



C *CFDA* DA

Council of Fashion Designers of America

ANNUAL REPORT 2024

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

Table of Contents

- 1** LETTER FROM CFDA
CHAIRMAN THOM BROWNE
- 3** LETTER FROM CFDA CEO &
PRESIDENT STEVEN KOLB
- 5** 2024 AT THE CFDA
- 55** MEMBERSHIP
- 57** FINANCIALS
- 59** CFDA GLOSSARY
- 62** CFDA TEAM



LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Thom Browne

the american fashion community is so many things...a group of individuals so unique...
so diverse... so talented...

always striving for excellence and greatness to show that we're the best at what we do...
and to leave an impact on anyone willing to notice...

but now more than ever we must use these stories to make people question...

to imagine things in new ways... and create conversations that spark change...

to take the platforms we've created and remind people of the inspiration we can bring to
the world...
never sacrificing craftsmanship and creativity...

over the past two years, we have focused on fostering creativity and championing the
unique voices that define american fashion...

i'm proud of what we've accomplished and look forward to building on that work...

i am honored to continue serving as chairman of the cfd a board for two more years...
with board vice chairwoman aurora james, vice chairman prabal gurung, treasurer
stacey bendet, and general secretary maria cornejo and the entire board...

to ensure the cfd a remains a home for the best in american talent...

thom.





LETTER FROM THE CEO & PRESIDENT

Steven Kolb

To call 2024 a success would be an understatement. During the year, the CFDA celebrated remarkable achievements in support of American fashion in ways we haven't seen in a long time.

At the CFDA Fashion Awards presented by Amazon Fashion, a new generation of designers swept the American Designer of the Year categories: Rachel Scott of Diotima for Womenswear, Willy Chavarria for Menswear, Raul Lopez of Luar for Accessory Design, and Henry Zankov of Zankov for Google Shopping Emerging. Each of these four talents has emerged from the CFDA/Vogue Fashion Fund, our pioneering designer program which, in 2024, marked two decades of fostering talent with initiatives like Americans in Paris in collaboration with Instagram and a Design Challenge with Tommy Hilfiger.

We led New York Fashion Week with exciting new initiatives: a shuttle service to and from shows in partnership with Google Shopping; live-streaming runway shows at the famed rink at Rockefeller Center, and accessibility support with Google. With the addition of international guest designers showing on the calendar, the week earned praise from editors and buyers for its innovation and creativity.

I am also particularly proud of important new programs we introduced to further our commitment to representation in American fashion: the Tiffany & Co. x CFDA Jewelry Designer Award, which recognized and mentored emerging talent in jewelry design; the Empowered Vision Award in partnership with the Frazier Family Foundation to provide \$100,000 grants and mentorship for independent Black designers; the eBay Circular Fashion Fund offering prizes and workshops to advance sustainability in fashion, and the CFDA | Genesis House AAPI Design + Innovation Grant supporting Asian American and Pacific Islander designers.

As this was an election year, we also partnered with Vogue and I am a voter. to lead a voter registration march, Fashion For Our Future, and encourage civic engagement across the fashion community.

We added new donors and sponsors surpassing revenue targets to support the expansion of CFDA programs. The future is bright.

Steven Kolb



2024 at the CFDA

Each year at the CFDA is shaped by the collective energy of our members, partners, and programs. But 2024 stood apart—not just for the milestones reached, but for how clearly the work reflected our mission: to strengthen American fashion through creativity, sustainability, and positive impact.

The following pages trace the year through moments that mattered. From January to December, every event, initiative, and collaboration featured was born from one of the CFDA's signature pillars. Together, they tell the story of a fashion community moving forward—with purpose, with pride, and with the power to shape culture.

Q1

JANUARY

EVENTS

Defining American Style at Sotheby's

The CFDA and Sotheby's partnered on the CFDA: Defining American Style auction featuring some of the most iconic looks in American fashion history.

The auction featured 37 pieces that powerfully weave together the story of American fashion, from Michael Kors, Norma Kamali, James Galanos, Pauline Trigère, Bob Mackie, and Patrick Kelly to Mary McFadden, Ralph Rucci, Ralph Lauren, Donna Karan, Calvin Klein, Altuzarra, Proenza Schouler, and more.

All proceeds went to the CFDA Foundation, which benefits CFDA Scholarships and business mentoring to nurture the next generation of American fashion.



FEBRUARY

PARTNERSHIPS

The CFDA | Genesis House Aapi Design + Innovation Grant

The CFDA and Genesis House awarded the inaugural CFDA | Genesis House AAPI Design + Innovation Grant to designer Grace Ling.

The space at Genesis House featured vignettes of bespoke looks of Ling as well as fellow finalists Andrew Kwon and Haoran Li and Siying Qu of Private Policy. Each received a \$40,000 grant on behalf of Genesis to finance their design innovations. As the winner, Ling was awarded an additional \$60,000 for the development of her collection.



Michael Kors

MARCH

CFDA/VOGUE FASHION FUND

The Fashion Fund at 20

The CFDA/Vogue Fashion Fund celebrated its 20th anniversary of identifying and nurturing emerging American design talent and helping them find continued success while defining the future of American fashion. Past participants included Proenza Schouler's Jack McCollough and Lazaro Hernandez, the first winners, Willy Chavarria, Aurora James of Brother Vellies, Joseph Altuzarra, Christopher John Rogers, and Thom Browne.

The 2024 CFDA/Vogue Fashion Fund was supported by Fashion League, Instagram, Nordstrom, Saks, Tommy Hilfiger and Vogue.



Jack McCollough, Parker Posey, Lazaro Hernandez, 2004

NEW YORK FASHION WEEK

NYFW Fall/Winter 2024

The NYFW season, from February 9-14, featured more than 70 shows with additional collections presented digitally and by appointment.

Monse and Delpozo made their runway comeback and Lafayette 148 and Libertine rejoined the Official NYFW Schedule. The season kicked off with Helmut Lang and closed with Thom Browne. The CFDA also welcomed Ludovic de Saint Sernin to New York City, holding his first-ever runway presentation outside of Paris.

The CFDA NYFW Travel Fund, which was established in 2022 to support international editors with financial and in-kind support, was again made possible through brand contributions and strategic partnerships.

Q2

APRIL

NEW YORK FASHION WEEK

NYFW Bridal Spring 2024

New York Fashion Week Bridal from April 2-4 featured live presentations from Andrew Kwon and Reem Acra, while Naeem Khan held intimate appointments. Designer brands Amsale, Anne Barge, Berta, Bronx & Banco, Esé Azénabor, Markarian, Morilee Madeline Gardner, Nardos, Odylyne the Ceremony, Romona Keveza, and Scorcesa also returned to the week, and 2023 CFDA/Vogue Fashion Fund finalist Tanner Fletcher made its bridal debut.



Danielle Frankel



Reem Acra



Tanner Fletcher Weddings



Hillary Taymour, Maxwell Osborne, Emily Adams Bode Aujla



Maria Cornejo, Beth Buccini, Brett Heyman



Lauren Bush Lauren, Linda Fargo

SUSTAINABILITY

CFDA, Ralph Lauren & The Circularity Project at the Polo Bar

Indré Rockefeller, the CFDA and Ralph Lauren co-hosted a luncheon at the Polo Bar that served as the launch of the Circularity Project, a new organization founded by Rockefeller that looks to empower fashion designers to harness their creativity for a greater good. Coach's Stuart Vevers, anOnlyChild's Maxwell Osborne, Collina Strada's Hillary Taymour and Bode's Emily Adams Bode Aujla each spoke to the ways they incorporate a conscious approach to circularity in their work.



Cynthia Rowley, Marc Karimzadeh

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The CFDA & Theory Good Talks

Timed to Earth Month, CFDA and Theory launched the sustainability-focused conversation series Good Talks in partnership with the United Nations and Lifestyle Network. The three-part symposium kicked off with *The Future is Flax: Zero-Waste Innovations at the Forefront of Flax Farming*, followed by *Carbon in the Value Chain* in July and, in November, *Unwinding Wool*.



MEMBERSHIP

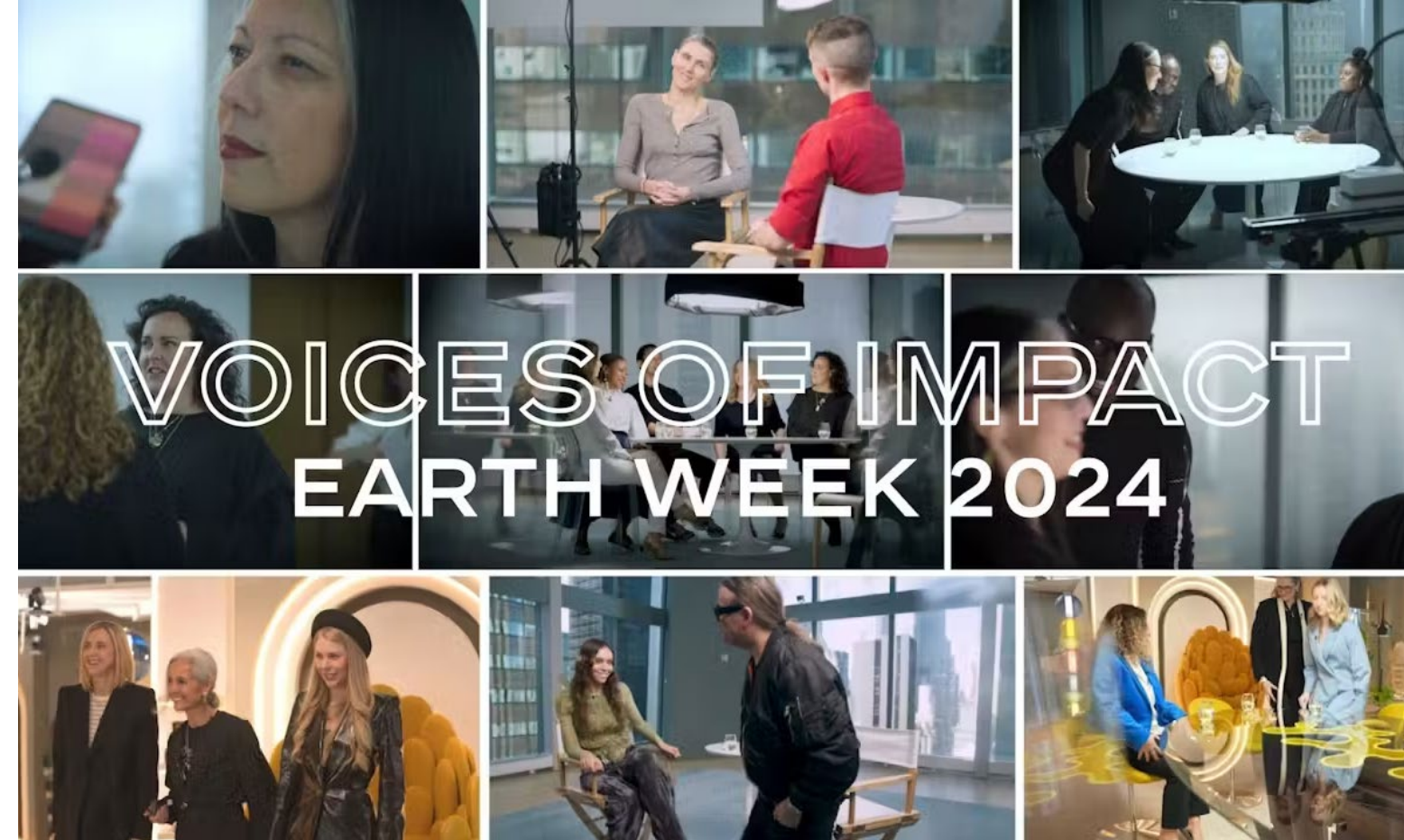
The CFDA x National Arts Club Talk Series

The CFDA kicked off a new series in collaboration with the National Arts Club centering on arts and fashion, with CFDA member Cynthia Rowley as the program's first designer in conversation with CFDA Editorial and Communications Director Marc Karimzadeh. Rowley discussed her joyful brand, which brings together adventure, arts, sport, and prettiness, and life's trajectory and career.

PARTNERSHIPS

The 2024 American Image Awards

The American Apparel & Footwear Association (AAFA)'s 2024 American Image Awards honored CFDA member Wes Gordon of Carolina Herrera as the 2024 Designer of the Year at its gala. Lizanne Kindler KnitWell Group; Carhartt, Inc.; Pamela Coke-Hamilton of International Trade Centre; Global Fashion Agenda, and Allan Ellinger MMG Advisors were also honored. The CFDA Foundation was the event's charitable beneficiary for the eighth consecutive year.



SUSTAINABILITY

The LVMH & CFDA “Voices of Impact” Series

LVMH and the CFDA partnered on “Voices of Impact,” a video series of highly-curated conversations designed to highlight today’s leading voices on topics of sustainability relevant to fashion and luxury.

The series consisted of six digital episodes: Powering a Just Transformation; Biodiversity; The Heart of Innovation; Circularity x Regeneration By Design; Creative Capital: Designing Purposeful Growth, and Climate Action: Fusion Energy.

Participants included CFDA members Gabriela Hearst, Melissa Joy Manning, Abrima Erwiah, Hillary Taymour, Gigi Burris, and Maria Cornejo.

MAY

FRIENDS OF THE CFDA

Allison Sarofim Fêtes Friends of the CFDA

Producer and art collector Allison Sarofim opened the doors to the house she shares with her husband Patrick Seabase to celebrate the CFDA and all CFDA Friends – as well as those who could become friends – in the name of American fashion.



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

CFDA & LeSportsac Capital of Creativity Conversation

LeSportsac hosted a conversation in partnership with the CFDA focused on what it means to collaborate, trailblaze, inspire, push boundaries and evolve within the changing landscape of New York. It was moderated by Edward Barsamian of Michelin Guide North America, and featured CFDA member Jonathan Cohen, the brand's CEO Sarah Leff, and stylist Thomas Carter Phillips.



The 2024 finalists.



Marc Metrick, Tracy Margolies, Anna Wintour, Steven Kolb, Thom Browne, Roopal Patel

JUNE

SCHOLARSHIPS

The Nick Sullivan and CFDA Menswear Design Scholarship

CFDA and Todd Snyder hosted a celebration at Jean's for Nick Sullivan's 20 years as Creative Director of Esquire with the creation of the Nick Sullivan and CFDA Menswear Design Scholarship.

The new scholarship supported undergraduate juniors enrolled in fashion design programs at American colleges or universities who exhibit talent and creativity in menswear design.



Nick Sullivan

CFDA/VOGUE FASHION FUND

The 2024 Fashion Fund Finalists

To announce the 2024 CFDA/Vogue Fashion Fund finalists, the CFDA, Vogue, and Saks Fifth Avenue as well as past Fashion Fund designers gathered at Le Chalet at L'Avenue at Saks.

The 10 finalists for the Fashion Fund's 20th anniversary year were Taylor Thompson of 5000, Connor McKnight, Grace Ling, Kate Barton, Dynasty and Soull Ogun of L'Enchanteur, Spencer Phipps of Phipps, Presley Oldham, Sebastien and Marianne Amisial of Sebastien Ami., Jane Wade, and Jackson Wiederhoeft of Wiederhoeft.

The 2024 CFDA/Vogue Fashion Fund was generously supported by Fashion League, Instagram, Nordstrom, Saks Fifth Avenue, Tommy Hilfiger and Vogue.



Thom Browne, Rickie De Sole, Jordan Roth, Allie Michler Kopelman, Naomi Elizee



Looks from the 2024 finalists.

PARTNERSHIPS

CFDA & St. Regis Partner for Pitti Uomo

The CFDA and St. Regis Hotels & Resorts joined forces to bring the salting by Michael Ward and Manel Garcia Espejo and Zankov by Henry Zankov to Pitti Immagine Uomo in Florence. Moda Americana a Firenze featured intimate open-to-the-public showrooms at The St. Regis Florence showcasing the work of the CFDA member brands. The partnership culminated with a midnight supper at the hotel's Salon delle Feste.



thesalting and Zankov at Pitti Uomo.

CFDA/VOGUE FASHION FUND

The Nordstrom Secure the SPACE Challenge

Vogue100, Friends of the CFDA, and Nordstrom celebrated the 2024 CFDA/Vogue Fashion Fund finalists and the Nordstrom Secure the SPACE Challenge with a salon show, shopping, and cocktail hosted by Friends of the CFDA Chair Jordan Roth, Nordstrom's Rickie De Sole, and Vogue's Alexandra Michler Kopelman and Naomi Elizée.

The designers walked the Nordstrom buying team through their presentations. Dynasty and Soull Ogun of L'Enchanteur won the challenge.

CFDA



Trish Dalton, Fabiola Beracasa Beckman, Steven Kolb

SUSTAINABILITY

CFDA, UNHCR & Nest Join Refugee Micro-accelerator Program

The CFDA partnered with MADE51, a global initiative launched by the UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR) to offer refugees the opportunity to utilize their artisanal skills to rebuild their livelihoods, and Nest, a non-profit connecting communities of artisans, retailers and philanthropies to build a new handworker economy. The CFDA led a learning module on design and production that culminated in a virtual showcase, where six refugee artisan businesses were presented to all CFDA member designers to increase awareness and interest in sourcing opportunities.



Saadiya (left), a Sudanese refugee woman in South Sudan who specializes in beadwork.

EVENTS

The “Diane von Furstenberg: Woman in Charge” Screening

The CFDA hosted an intimate screening for “Diane von Furstenberg: Woman in Charge,” the Hulu documentary about the former CFDA chairwoman, at the Crosby Street Hotel. The film was followed by a conversation with film co-director Trish Dalton, producer Fabiola Beracasa Beckman and CFDA CEO and President Steven Kolb.

Q3

JULY

CFDA/VOGUE FASHION FUND

The Fashion League Game

Finfin Play AG, the creator behind mobile game Fashion League, partnered with the CFDA/Vogue Fashion Fund in honor of the game's launch and the Fund's 20th anniversary. Game users are faced with styling challenges, new game locations, and exciting backdrops within the Fashion League world—all inspired by this year's 10 finalists, who also designed a signature look in the game.



Nathalie Verdeille, Joan Smalls, Jason Wu, Jahleel Weaver, Frank Everett, Andrea Davey, Rajni Jacques, Bethann Hardison, Stéphanie Oueda-Cruz

IMPACT

The Tiffany & Co. x CFDA Jewelry Designer Award

The Tiffany & Co. x CFDA Jewelry Designer Award honors American jewelry designers advancing inclusivity and recognizes jewelry design as a category equal to womenswear and menswear. Participants receive mentorship and immersive exposure to Tiffany's legacy of innovation and craftsmanship. One designer is awarded a yearlong Tiffany fellowship and a \$50,000 prize.

The 2024 Selection Committee included Bethann Hardison, Frank Everett, Gabrielle Union, Jahleel Weaver, Jason Wu, Joan Smalls, Nathalie Verdeille, and Rajni Jacques.

SEPTEMBER

SOCIAL IMPACT

V-O-T-E, Vote! Fashion For Our Future

The CFDA and Vogue partnered on Fashion For Our Future, a non-partisan march that took place in midtown Manhattan on the first day of New York Fashion Week. Old Navy's design team and Zac Posen created exclusive T-shirts and nonprofit, nonpartisan voting organization I am a voter., registered participants at the march. First Lady Dr. Jill Biden spoke to the power of fashion in shaping the country.



Mandana Dayani, Melitta Baumeister, Aurora James, Steven Kolb, Thom Browne, Tory Burch, Michael Kors, Zac Posen, Joseph Altuzarra, Jonathan Cohen, Ulla Johnson, Sarah Leff, Samira Nasr



Ambassadors Doechii, Bad Gyal and Offset.



Jalil Johnson, Aldo Araujo



The NYFW screen at the Rink.

NEW YORK FASHION WEEK

NYFW, Live at Rockefeller Center

The CFDA partnered with Rockefeller Center on an unprecedented streaming partnership to bring New York Fashion Week's shows to the public screen prominently located at the famed Rink. The ribbon cutting ceremony featured Anna Wintour, Thom Browne, Steven Kolb, Tory Burch, Wes Gordon, Sergio Hudson, Michael Kors and Todd Snyder, as well as musical artists Offset, Doechii and Bad Gyal.

At the end of the New York season, the CFDA and Studio by Tishman Speyer presented the Fashion Week Trend Report with a conversation between industry expert Jalil Johnson and CFDA's Aldo Araujo.

This was followed in December by a conversation featuring Rachel Scott of Diotima and Henry Zankov of Zankov, which was moderated by Johnson.



CFDA/VOGUE FASHION FUND

Americans in Paris

The Americans in Paris showroom returned to Paris Fashion Week after a hiatus. The participating designers were Christopher John Rogers, Rachel Scott for Diotima, Henry Zankov for Zankov, Tanner Richie and Fletcher Kasell of Tanner Fletcher, Akua Shabaka for House of Aama, Alejandra Alonso Rojas, Conley Averett of Judy Turner, and Kim Shui. After the kickoff at the residence of the U.S. Ambassador to Paris, Denise Bauer, they convened at the showroom supported by Instagram.

NEW YORK FASHION WEEK

The NYFW Shuttle Presented by Google Shopping

To help with logistical hurdles show-goers might face in transit between shows and to take another step for a greener fashion week, CFDA and Google Shopping partnered on a shuttle to take editors and buyers around the city in stylish and sustainable ways. The shuttle concept is aligned with CFDA's long-term mission to improve NYFW and make it more sustainable.



Christopher John Rogers, Akua Shabaka, Conley Averett, Alejandra Alonso Rojas, Rachel Scott, Henry Zankov, Kim Shui, Tanner Richie, Fletcher Kasell



Nicky Hilton Rothschild, Stacey Bendet



Amy Fine Collins



James Frazier



Steven Kolb, Thom Browne, Stacey Bendet, Jordan Roth, Laurence Milstein

PARTNERSHIPS

The 2.0 CFDA | Genesis House AAPI Design + Innovation Grant Designers

The second annual CFDA | Genesis House AAPI Design + Innovation Grant program kicked by announcing the three participating designers: Bach Mai, Dauphinette by Olivia Cheng, and Kozaburo by Kozaburo Akasaka.



Bach Mai, Olivia Cheng, Kozaburo Akasaka

FRIENDS OF THE CFDA

Stacey Bendet & Laurence Milstein Fête with Friends

Stacey Bendet and Laurence Milstein opened the doors to their homes for an intimate Friends of the CFDA Fall Cocktail. Bendet, a CFDA member, and Milstein both live in the same Upper West Side building and jumped at the chance to make it a two-residence affair. The evening started with savory bites at Bendet's home followed by cocktails at Milstein's.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The 2024 CFDA Scholarship Fund Recipients

Thirty-four finalists were selected from 320 applicants to present their work to the various 2024 CFDA Scholarship Fund selection committees. After finalists' presentations, 11 fashion students were selected to receive scholarships:

ALISON PRADA - CFDA Design Scholar Awards (360 DEI)

BRIELLE OHLSEN - CFDA Design Scholar Awards (360 DEI)

ELIZABETH LAWSON - CFDA Design Scholar Awards (Sustainability), made possible through CFDA donation by the Liz Claiborne & Art Ortenberg Foundation

QI HE - CFDA Design Scholar Awards (Sustainability), made possible through CFDA donation by Hourglass

CATALINA TORRES - CFDA x Crystal Bridges Heartland Scholar Awards

HOLLIS MAXSON - CFDA x Crystal Bridges Heartland Scholar Awards

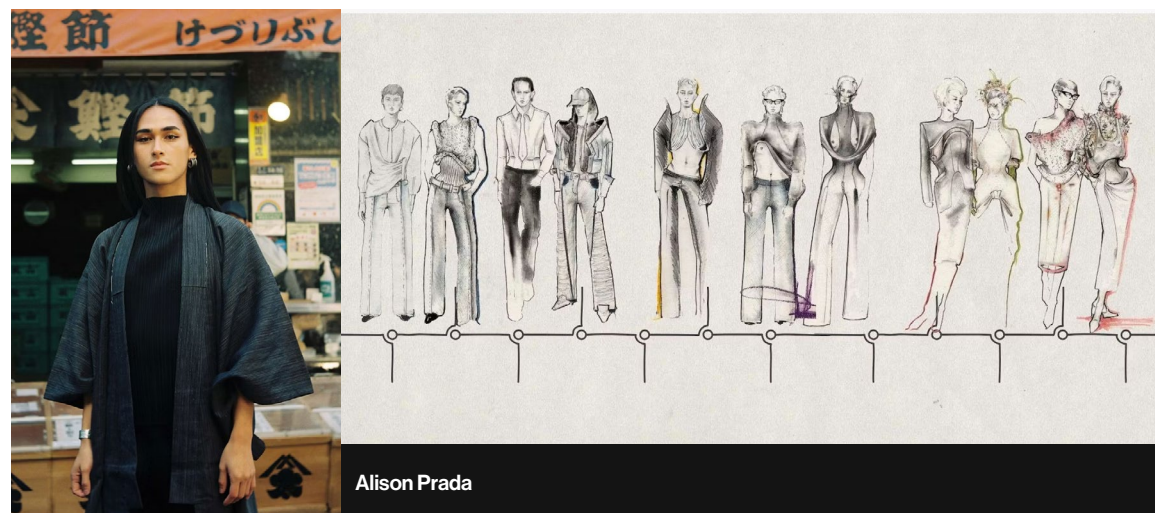
JOELLE OLABODE - CFDA x Crystal Bridges Heartland Scholar Awards

LAURENCE WEI - CFDA x Crystal Bridges Heartland Scholar Awards

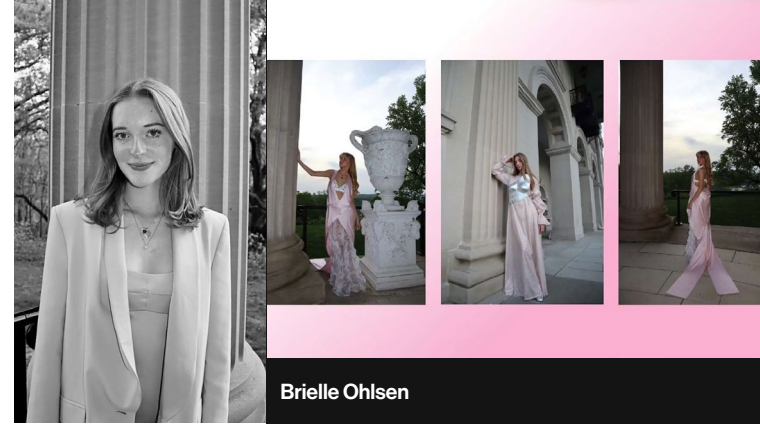
ZAHRA NAJAFI - CFDA x Crystal Bridges Heartland Scholar Awards

SAMANDINA FRANCOIS - Geoffrey Beene Design Masters Scholar Award

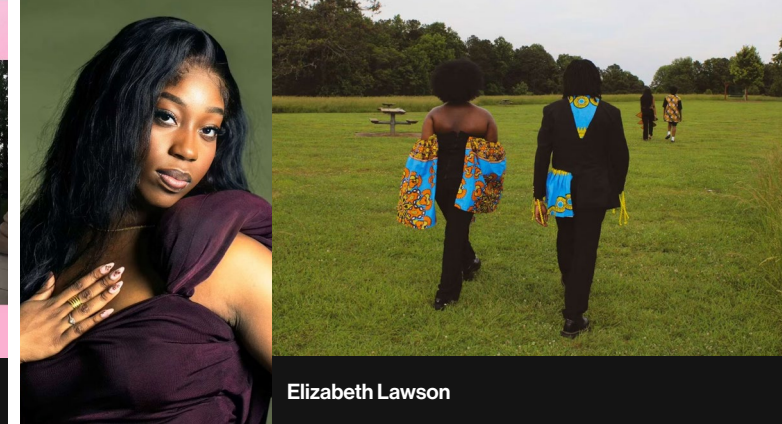
BAO PHAM - The Nick Sullivan and CFDA Menswear Design Scholarship



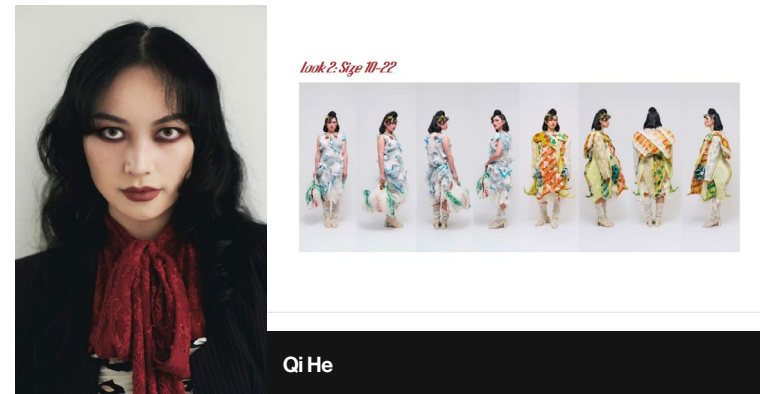
Alison Prada



Brielle Ohlsen



Elizabeth Lawson



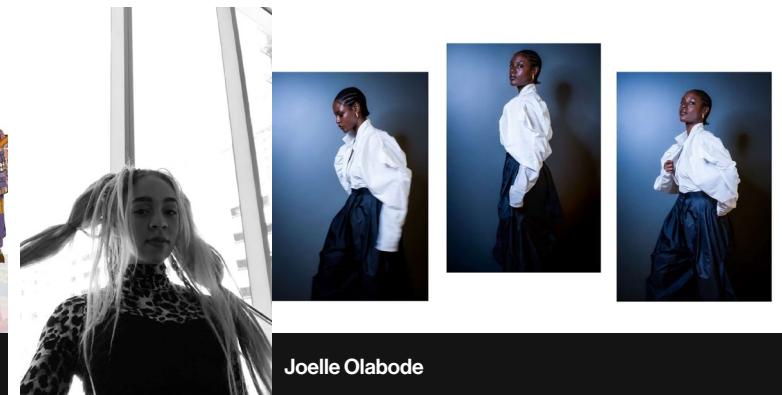
Qi He



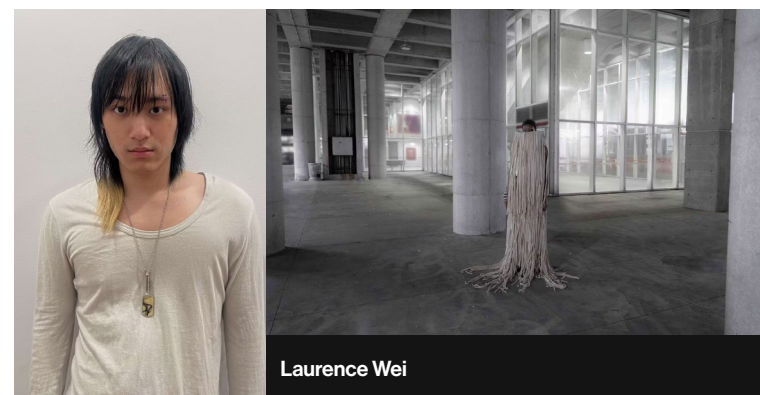
Catalina Torres



Hollis Maxson



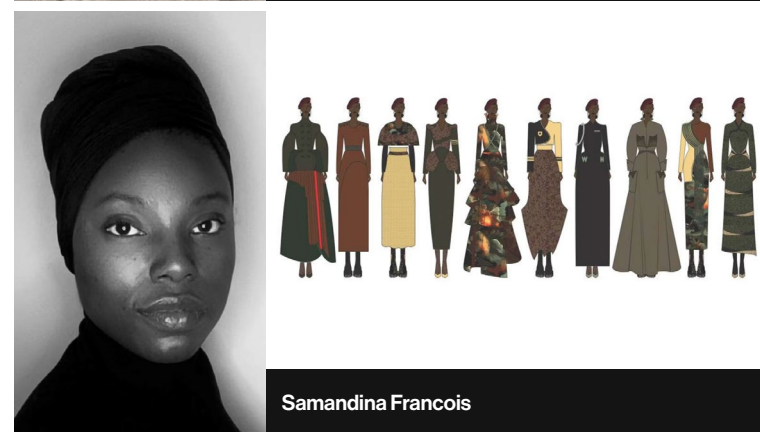
Joelle Olabode



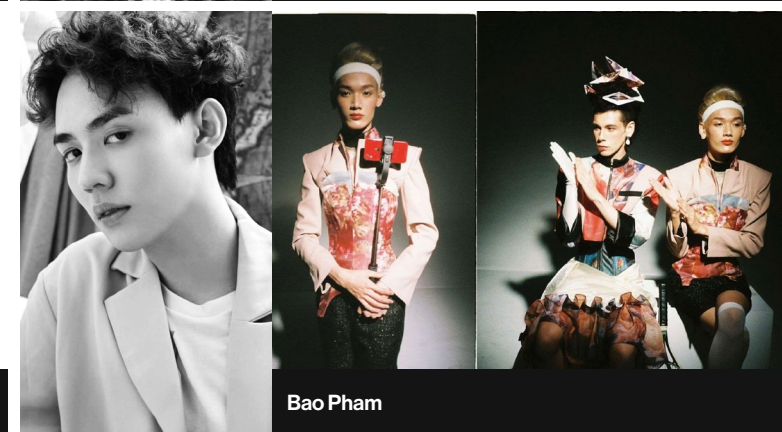
Laurence Wei



Zahra Najafi



Samandina Francois



Bao Pham



EVENTS

Madison Avenue's Step Up For Fashion Benefits CFDA Scholarships

Welcome Back Saturday—Madison Avenue's annual event celebrating the return to fall fashion and shopping – returned with a centerpiece initiative: Step Up For Fashion. Organized by the Madison Avenue B.I.D., the day featured a philanthropic component with 10 percent of sales from participating stores on Madison between East 57 and East 86 benefiting CFDA Scholarship Fund.



MEMBERSHIP

Ten Years of edCFDA

The eyewear designers of the Council of Fashion Designers of America (edCFDA) turned 10, and to celebrate a decade of its founding as a working group within our membership, they have presented a dedicated collection of limited-edition eyewear designs, with proceeds benefiting Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation for childhood cancer.

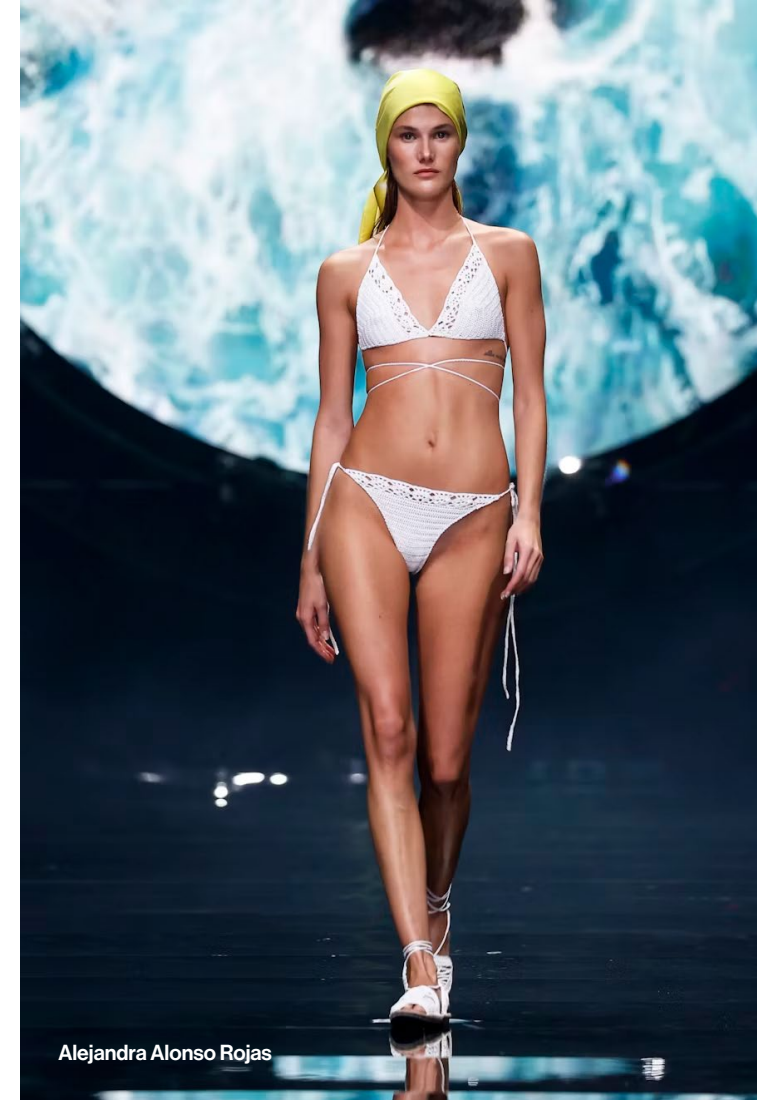
Q4

OCTOBER

CFDA/VOGUE FASHION FUND

The Fashion Fund Design Challenge

The CFDA/Vogue Fashion Fund Design Challenge returned after a five-year hiatus at the Warren Street Hotel. Supported by the Tommy Hilfiger brand, CFDA member Tommy Hilfiger served as the lead mentor to the 10 finalists, and the task was to sartorially re-imagine “stripes and stars” in novel and captivating ways, which each designer showed on their muses.



PARTNERSHIPS

Alejandra Alonso Rojas & Cynthia Rowley Show At Gran Canaria Swim Week

Through a CFDA partnership with Gran Canaria Swim Week, the leading global swimwear platform, the CFDA members traveled to the island of Gran Canaria, Spain, as esteemed special guests and took to the runway during the week of shows.

The collaboration marked the first time U.S. designers showcased at the event, and the partnership served as a cultural exchange hub and opportunity.



Presley Oldham, Jackson Wiederhoeft, Taylor Thompson, Sebastian Amisial, Marianne Amisial, Kate Barton, Anna Wintour, Spencer Phipps, Tommy Hilfiger, Connor McKnight, Soull Ogun, Dynasty Ogun, Jane Wade, Steven Kolb, Grace Ling



Spencer Phipps, Dynasty Ogun, Gabby Thomas, Soull Ogun, Jackson Wiederhoeft



Honey Dijon, Raul Lopez



Alton Mason

CFDA/VOGUE FASHION FUND

The 20th Anniversary & Awards Dinner

Dynasty and Soull Ogun of L'Enchanteur were the recipients of the 2024 CFDA/Vogue Fashion Fund (CVFF), and Jackson Wiederhoeft of Wiederhoeft and Spencer Phipps of Phipps were named runners-up. The winners took home \$300,000, and the runners-up each received a \$100,000 grant.

Olympics track star and gold medalist Gabby Thomas announced the winners during a dinner at New York City's Monkey Bar hosted by CFDA's Steven Kolb, Vogue's Anna Wintour, and Zac Posen of Gap Inc., which sponsored the dinner. Posen presented a special 20th Anniversary Mentorship Award Presented by Gap Inc. to Grace Ling.



Jean Paul Gaultier, David Beckham, Simon Porte Jacquemus, Victoria Beckham



Honey Dijon, Henry Zankov, Christopher John Rogers, Rachel Scott



Eva Chen, Zac Posen, Grace Ling

CFDA FASHION AWARDS

The 2024 CFDA Fashion Awards presented by Amazon Fashion

The 2024 CFDA Fashion Awards returned to the American Museum of Natural History with an evening that celebrated the designers, creatives, and cultural figures shaping fashion today. Hosted by the multi-talented Cynthia Erivo and presented by Amazon Fashion, the night brought together industry icons and emerging voices under one historic roof.

Rachel Scott of Diotima, was honored with the American Womenswear Designer of the Year award, presented to her by Da'Vine Joy Randolph.

Willy Chavarria received the American Menswear Designer of the Year award from Troye Sivan.

Raul Lopez of Luar accepted the American Accessory Designer of the Year award from Paris Hilton and Nicole Richie.

Henry Zankov of Zankov received the Google Shopping American Emerging Designer of the Year award from Molly Gordon and Brandon Maxwell.

Erykah Badu was named Fashion Icon. André 3000 presented her with the award.

Hamish Bowles was honored with the Founder's Award in honor of Eleanor Lambert. Marc Jacobs presented him with the award.

Ruben Toledo accepted the newly renamed Isabel Toledo Board of Directors' Tribute from Molly Ringwald, honoring his late wife's enduring creative legacy.

Stephen Burrows received the Geoffrey Beene Lifetime Achievement Award from Donna Karan and Todd Oldham.



André 3000, Erykah Badu



Cynthia Erivo, Marc Jacobs

Coach was honored with the Innovation Award presented by Amazon Fashion for Coachtopia. Charles Melton and Kelsea Ballerini presented it to Creative Director Stuart Vevers.

Michael Kors received the Positive Change Award from Blake Lively.

Annie Leibovitz accepted the Media Award in honor of Eugenia Sheppard, which was presented to her by Anna Wintour.

Daniel Roseberry of Schiaparelli received the International Award from Amy Griffin.

With Amazon Fashion as the Presenting Partner, the 2024 CFDA Fashion Awards were also supported by Google Shopping, Morgan Stanley, Hourglass, Häagen-Dazs, WHP Global, Armand de Brignac, and Rivian—each contributing to a night that celebrated excellence, progress, and possibility across the fashion industry.



Steven Kolb, Wes Gordon, Katie Holmes, Annie Leibovitz



Di Mondo, Eric Javits



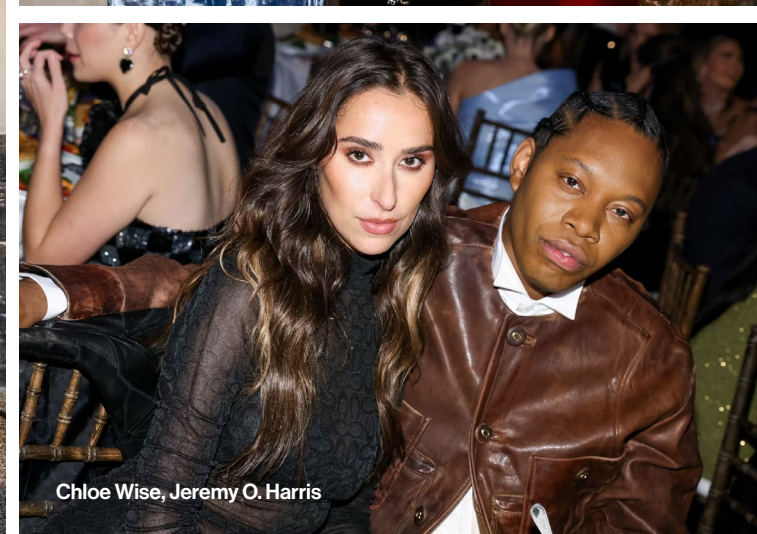
Amy Griffin, Daniel Roseberry



Kylie Jenner



Juana Burga, Willy Chavarria, Valentina Sampaio



Chloe Wise, Jeremy O. Harris



Dee Hilfiger



Ezra J. Williams, Prabal Gurung

CFDA FASHION AWARDS

The 2024 Social Activations

Creative entrepreneur and media personality Jenna Lyons was the CFDA Red Carpet Host interviewing the night's top designers and celebrities.

Of Becoming Us directed "The Last Trova: A 2024 CFDA Fashion Awards Film," which featured Troye Sivan, Tyla, Lucky and Nara Smith, Omar Apollo, Laufey, Ciara, Paris Hilton, Nicole Richie, Kathryn Hahn, Addison Rae, Lucy Liu and Bach Mai, Yseult, Sunisa Lee, and Erykah Badu.

Celebrity fashion photographer BJ Pascual set up a photo studio to capture magical portraits of Sevdaliza, Pia Wurtzbach, Mickalene Thomas, LaLa Anthony, Jasmin Larian Hekmat, Valentina Ferrer, and more.



Winnie Harlow



Ruben Toledo, Bethann Hardison



Jenna Lyons



Erykah Badu



Hillary Taymour

Rachel Scott

Beckett Fogg

SUSTAINABILITY

eBay Expands Circular Fashion Fund

Designed to help fashion start-ups scale circular solutions, the eBay's Circular Fashion Fund (CFF) expanded to the U.S. in partnership with the CFDA. The winner in the U.S. market receives a \$50,000 cash prize, while the two runners-up receive \$25,000. All three finalists also receive bespoke mentoring sessions, educational workshop, and networking opportunities.

NEW YORK FASHION WEEK

The Fashion Fellowship with Google

The grant program connected Google's resources and knowledge to three CFDA members— Beckett Fogg of Area, Hillary Taymour of Collina Strada, Rachel Scott of Diotima – to support their NYFW February 2025 collection and showcase. Each designer received a \$50,000 grant toward their collection and show development, showcasing pieces they created with product inclusion and equity in mind.



CFDA IMPACT

The Tiffany & Co. x CFDA Jewelry Design Award Participants

The 10 participants of the Tiffany & Co. x CFDA Jewelry Design Award were Symoné Currie, Ian Delucca, Marvin Linares, Angie Marei, Malyia McNoughton, Jameel Mohammed, David Perry, Maggi Simpkins, Hi Vu, and Pamela Zamore. The immersive three-day orientation in New York included breakfasts, lecture series, and tours of the Tiffany Landmark and the House's Jewelry Design and Innovation Workshop.



The 10 participants of the Tiffany & Co. x CFDA Jewelry Design Award.



Charles Harbison, Aisling Camps, Rachel Scott

CFDA IMPACT

The Empowered Vision Award with the Frazier Family Foundation

The Andréa W. and Kenneth C. Frazier Family Foundation, represented by James Frazier, and the CFDA launched the Empowered Vision Award, providing a \$100,000 financial grant directly to an independent Black designer along with an additional \$100,000 dedicated to a year-long mentorship program with the goal to foster innovation and promote equity within the fashion industry. Aisling Camps, Charles Harbison of Harbison, and Rachel Scott of Diotima were the inaugural finalists. Image architect Law Roach announced Scott's win at a cocktail reception in New York City.



FASHION SUPPLY CHAIN

The 2024 FMI Grant Fund Recipients

The CFDA and New York City Economic Development Corporation named the 2024 FMI Grant Fund recipients with over \$1.1 million distributed to 18 recipients. They included Button Down Factory, Carina, Dream Fashion, Emmelle Design, Glory Apparel, Heartland Manufacturing, In Style USA, Knit Resort, Polytime Atelier NYC, Rainbow Leather, Refine Studio, Rosagna Hernandez, Sunrise Studio, The Embroidery House & Son II, theTEN Atelier, Timberlake Studios, TÔMTEX, and Trimworld. Additional supporters of FMI included Ralph Lauren, as well as Andrew Rosen and Theory, DHL, the American Apparel & Footwear Association, Coach Foundation, and Walmart.



NOVEMBER

SUSTAINABILITY

The Canopy & CFDA Jeffersonian Dinner

Nicole Rycroft of environmental not-for-profit Canopy and CFDA's Steven Kolb co-hosted an exclusive, 15-person Jeffersonian Dinner to bring together visionaries and spark conversations around a new vision for fashion that values forests, champions circularity, and drives industry-wide transformation.

DECEMBER

MEMBERSHIP

The Biannual Membership Meeting

During the first in-person biannual CFDA membership meeting since 2019, it was announced that Thom Browne would serve as Chairman of the Board for another two-year term, and that fellow CFDA members Aurora James, Prabal Gurung, Stacey Bendet and Maria Cornejo would also return to their posts. Rachel Scott of Diotima and Henry Zankov of Zankov were formally introduced as the latest inducted members. The evening also featured a special conversation with Narciso Rodriguez and CFDA's Aldo Araujo.



Aldo Araujo, Narciso Rodriguez



Sacha Brown, Sarah Davis, Cynthia Power, Saad Amer

SUSTAINABILITY

CFDA x Fashionphile on The Endurance of Luxury

The exclusive panel discussion on the Endurance of Luxury featured Sarah Davis of Fashionphile, Cynthia Power of Molte Volte, Saad Amer of Justice Environment, and Tiffany Briseno of Everyday Lords. It was moderated by CFDA's Sacha Brown.

They shared their insights on the sustainable approach luxury brands are taking to ensure their designs live well beyond the current fashion season.

2024 Financial Overview

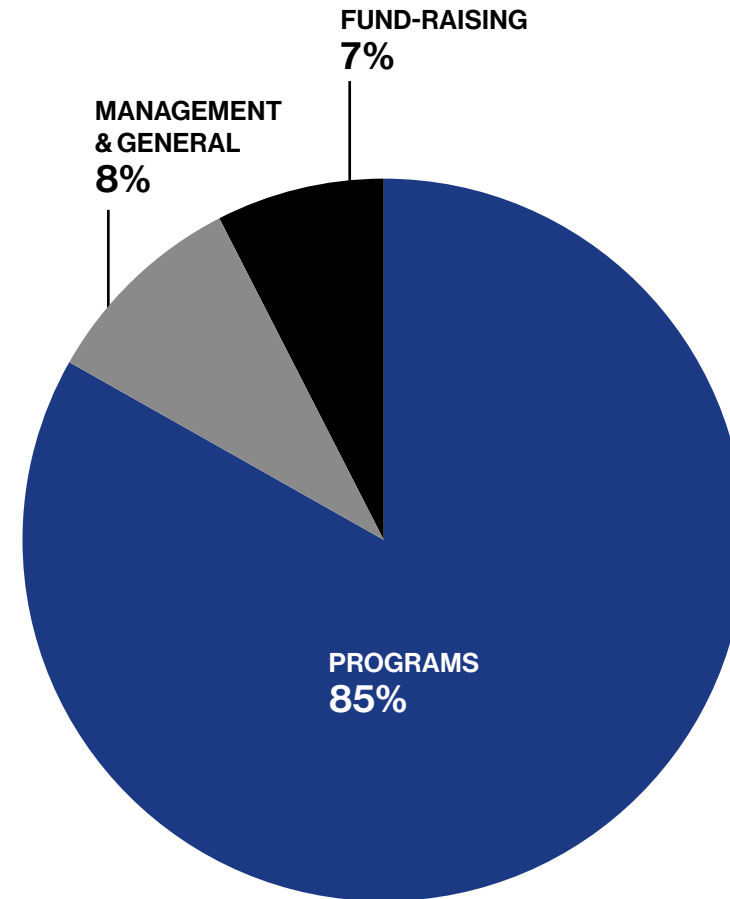
As of December 31, 2024 the Council of Fashion Designers of America and the CFDA Foundation collectively ended with total net assets of \$31.7M up from \$30.1M at year-end 2023.

REVENUE	DEC-24	DEC-23
Membership Dues	415,000.00	406,517.00
Educational & Professional Development	3,038,661.00	2,517,437.00
Philanthropy	1,639,792.00	549,477.00
Special Events, net	2,571,851.00	2,344,977.00
Other	986,396.00	1,035,946.00
	8,615,700.00	6,854,354.00

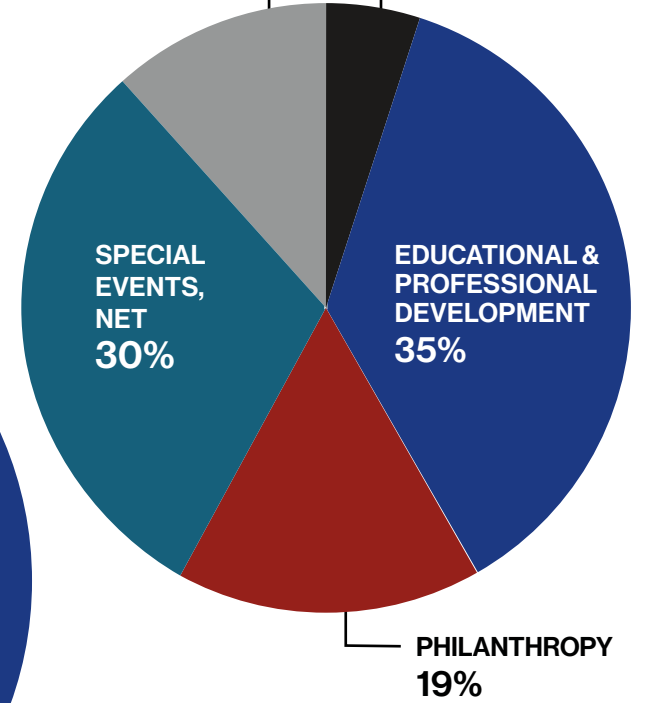
EXPENSES (INCLUDING DEPRECIATION)	DEC-24	DEC-23
Programs	7,468,917.00	6,189,655.00
Management & General	690,585.00	935,491.00
Fundraising (including Special Events)	596,660.00	616,818.00
	8,756,162.00	7,741,964.00

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES	DEC-24	DEC-23
Revenue	8,651,700.00	6,854,354.00
Expenses	8,756,162.00	7,741,964.00
Excess (deficit) of operating revenue and support over operating expenses	(104,462.00)	(887,610.00)
Investment return, net	1,664,775.00	2,124,767.00
Change in Net Assets	1,560,313.00	1,237,157.00
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	30,135,190.00	28,898,033.00
Net Assets, End of Year	31,695,503.00	30,135,190.00

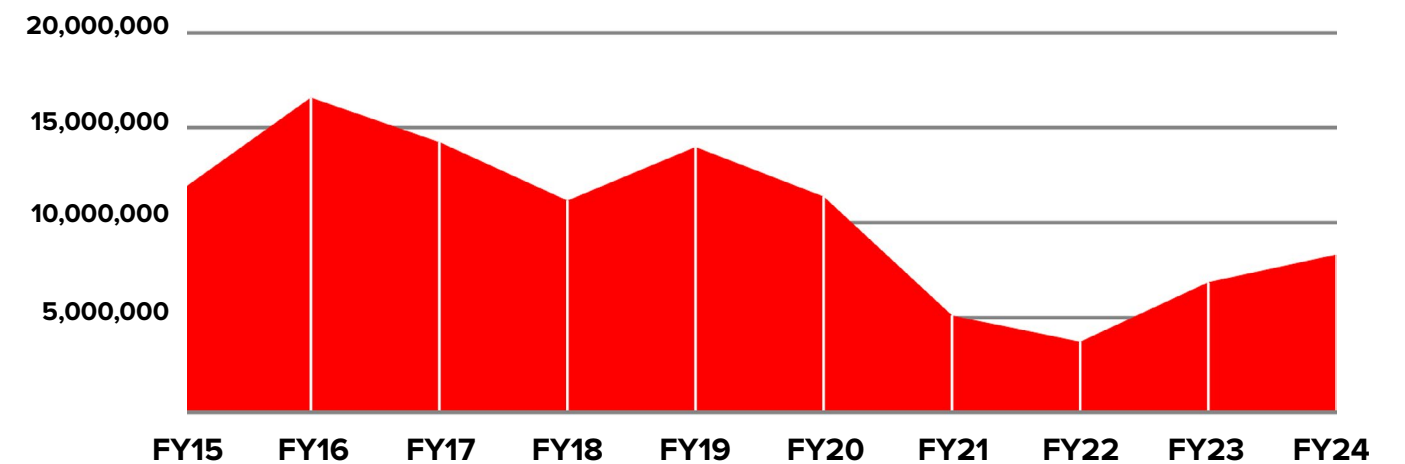
PERCENTAGE OF EXPENSES



PERCENTAGE OF REVENUE



TOTAL REVENUE & GAINS FY15 — FY24



CFDA Glossary

CFDA, INC.

The Council of Fashion Designers of America, a 501(c)(6) trade organization, focused on industry initiatives, advocacy, and NYFW. It serves designers and promotes American fashion.

CFDA FOUNDATION

The CFDA's charitable 501(c)(3), supporting scholarships, inclusion, sustainability, and industry causes. It leads the organization's philanthropic work.

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 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

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.

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.

SUSTAINABLE INITIATIVES: 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.

FASHION SUPPLY CHAIN: The work includes programs and initiatives to help strengthen the foundational level of a designer's business, from sourcing and manufacturing to shipping and logistics. These efforts aim to strengthen local production, expand global networks for designers, and promote responsible practices across the industry.

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.

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.

CFDA Team

STEVEN KOLB

Chief Executive Officer & President

LISA SMILOR

Executive Vice President

SARA KOZLOWSKI

VP of Program Strategies, Education & Sustainability Initiatives

ALDO ARAUJO

Senior Marketing & Communications Manager

KEVIN BASS

Senior Associate of Fashion Week Initiatives

SACHA BROWN

Senior Director of Professional Development

EMILY EDILLON

Program Strategies Manager

MARC KARIMZADEH

Editorial & Communications Director

LEIGH KING

Director of Special Projects & Events

JOSEPH MAGLIERI

Director of Fashion Week Initiatives

AUDREY MARZAN

Chief of Staff

ISABELLA MAYES

Special Projects & Events Associate

CAL MCNEIL

Director of Business Development & Partnerships

JOHN MONKHOUSE

Finance Manager

ELIZABETH (LIZ) RITGER

Development Manager

ALEXIS (ALI) RUBIN

Partnerships & Business Development Manager

EBONY WIGGINS

Director of Program Strategies & Equity Initiatives

BRITTA LARSEN

HR Consultant

The CFDA is back in office with a hybrid schedule. The team works in person Tuesday through Thursday at WSA, 161 Water Street, Suite 2404, New York, NY 10038, and remotely on Mondays and Fridays.

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. Led by Chairman Jordan Roth, 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.

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.

PARTNERSHIPS

Business Development and Partnerships is responsible for driving the organization's revenue strategy by securing and managing key sponsorships and partnerships. 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.

85 cents of every
dollar raised goes
directly to
CFDA programs,
maximizing
our mission with
minimal overhead.



Council of Fashion Designers of America

ANNUAL REPORT 2024

Editorial Director: Marc Karimzadeh

Creative Direction: The Lori Group

Contributor: Aldo Araujo

Special thanks to BFA and Getty Images

Cover Image: Thom Browne / BFA.com