AMSTERDAM FASHION WEEK

Amsterdam Fashion Week celebrates 750 years of Amsterdam with a fashion show on the Ring

On **Saturday June 21** Amsterdam will celebrate its 750th anniversary with a big festival on the Ring. Fifteen kilometers of the A10 road, usually dominated by fast-moving traffic, will be car-free for the entire day. Amsterdam Fashion Week will mark the occasion with the first fashion show in history to be held on a highway. This event honors the undeniable role of fashion, creativity, and diversity in the capital – past, present, and future. Everyone is invited to join the show **for free** by walking up the **S106 highway exit** at 19:00. The fashion show will **start at 19:30**.



To celebrate designers who have helped put Dutch fashion on the map, Amsterdam Fashion Week has selected three established names for the fashion show: Borre Akkersdijk (BYBORRE), Guillaume Philibert (Filling Pieces), and Renée van Wijngaarden (1/OFF Paris). Each designer will appoint emerging talents, resulting in a collective show of 60 looks. Collaborativly all creatives will partner with Levi's® which provides repurposed denim inventory for their designs to redefine classics in their distinctive style. Other partners include Meester Koetsier Foundation, MAC Cosmetics, and New Balance. Levi's® denim will be the central versatile theme of the show, though the designers have full creative freedom with

their designs being given iconic brand's fabrication as a canvas of authentic self-expression. Sixty models will showcase the hand-made and one-of-a-kind looks on a 75-meter-long catwalk.

A selection of the 60 looks will be available for free loan after the fashion show at the **Public Library of Amsterdam** (OBA) until December 2025. It concerns in total 18 looks. These circularly designed pieces will be given a second life in the library's **Fashion Rental Program**. In this way, an iconic event is connected with a lasting, sustainable impact on the city of Amsterdam.



Credit: Olivia Grace

Danie Bles - owner AFW

"My goal with Amsterdam Fashion Week is to create opportunities for (young) talent, tell compelling stories and push creative boundaries: the past, present and future are hereby inseparably intertwined. 'AFW On the Ring' is a collaboration between visionary designers who have put Dutch fashion on the map and a new generation of talents. Our catwalk on the Ring provides a unique platform where the past, present and future converge in a creative way and reinforce each other. 750 years of Amsterdam celebrates the city's rich history, while it also makes room for new ideas and the future."

Borre Akkersdijk (BYBORRE)

Borre Akkersdijk, textile designer and founder BYBORRE, appoints **Joone Joonam** as a talent. "I am proud to provide a platform for the talents of tomorrow and open the doors of the industry to a successful future, together with Amsterdam Fashion Week and 750 On the Ring. Amsterdam is the incubator of design, fashion, and art – a springboard for creative talent to conquer the world."

Guillaume Philibert (Filling Pieces)

Guillaume Philibert, founder and creative director Filling Pieces, appoints two talents: **River Moojen** and **Jannah Erdtracht**. "As an Amsterdam-based entrepreneur and creative director the city of Amsterdam is a constant source of inspiration and motivation for me. Its diversity of people, cultures, and places, combined with the unique energy that fills the city, make it one of a kind. Additionally Amsterdam is renowned for its creative freedom, offering countless opportunities for the younger generation to follow the same path I have been fortunate to take. I am proud to mentor these two talents as they develop their first collection for the fashion show. The youth are the future and this show will be a celebration of that."

Renée van Wijngaarden - 1/OFF Paris

Renée van Wijngaarden, founder 1/OFF, appoints **Vince Reece Hale** and **Emma van Engelen** as young talents. "Amsterdam is the city where I grew up, where my love for creation and contrast took shape – a city of both history and innovation. It is an honor for me to collaborate with Amsterdam Fashion Week and 750 On the Ring to provide a platform for young talents. Together we will demonstrate how essential craft, a distinctive vision and new ways of thinking are for the future of fashion and our city. For me, this represents the power of Amsterdam: raw, open, and creative – always in motion."

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