The 2025 American Image Awards

The American Apparel & Footwear Association hosted the 2025 American Image Awards in New York City, honoring leaders across the industry, including Ulla Johnson as Designer of the Year.

The evening marked the ninth year the CFDA Foundation served as beneficiary, with Laura Weber of LW Pearl highlighting the impact of CFDA support on American manufacturing.

Emceed by Scarlet Fu, honorees also included Target, American Textile Company, D'Wayne Edwards of Pensole Lewis College, Katherine Gold of GoldBug, and the Apparel Impact Institute.

NYFW / FASHION CALENDAR

New York Fashion Week Bridal, April 2025

The bridal collections returned from April 7–10 for in-person collection showcases including Reem Acra, Andrew Kwon, Amsale, Anne Barge, Markarian, Tanner Fletcher, Viktor&Rolf and Joseph Abboud.



TANNER FLETCHER SPRING/SUMMER 2027



PARTNERSHIPS

CFDA Partners With A.I. Personal Styling Start-up Alta

The CFDA partnered with Alta to bring advanced A.I. tools to its members, helping designers reach new audiences.

The Alta app, powered by multiple A.I. models, acts as a personal styling companion—helping users decide what to wear and buy by optimizing their wardrobe and ensuring new purchases integrate seamlessly.

PROGRAM STRATEGIES / PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Good Talks: Circularity, Considered

Theory and the CFDA hosted Good Talks: Circularity, Considered, convening fashion leaders and sustainability educators while celebrating Pratt Institute MFA students who partnered with Theory to create designs from repurposed materials.

Moderated by Wendy Waugh, the panel featured Indre Rockefeller of The Circularity Project, Marco Mantellassi of Manteco, and Natalie Chanin of Alabama Chanin and Project Threadeasy. The discussion emphasized community, education, and collective action in advancing environmental justice.





NICOLE MILLER & MARC KARIMZADEH

MEMBERSHIP

Nicole Miller on Building a Fashion Empire

In the early 1980s, Nicole Miller launched her namesake brand from her Garment District studio, blending Paris-trained draping with New York energy. Known for body-conscious silhouettes and bold prints, she built a reputation for merging uptown polish with downtown edge, later expanding into accessories, home, and menswear.

At the National Arts Club, the CFDA and Editorial and Communications Director Marc Karimzadeh hosted Miller for a salon conversation on her career, building a brand, and staying creatively curious.

PROGRAM STRATEGIES / FASHION SUPPLY CHAIN

Sci-Lume Labs Receives 2025 CFDA x Swarovski Foundation Re:Generation Innovation Fund

The CFDA and the Swarovski Foundation expanded their partnership through the Re:Generation Innovation Fund, supporting early-stage creatives focused on innovation.

Sci-Lume Labs, founded by Oliver Shafaat, received a \$30,000 grant, six months of mentorship, and access to a global network. Its focus on scalable circularity reflects the Fund's mission to back next-generation changemakers.

The 2025 recipient was selected by a committee of leaders across fashion, materials innovation, and sustainability.



OLIVER SHAFAT



CFDA / VOGUE FASHION FUND

The 2025 CFDA/Vogue Fashion Fund Finalists

The CFDA and Vogue announced the 10 finalists for the 2025 CFDA/Vogue Fashion Fund, including Ashlynn Park, Julian Louie, Bach Mai, Bernard James, Ashley Moubayed, Gabe Gordon, Timothy Gibbons, Stephanie Suberville, Jamie Okuma, Meruert Planul-Tolegen, and Peter Do.

The winner will receive \$300,000, with two runners-up awarded \$100,000 each, alongside mentorship and business support.

The program is supported by Gap Inc., Instagram, Nordstrom, Saks Fifth Avenue, Tommy Hilfiger, and Vogue.



STEVEN KOLB, ROBIN GIVHAN, RACHEL TASHJIAN, THOM BROWNE

MEMBERSHIP

CFDA's Spring 2025 Bi-Annual Membership Meeting & Conversation with Robin Givhan

CFDA designers convened at the WSA Building for the biannual CFDA membership meeting. Attendees included Thom Browne, Emily Adams Bode Aujla, Jasmin Larian, Michelle Ochs, Jennifer Zuccarini, Rio Uribe, Kenneth Nicholson, Edmundo Castillo, Jeffrey Costello, Robert Tagliapietra, Bonnie Young, Ji Oh, and Emily Smith.

The meeting opened with fashion editor and Pulitzer Prize-winning writer Robin Givhan discussing her book *Make It Ours: Crashing the Gates of Culture* with Virgil Abloh alongside former Washington Post fashion critic Rachel Tashjian.

FRIENDS OF THE CFDA

Todd Snyder Welcomes Friends

Todd Snyder welcomed the Friends of the CFDA for a private cocktail at his flagship store in NoMad. Raul Penaranda, Jenny Wang, Haoran Li, Alva Chinn, Azeeza Khan, and Kristen Noel Crawley roamed the retail space and mingled with Snyder. A tailor was on hand for made to measure orders.



RAUL PENARANDA & TODD SNYDER



JAMIE OKUMA



BACH MAI



ASHLEY MOUBAYED

CFDA / VOGUE FASHION FUND

Nordstrom, Friends of the CFDA & Vogue100 Celebrate Secure The SPACE

Friends of the CFDA, Vogue100, and past Fashion Fund designers joined Nordstrom for an intimate breakfast and shopping event celebrating the 2025 CFDA/Vogue Fashion Fund finalists at the Greenwich Hotel.

Guests could place orders directly with the designers, who also participated in a mini challenge, Secure the SPACE, pitching their collections to Nordstrom executives. Ashlynn Park of ASHLYN was selected as the winner.

PARTNERSHIPS

Honoring Nest's Refugee Artisan Accelerator Program

Nest, in partnership with the CFDA and Made51, celebrated its Refugee Artisan Accelerator program at Le Jardinier. CFDA members Kay Unger, Jeffrey Banks, Gigi Burris O'Hara, Diego Binetti, and Rebecca Moses were joined by Joel Towers, Claire-Aude Staraci, Lori Weizner, Fern Mallis, and others.

Nest's work supporting women, home-based workers, and maker communities across 120 countries has elevated the artisan economy, giving it global visibility and value.



MIMI PLANGE & KAY UNGER

A fashion show runway scene with models walking. The foreground model wears a white long-sleeved shirt, dark trousers, a brown belt, and a necklace with a large pendant. The background shows other models and audience members holding up phones to take pictures.

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THIRD QUARTER

July · August · September



TIMOTHY GIBBONS, SINÉAD BURKE, GABE GORDON

CFDA / VOGUE FASHION FUND

Adaptive Fashion Moves into Focus for Design Challenge

The launch of the CFDA/Vogue Fashion Fund Design Challenge featured lead mentor Tommy Hilfiger partnering with Sinéad Burke and Tilting the Lens.

Before a cocktail at Nine Orchard, the 10 finalists were paired with muses: Julian Louie (Aubero) with Jerron Herman; Ashlynn Park (ASHLYN) with Bri Scalesse; Bach Mai with Daphne Frias; Bernard James with Maya Moore; Ashley Moubayed (Don't Let Disco) with Lachi; Gabe Gordon and Timothy Gibbons with Finnegan Shannon; Stephanie Suberville (Heirlome) with Caity Briare; Jamie Okuma with Marsha Elle; Meruert Planul-Tolegen (Meruert Tolegen) with Andrea Delzell; and Peter Do with Jezz Chung.

Attendees included Willy Chavarria, Christopher John Rogers, Rachel Scott, Batsheva Hay, Danielle Frankel Hirsch, and Aurora James.

PROGRAM STRATEGIES / PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Good Talks: Sustainability in Sync

Moderated by Wendy Waugh, the panel included Vanessa Barboni Hallik of Another Tomorrow; Albert Vaysbukh of Theory; Dana Davis of Dana Davis Consulting, and Matthieu Seiller of Hermès.

The conversation centered around exploring the power of partnerships, collaborations, and the integration of sustainable solutions within an organization, and how different entities can come together and align with one goal in mind.



VANESSA BARBONI HALLIK, ALBERT VAYSBUKH, DANA DAVIS, MATTHIEU SELLIER



RALPH LAUREN SPRING/SUMMER 2026

NEW YORK FASHION WEEK / FASHION CALENDAR

New York Fashion Week, September 2025

The preliminary Official New York Fashion Week (NYFW) Schedule for the spring-summer 2026 season launched with Michael Kors on Thursday, September 11, and closed on Tuesday, September 16, 2025.

The schedule featured more than 60 runway shows and designer presentations, with additional collections being presented digitally and by appointment. Among those showing were Altuzarra, Area, Calvin Klein Collection, Christian Siriano, Collina Strada, Cynthia Rowley, Diotima, Jason Wu Collection, Kallmeyer, Lafayette 148, LaQuan Smith, L'Enchanteur, Luar, Norma Kamali, Prabal Gurung, Simkhai, Tibi, Todd Snyder, Tory Burch, Ulla Johnson, and Zankov. International brands showing during the week were COS, Off-White and Toteme.

NYFW Live at Rockefeller Center Returns

Rockefeller Center and the CFDA, with presenting partner Genesys, revived NYFW Live at Rockefeller Center, streaming American collections to global audiences.

Rockefeller Center was the exclusive destination—physical or digital—for the public to watch NYFW shows, with screenings at the Rink and Channel Gardens from September 11–16. Supermodel Anok Yai and musical artists Peso Pluma and Young Miko served as ambassadors.

Thom Browne, Michael Kors, and Anna Sui hosted the NYFW kickoff cocktail at the Rainbow Room on September 10, supported by Starbucks.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony on September 11 featured Browne, Tony Bates, Cynthia Rowley, Laura Kim and Fernando Garcia, and more.



PESO PLUMA, STEVEN KOLB, ANNA WINTOUR, MICHAEL KORS, TORY BURCH, THOM BROWNE, YOUNG MIKO



PARTNERSHIPS

CFDA & Genesis Unveil 3.0 Design + Innovation Grant Finalists

The CFDA and Genesis House announced the third CFDA | Genesis House AAPI Design + Innovation Grant finalists: Allina Liu, exploring identity and culture through symbolic wearable art; Kim Shui, redefining American womenswear through her personal journey of heritage and visibility; and Terrence Zhou of Bad Binch TongTong, known for surreal, conceptual designs that merge fashion and performance.

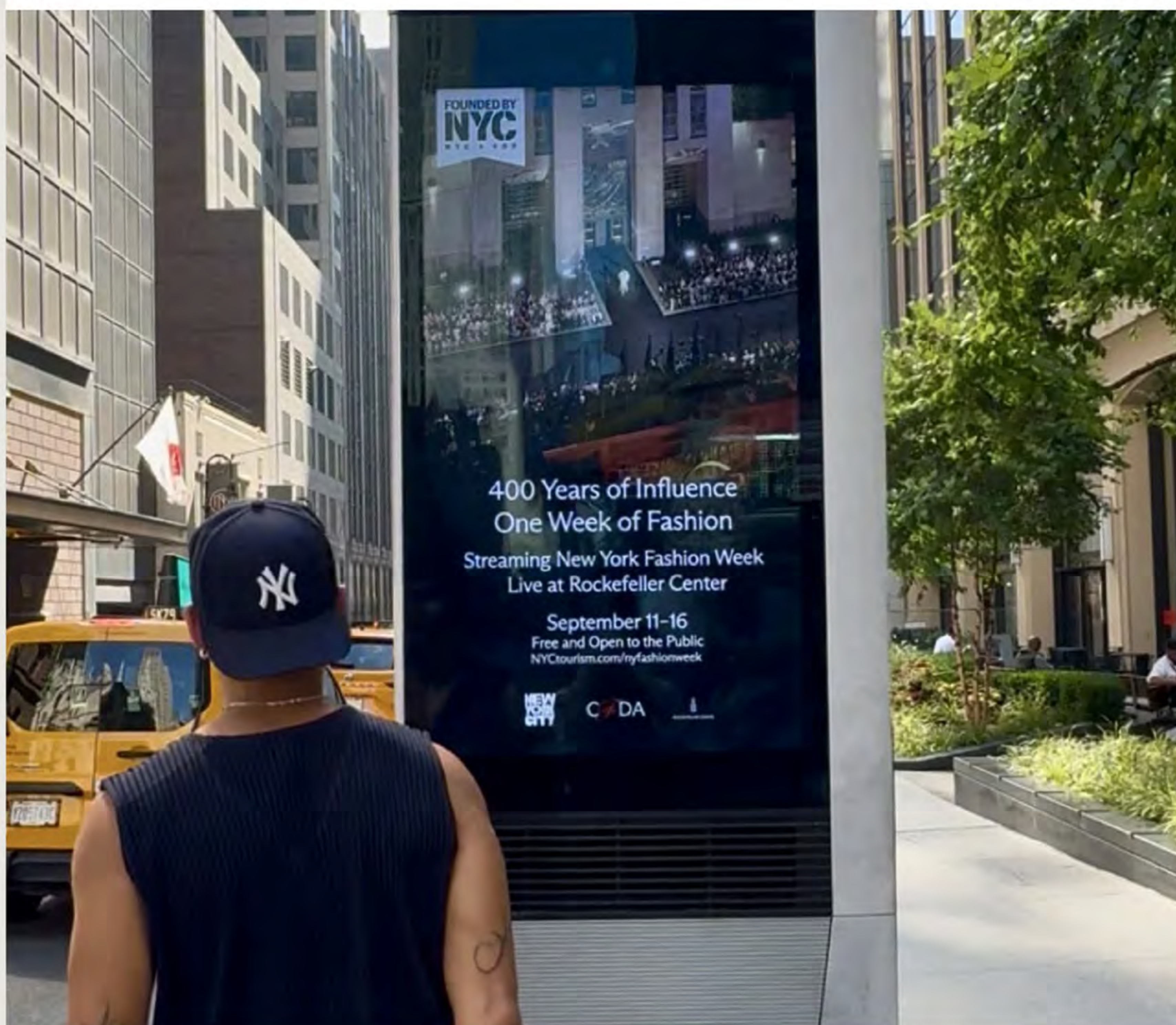
Each finalist will receive a \$40,000 grant, access to mentors across fashion, technology, and business, and an immersive cultural trip to Seoul, Korea. One finalist will earn an additional \$60,000 to further their business.

ALLINA LIU, TERRENCE ZHOU, KIM SHUI

NYFW / FASHION CALENDAR

CFDA and NYFW Joined the Celebration for 400 Years of NYC

The CFDA joined NYC Tourism + Conventions' "Founded By NYC" campaign, which celebrated New York City's 400th anniversary in 2025 and the 250th anniversary of the United States in 2026. CFDA had presence on the streets of our city, in bus shelters and LinkNYC kiosks from Sept. 5-16, highlighting our groundbreaking streaming partnership NYFW Live at Rockefeller Center.



NEW YORK FASHION WEEK / FASHION CALENDAR

The "HIV Unwrapped" Show United Fashion, Science and Storytelling

"HIV Unwrapped," the global initiative reigniting critical conversations focused on eliminating HIV stigma, hosted a runway show during New York Fashion Week.

Models and guests included activist and actor of Hamilton Javier Muñoz, Demetre Daskalakis (former director of CDC's Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases), singers Mary Gibson and Mila Jam, host of Taxi TV, John Friia, and more. Following international editions in Australia, Rwanda, and the UK, the U.S. edition is sponsored by Gilead Sciences, and presented in partnership with GLAAD, ASHM, and EqualPride with additional support from the CFDA.

PARTNERSHIPS

Paul Smith and Thom Browne Talk Early Career, Fashion Philosophy & Enduring Success

Paul Smith's Foundation and the CFDA founded the Paul Smith's Foundation x CFDA Designer-in-Residence initiative. To mark the partnership, Sir Paul Smith and CFDA Chairman Thom Browne were in conversation at the residence of His Majesty's Deputy Consul General, Mel Lawrance. Designer-in-Residence finalists Colleen Allen, Menyelek Rose, and Taylor Thompson were on hand alongside John Imah, Allison Sarofim, Lauren Levison, Hildy Kuryk-Bernstein, Isaac Hindin-Miller, Leila Larijani, and more.



THOM BROWNE & SIR PAUL SMITH



STEVEN KOLB WITH MODELS

PARTNERSHIPS

The 2nd Annual Step Up For Fashion Event on Madison Avenue

The Madison Avenue Business Improvement District hosted Step Up For Fashion as part of its Welcome Back Saturday festivities, raising funds for the CFDA Foundation Scholarship Fund, which supports emerging designers with financial aid, mentorship, and industry access. Participating retailers pledged 10% of sales to the Fund and showcased new collections.

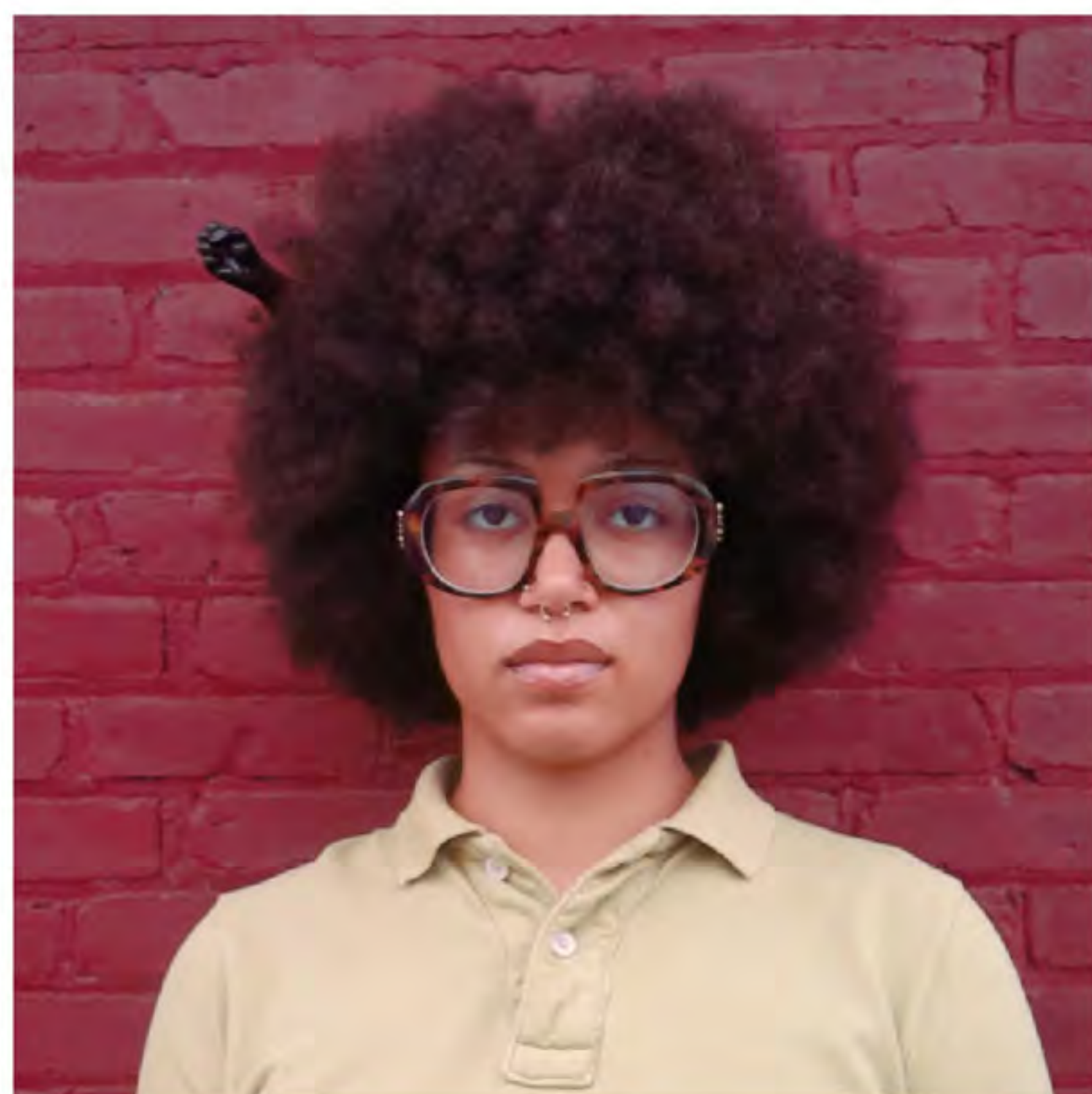
Models displayed fall fashions on platforms outside stores, featuring looks from Marina Rinaldi, Nardos, Carolina Herrera, L'Agence, Todd Snyder, Paul Morelli, Veronica Beard, and more.

Meet the 2025 CFDA Scholarship Fund Recipients

Committed to supporting American fashion designers of tomorrow, the CFDA Scholarship Fund has awarded approximately \$4.4 million and 384 scholarships from 1996 to 2025. This year, the CFDA dedicated all scholarships in honor of Elsa Klensch, the pioneering journalist and two-time decorated CFDA Fashion Award recipient, who generously supported the CFDA's commitment to education through her estate.



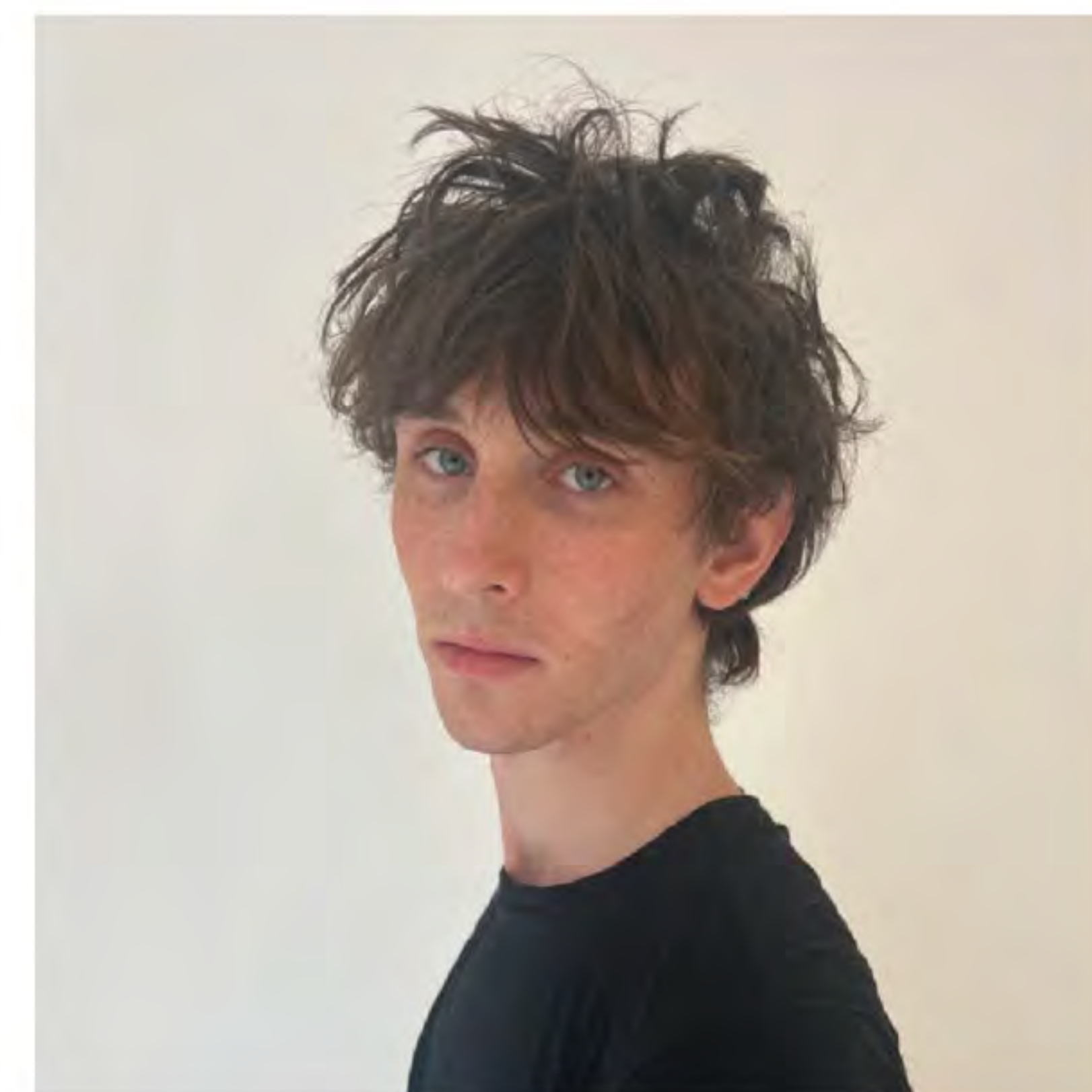
Lana Mingasson
CFDA DESIGN SCHOLAR AWARD



Ababa Lorde
VB CFDA DESIGN SCHOLAR AWARD



Mitch Kalungi
GEOFFREY BEENE AWARD



Keir Joseph Todaro
CALIFORNIA WILDFIRES RELIEF



Athmiha Saravanen
VB CREATIVE FUTURES, TAILORING



Giorgio Parolini Arroyo
VB CREATIVE FUTURES, SOFT WOVENS



Samira Koehler
VB CREATIVE FUTURES, DENIM



Lena Alibrio
VB CREATIVE FUTURES, KNITS & SWEATERS

Celebrating the Veronica Beard x CFDA Creative Futures Scholars

The CFDA partnered with Veronica Beard to award the four design students with the Veronica Beard x CFDA Creative Futures Scholarship and a summer internship. To mark the occasion, the brand hosted a cocktail at its flagship store followed by a panel moderated by CFDA CEO and President Steven Kolb.



A group of people in formal attire, including men in suits and women in gowns, are posed for a photo at a gala event. The background features a repeating logo for the 2025 CDA Foundation Gala. Overlaid on the image is a large white 'Q' and a large red '4'.

2025
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FOURTH QUARTER

October · November · December

CFDA / VOGUE FASHION FUND

Americans in Paris and Friends Fête the Fashion Fund Showcase

Located at 6 Place des Victoires, this year's Americans in Paris showcase featured collections from past and present Fashion Fund designers: Bach Mai, Bernard James, Ashley Moubayed (Don't Let Disco), Gabe Gordon and Timothy Gibbons (Gabe Gordon), Jane Wade, Kate Barton, Meruert Tolegen, Taylor Thompson (5000), Dynasty, Soull Ogun (L'Echanteur), and Lauren Harwell Godfrey. The showcase was presented by Instagram with support from Danucera and Supima.

Ahead of the showcase, guests gathered at Vesper for a cocktail co-hosted by Eva Chen, Chloe Malle, Aurora James, Rachel Scott, and Amelia Gray.



KATE BARTON



LAQUAN SMITH & DYNASTY OGUN



AMELIA GRAY HAMLIN & RACHEL SCOTT



STEVEN KOLB, JESSEL TAANK, AKBAR HAMID

PARTNERSHIPS

CFDA and OUSHQ Celebrate Diwali with Fashion Collaboration

The CFDA joined Jessel Taank and Akbar Hamid of Oushq to co-host a Diwali celebration, highlighting a shared commitment to culture, community, and creativity.

The event, held at Obvio, marked the relaunch of Oushq's platform and the CFDA initiative connecting Southeast Asian and Middle Eastern designers with U.S. talent. Guests wore traditional Indian attire and colorful gowns, reflecting the festive spirit of the Festival of Light.



JENNA LYONS & JESSEL TAANK



TAYLOR THOMPSON

PARTNERSHIPS

Taylor Thompson is Paul Smith's Foundation and CFDA's first Designer-in-Residence

Taylor Thompson was named the first Paul Smith Foundation and CFDA Designer-in-Residence. Thompson joins the second cohort of The Fashion Residency at Studio Smithfield, which provides mentorship and studio space in London, established by the Mayor of London, Projekt, and Paul Smith Foundation, with support from British GQ and enabled through the City of London Corporation.

Thompson receives complimentary studio space from Projekt, mentoring from industry leaders, and business planning training.

CFDA FASHION AWARDS

Cynthia Rowley and Friends Celebrate CFDA Honor

Cynthia Rowley hosted a celebration at her West Village townhouse for the Founder's Award honoring Eleanor Lambert she was to receive at the CFDA Fashion Awards.

Alan Cumming, a friend of Rowley, gave a toast to the designer.

Guests included friends Trey Laird, Sharon Coplan Hurowitz, Fred Castleberry, Tina Leung, and Ezra J. William; family members Kit Keenan and Gigi Powers; and designers Aurora James and Jeffrey Banks.



CYNTHIA ROWLEY & ALLISON SAROFIM



PARTNERSHIPS

The CFDA and Bezos Earth Fund: The Next Thread Initiative

The Next Thread Initiative, a \$6.25 million partnership between the CFDA Foundation and the Bezos Earth Fund, was created to advance innovation and education in sustainable fashion.

Over three years, the Initiative will fund designer awards, student scholarships, and storytelling programs that highlight sustainable fashion's creative and commercial potential:

Independent Designer Awards: Grants will support U.S. designers leading in sustainable materials, circular design, and low-impact production, with additional funding for exceptional innovators to scale their work.

Scholarships for Aspiring Designers: Financial support for undergraduate and graduate students pursuing sustainable fashion design, strengthening the industry's talent pipeline.

Events and Storytelling: Curated events, exhibitions, and digital storytelling will showcase grantees and program outcomes, moving from industry engagement to public showcases of sustainable design excellence.

Insights from the Initiative will guide future Earth Fund investments in materials science, manufacturing innovation, and supply chain transformation, reinforcing CFDA's leadership in sustainability, education, and creative advancement. Together, the partnership expands consumer choices for sustainable fashion, enabling style without compromising affordability, quality, or the planet.

CFDA FASHION AWARDS

The 2025 CFDA Awards Winners and Honorees

The stars aligned at the American Museum of Natural History in celebration of the 2025 CFDA Fashion Awards presented by Amazon Fashion, starting with Teyana Taylor who served as the evening's host.

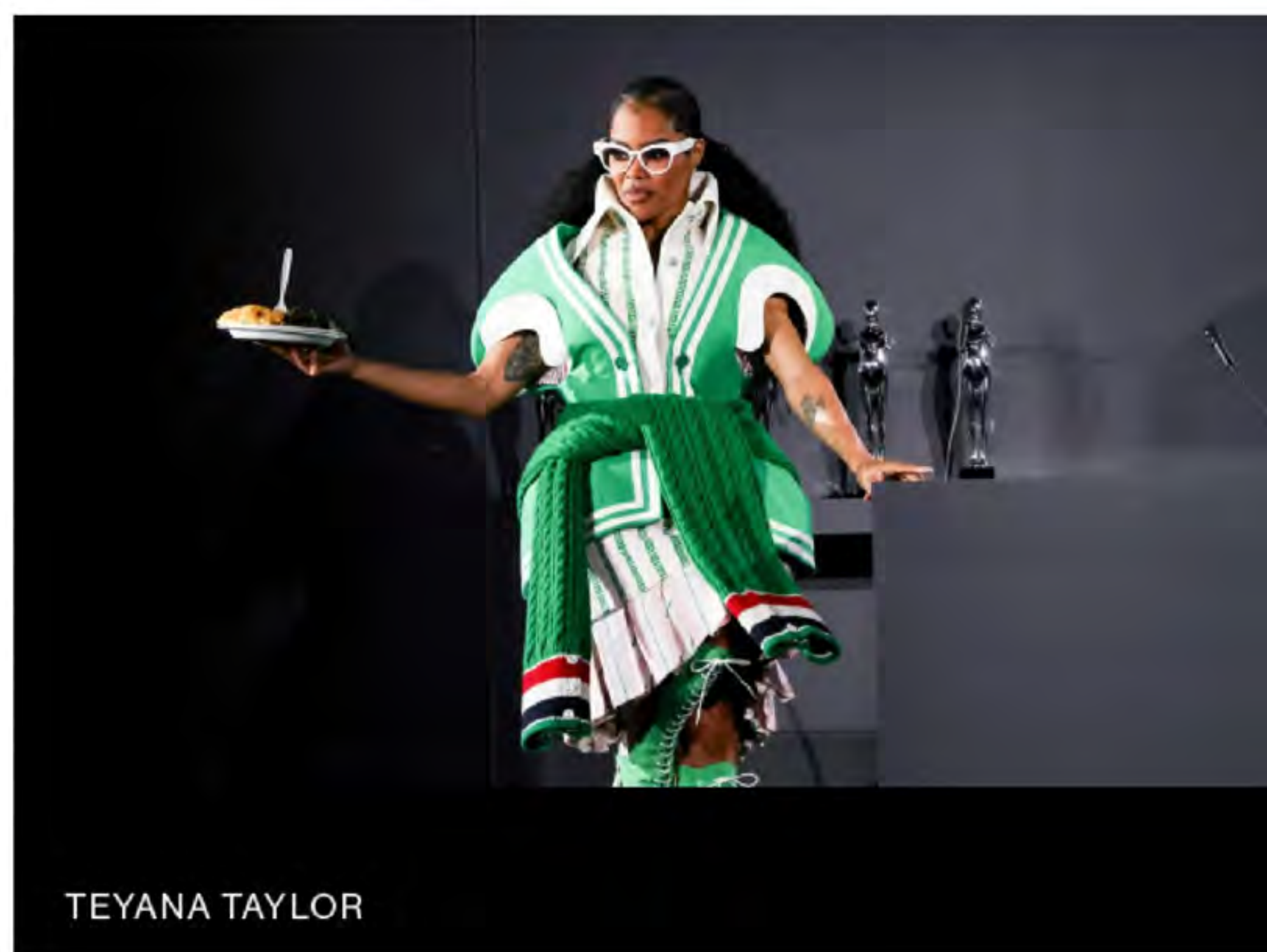
Ralph Lauren won the American Womenswear Designer of the Year award, presented by Naomi Watts. Thom Browne took home the American Menswear Designer of the Year award, presented by Mark Ronson and Public School designers Dao-Yi Chow and Maxwell Osborne. Benito Skinner and Jennifer Fisher announced Ashley Olsen and Mary-Kate Olsen of The Row as the American Accessory Designer of the Year.

Addison Rae and Christopher John Rogers presented the Google Shopping American Emerging Designer of the Year award to Ashlyn Park of Ashlyn. Anna Wintour presented A\$AP Rocky with the Fashion Icon award. Jennifer Lawrence gave Sara Moonves the Media Award in honor of Eugenia Sheppard. Amber Valletta and Ariana DeBose presented Donatella Versace with the Positive Change Award.

The Founder's Award in honor of Eleanor Lambert was given to Cynthia Rowley by Julianne Moore. Ava DuVernay gave the Innovation Award presented by Amazon Fashion to Jerry Lorenzo of Fear of God. Nicole Phelps presented the Isabel Toledo Board of Directors' Tribute to Andre Walker. Naomi Campbell gave the International Award to Pieter Mulier of Alaïa. The Geoffrey Beene Lifetime Achievement Award was given to Ralph Rucci by Thom Browne.

Leslie Bibb presented a film by Nian Fish that captured American fashion highlights of the past year. Olivia Dean performed the song "So Easy (To Fall in Love)" from her long-awaited sophomore album, "The Art Of Loving." Creative entrepreneur and media personality Jenna Lyons returned as the Official CFDA Red Carpet Host.

Amazon Fashion was the Presenting Partner for the CFDA Fashion Awards. Additional supporters of the 2025 CFDA Fashion Awards included Google Shopping for the American Emerging Designer of the Year award as well as M-A-C Cosmetics, Official Beauty Partner, and Krug, Official Champagne Partner, with Transportation provided by Lincoln.





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THOMAS ISEN & LAURENCE MILSTEIN



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CFDA / VOGUE FASHION FUND

Ashlyn Wins the 2025 CFDA/Vogue Fashion Fund

CFDA and Vogue announced Ashlynn Park of ASHLYN as the winner of the 2025 CFDA/Vogue Fashion Fund (CVFF), with Julian Louie (Aubero) and Stephanie Suberville (Heirlome) as runners-up.

Model Alex Consani made the announcement during the CFDA/Vogue Fashion Fund dinner at the Crane Club, hosted by Isha Ambani, Zac Posen, Anna Wintour, and Chloe Malle. Posen also delivered the evening's keynote.

Attendees included Georgina Chapman, Adrien Brody, James Corden, Vera Wang, Wes Gordon, Allison Sarofim, Tory Burch, Michael Kors, Ashley Graham, Aaron Rose Philip, Ivy Getty, alongside past Fashion Funders including Conley Averett, Emily Adams Bode Aujla, Jonathan Cohen, Prabal Gurung, Christopher John Rogers, Kim Shui, Kozaburo, Batsheva Hay, and Hillary Taymour.



STEVEN KOLB, STACEY BENDET, JOHN IMAH

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

CFDA x SpreeAI: How the Future of Fashion Meets AI with a Human Touch

Fashion and tech innovators gathered at Howard Gilman Theatre for The Future is Now: How AI is Redefining the Shopping Experience, a CFDA x SpreeAI conversation on artificial intelligence's impact on fashion.

Moderated by Steven Kolb, the discussion featured John Imah and Stacey Bendet Eisner, founder and creative director of Alice + Olivia. They explored how AI can serve as a creative extension, connecting luxury craftsmanship with technological innovation.

PARTNERSHIPS

CFDA and Google's Fashion Fellowship Returns with Five American Brands

The second Fashion Fellowship connected Google's resources directly to designers, providing each recipient with \$60,000 to support their NYFW September 2026 collection, following a year of mentorship, education, and collaboration with Google's product and innovation teams.

The five participating brands were Eckhaus Latta by Mike Eckhaus and Zoe Latta, Jane Wade, Zankov by Henry Zankov, Tanner Fletcher by Fletcher Kasell and Tanner Richie, and Sergio Hudson.



HENRY ZANKOV, MIKE ECKHAUS, ZOE LATTI, SERGIO HUDSON, JANE WADE, TANNER RICHIE, FLETCHER KASELL

Unveiling CFDA Fashion Calendar 2.0

The CFDA relaunched its Fashion Calendar website with an updated design, improved user experience, and new features. The 2.0 launch follows a collaboration with the Fashion Institute of Technology, which introduced the second phase of their Fashion Calendar Research Database (FCRD) – *Archiving New York Fashion Week: FCRD x CFDA* – bringing the NYFW timeline up to the present.

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			Hold NYC F/W 2025 NYFW FEB 2025	Theory F/W 2025 NYFW FEB 2025	Chloe Collins F/W 2025 Collection Powered by Lush Home and Amazon NYFW FEB 2025	
			Sivan F/W 2025 NYFW FEB 2025	SNOW XUE GAO F/W 2025 NYFW FEB 2025	ALTUZARRA F/W 2025 NYFW FEB 2025	
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Ulla Johnson F/W 2025 NYFW FEB 2025	COLIN LOCASCIO F/W 2025 NYFW FEB 2025	Suzie Kordt F/W 2025 NYFW FEB 2025				
Sandy Liang F/W 2025 NYFW FEB 2025	Carolina Herrera F/W 2025 NYFW FEB 2025	NH HOLLYWOOD F/W 2025 NYFW FEB 2025				
+6 more	+13 more	+10 more				
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ISAAC MIZRAHI & JEFFREY BANKS

MEMBERSHIP

Fashion Legends Jeffrey Banks and Isaac Mizrahi in Conversation at the Bi-Annual Membership Meeting

At the CFDA's bi-annual membership meeting, Isaac Mizrahi sat down with Jeffrey Banks to discuss Banks' book *Storyteller: Tales from a Fashion Insider*, sharing insights only a true fashion insider can provide.

The meeting was held at the Michael Kors Building at God's Love We Deliver, bringing together CFDA members including Edmundo Castillo, Batsheva Hay, Gigi Burris O'Hara, Jonathan Cohen, Sam Edelman, Tom and Linda Platt, Diego Binetti, Gary Graham, and Michelle Ochs.

The conversation traced Banks' journey from a young designer with a sharp eye to a keeper of fashion history, including the meaning behind the book's title, reflecting how "storyteller" once implied embellishing the truth.



NEW YORK FASHION WEEK / FASHION CALENDAR

CFDA Announces End of Fur at New York Fashion Week

The CFDA announced it will no longer promote animal fur at any Official NYFW Schedule events, including its Fashion Calendar, website, and social media. This decision continues the CFDA's collaboration with Humane World for Animals and Collective Fashion Justice.

Starting with September 2026 New York Fashion Week, collections on the Official NYFW Schedule may not include farmed or trapped fur from animals killed for their pelts, including mink, fox, rabbit, karakul lamb, chinchilla, coyote, and raccoon dog. An exemption applies only to fur obtained by Indigenous communities through traditional subsistence hunting practices.

Daveed Baptiste Wins the Second Empowered Vision Award

The Andréa W. and Kenneth C. Frazier Family Foundation and the CFDA announced Daveed Baptiste as the recipient of the second Empowered Vision Award.

Baptiste was recognized for his creativity, vision, and commitment to building a distinctive, sustainable brand. The award includes a \$100,000 grant and a year-long mentorship program valued at an additional \$100,000, supporting emerging Black designers with the resources to expand globally.

The announcement was made by Edward L. Buchanan and Imaan Hammam during a cocktail event at W Union Square.



JAMES FRAZIER, IMAAN HAMMAM, DAVEED BAPTISTE, ED BUCHANAN



ANDRÉA W. FRAZIER

CFDA *Glossary*

Membership

Membership within the CFDA is extended to designers who demonstrate exemplary design creativity and execution and are recognized for their unique brand signature and positive impact. To qualify for CFDA membership consideration, a designer must be a U.S. citizen (or an international designer whose business is legally headquartered in the U.S.) who is producing a noteworthy collection of apparel, jewelry, accessories or textiles for a minimum of no less than five years, and who has garnered significant editorial and retail support and/or DTC sales. To be admitted as a Member of the organization, candidates are first ratified by the CFDA Board of Directors then elected by the CFDA membership.

Program Strategies

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Professional Development provides high-value thought leadership engagements alongside dynamic digital content via Industry Insights.

Programming is designed to support American designers and professionals' stability, success, and growth via virtual conversations, digital resource material, workshops, business mentorship, roundtable discussions, and networking events.

For over a decade, notable designers, innovators, experts, and organizations in the fashion industry have joined the CFDA to contribute to our thought leadership programming covering topics from marketing, retail, tech and innovation, legal, finance, sustainability, supply chain, and DEI.

Program Strategies

FASHION SUPPLY CHAIN

The CFDA's supply chain work includes programs and initiatives to help strengthen the foundational level of a designer's business, from sourcing and manufacturing to shipping and logistics. Building educational opportunities and providing tangible relationships between designers and supply chain resources and experts are both at the core of all the CFDA's supply chain related engagements. These efforts aim to strengthen local production, expand global networks for designers, and promote responsible practices across the industry.

Program Strategies

EDUCATION / SCHOLARSHIPS

Committed to supporting American fashion designers of tomorrow, the CFDA Scholarship Fund has awarded approximately \$4 million and 376 scholarships from 1996 to 2024.

Annually, the CFDA discovers exemplary student talent. Thanks to the generosity of the partners and donors, the CFDA Scholarship Fund continues to invest in the future of American fashion. Notable past recipients include Jacques Agbobly of AGBOBLY (2019), Peter Do (2013), Michelle Ochs of Et Ochs & Hervé Léger (2006), Chris Benz (2003), Jack McCollough of LOEWE (2001), and Peter Som (1996).

Program Strategies

SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVES

The CFDA has championed sustainability as a core program pillar for over a decade. The organization believes ingenuity, imagination, and creative capital are vital to transforming fashion and shifting towards a climate-safe, nature-safe, and socially positive sector.

The CFDA's Sustainability Initiatives provide a comprehensive, integrated program suite guided by a theory of change that centers on education, knowledge sharing, open-access resources, and designer support through grants, awards, and tailored mentorship.

Social Impact

DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION

The IMPACT program was created to advance the economic mobility and social inclusion of underrepresented creatives in the American fashion industry by expanding access, supporting career development, and fostering community.

As a multi-pronged initiative, IMPACT drives equity through strategic awards, education, and cultural dialogue—investing in talent and shaping a more inclusive industry.

CFDA Fashion Awards

The CFDA Fashion Awards are an annual event honoring the most influential and innovative figures in the American fashion industry. The evening celebrates creativity and achievement across design categories, including womenswear, menswear, accessory, and emerging talent.

The Awards serve as the organization's most significant fundraising initiative for the CFDA Foundation, the separate not-for-profit entity established to support charitable causes and industry-related activities.

Friends of the CFDA

The Friends of the CFDA is a select group of individuals and companies with a demonstrated interest in the fashion industry and a desire to support the philanthropic mission of the CFDA. Invited members serve as ambassadors of CFDA's work and have the opportunity to build relationships with emerging and established designers, gain exclusive access to CFDA and partner events, and engage with leaders in the fashion industry.

Support from Friends of the CFDA helps fund the CFDA Foundation's work.

Partnerships

The CFDA's Business Development and Partnerships is responsible for driving the organization's revenue strategy by securing and managing key sponsorships and partnerships. It is central to funding CFDA initiatives, including Membership, the CFDA Fashion Awards, the CFDA/Vogue Fashion Fund, New York Fashion Week, sustainability efforts, and scholarship programs. Its primary role is to generate financial support through various partnership models that align with the CFDA's mission and priorities.

By emphasizing both traditional sponsorship avenues—such as national and state grants, corporate philanthropy, and educational programs—it supports the organization's growth while fostering sustainability in CFDA's initiatives.

CFDA / Vogue Fashion Fund

The CFDA/Vogue Fashion Fund was established after 9/11 to help emerging designers and cultivate the next generation of American fashion talent. Since its inception, 200 designers have received mentoring and a total of more than \$8 million. Of the designers who have gone through the CFDA/Vogue Fashion Fund, 42 percent of those brands are fully or partially women owned, and 40 percent are fully or partially minority owned.

Designers eligible to apply must be in business for a minimum of 2 years. Their primary business must be based in the United States, should have no more than thirty full-time employees, and not exceed a total revenue of 10 million dollars per year.

New York Fashion Week / Fashion Calendar

New York Fashion Week (NYFW), held each February and September, represents the intersection of talent discovery, creative diversity, and business development.

Since acquiring the Fashion Calendar — the digital resource for events, shows, and fashion week highlights — in 2014, the CFDA has served as the organizer of the Official New York Fashion Week Schedule. As such, the organization sets the official dates and organizes the official NYFW schedule for womenswear, menswear, and bridal collections.

Philanthropy

The CFDA Foundation is a separate not-for-profit organization, which was created to raise funds for charity and industry activities. Through innovative partnerships with brands, retailers, and CFDA designers, the Foundation is able to leverage fashion and effectively generate awareness and funds for these charitable causes.

Members of the *CFDA*

327 designers, as of March 31, 2026.

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Financial Overview

As of December 31, 2025 the Council of Fashion Designers of America and the CFDA Foundation collectively ended with total net assets of \$38.7M, up from \$31.7M at year-end 2024.

2025 was CFDA's strongest financial year on record, reflecting continued growth, disciplined financial management, and sustained investment in programs that support American fashion.

87¢ of every dollar spent directly supported CFDA programs.

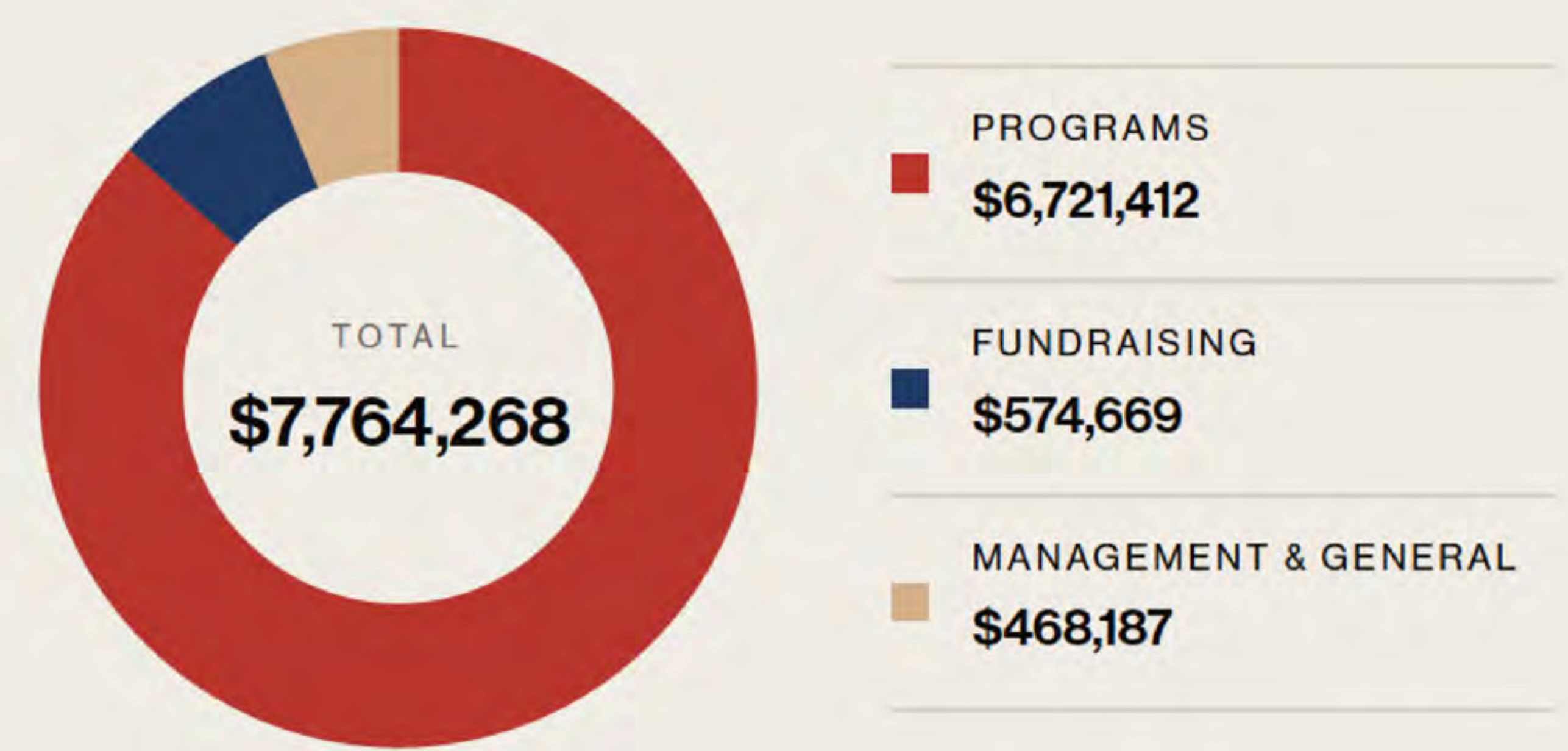
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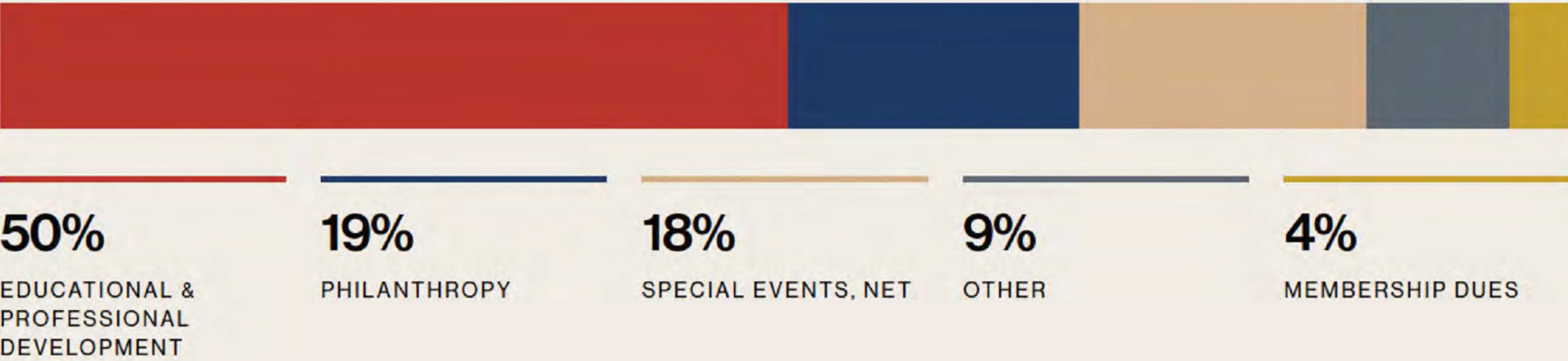
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NET ASSETS

TOTAL EXPENSES, 2025



REVENUE BY SOURCE, 2025



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