

FIT MFA Runway Show “Act 5” to Debut at New York Fashion Week

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The **Fashion Institute of Technology (FIT)** will host its annual **MFA Runway Show, titled Act 5**, on **Tuesday, September 9 at 4:00 PM** during **New York Fashion Week**. The showcase will feature **18 graduating designers** from the MFA Fashion Design program, each presenting their final collections.

The title *Act 5* signifies the culmination of the students’ **two-year creative journey**, which they describe as “*a moment of resolution, reflection, transformation, and revelation.*” The show positions fashion as a form of **dialogue**, addressing themes of **culture, identity, technology, and sustainability**.

? Global Perspectives and Innovation

This year’s graduates represent a **wide spectrum of backgrounds and disciplines**, from **computational design and engineering** to **traditional craftsmanship and textile innovation**.

- **Heritage & Identity:** *Mai Nou Her* and *Amrutha Ramkumar* explore cultural storytelling through fabric and silhouette.
 - **Tech-Driven Design:** *Mina Khademi* and *Kiki Wanjing Zuo* merge computational methods with experimental forms.
 - **Sustainability:** *Jackie Schmidt* highlights upcycling and eco-conscious practices.
 - **Tailoring & Silhouette:** *Genevieve Zhuoran Li* and *Ethan Horing* reimagine structure, fit, and proportion.
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? Education Meets Industry

For FIT educators, *Act 5* demonstrates how graduate fashion design education bridges **academic research with industry-ready practice**. The collections illustrate a **balance of craft, concept, and innovation**, reflecting how designers-in-training are prepared to engage with **broader cultural and technological conversations** shaping today’s fashion landscape.

As New York Fashion Week continues to spotlight global talent, FIT's *Act 5* reminds audiences of the **vital role of education in shaping the future of fashion.**

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