

**Brown Fashion Week's 12th Annual Runway Show:** 



# Threads & Threats



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Martinos Auditorium

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Welcome to the 12th Annual Runway Show! We are pleased to present Fashion@Brown designer collections in their biggest format to date.

This program displays the designers' collections in order as seen from the runway, so please feel free to follow along.

Laura, Elise, Shyam, Seabass







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Ellie Madsen	2022
Elise Carman	2023





# Shyam Arya

# Gorgeous Devours Cute

The collection is inspired by women in reality tv whose diva behavior makes them a villain but also an icon. Many Hindu goddesses & demonesses have a similar conviction and passion, paying no mind to morals, just acting ruthlessly. They are who they are. In making this collection, I'm recovering old icons from the dirt, and ferocious femmes rise from the dead. SEX SEX SEX STRIKING SEVERE DEMON CUNT





# **Phoebe Dragseth**

# Fleeting Fragility

Bound by corsets, this collection encapsulates the great fortitude of femininity, as Phoebe pays homage to her heart's medical and emotional journey. Moving from graceful, flowering red, to stark, constricting black and then fragile, flowing blue, we explore the strength and fragility of the heart as we venture through joy, darkness, and chaos to find freedom and confidence.













#### **Nora Cowett**

# Look, Mom! I just learned how to knit

By "just" I mean a few months ago but, already, knitting has opened up a new world of creative possibilities for me as a designer. With this collection, I wanted to see just how creative I could get. For all my knit pieces, I learned only two stitches— knitting and purling— and made up the rest as I went along. For anyone who has yet to try picking up knitting: do! it may be tedious, but is equally therapeutic and fun.







# Kaila Zimnavoda

#### Provincial Allure

My collection showcases the allure of naturally-occurring colors and patterns and promotes the use of sustainable materials (the pieces are old curtains, blankets, and shower-curtains in disguise!).







# **Aurelia Cowan & Carla Humphris**

What's All This Tarp Then?

Our collection hopes to inspire a sensation of whimsy and joy as we re-imagine materials and components that are traditionally utilitarian. By fraying, manipulating, pulling and co-opting, we aim to find a biomorphic flexibility within the our tarpaulin, duct piping, construction rope and chain. Denying the materials' functionality creates playful exploration within a seemingly rigid framework.









### Vivian Li & Alec Lippman

# Amalgamation

Amalgamation explores the over-saturation and experimentation of shapes, colors, and textures through the wide variety of materials layered within the pieces. This collection commentates on the relationship between technology and materialism through the incorporation of laser cutting in the design process. The simultaneous juxtaposition and cohesion of textures and colors convey an illusion of form — deriving simplicity from a coalescence of materials.









#### **Emma Zwall**

#### Grapevine

This collection takes inspiration from my very Filipino mother. The materials are a bit dated and lacy, much like traditional Filipino fabrics used in more modest pieces, but the collection is very much alive. She is equally ditsy as she is aggressive, and as chaotic as she is tidy. The name of the collection, "Grapevine," comes from nights of drinking wine and gossiping with my mom about things we've heard through the grapevine.







# **Lily Seckendorf**

# March Eighth

A playful exploration in layers, textures, and transformability through the use of recycled fabrics and repurposed shapes. These pieces are natural and easy in their sensibility, meant to be lived in while roaming, dancing, living. The collection offers versatility for an unpredictable climate and comfort in liminality as we transition into the new season.





# Camille Leung & Claire Chasse

#### homebodies

taken from our daily linens,
we purposed the fabrics that
serve us
from our dining tables
to our bedrooms
these textiles wrap our lives
and now, our bodies
thresholds between our selves and
the world
keeping home close to our skin





# **Vincent Terracciano**

# Rosemont - West Village

This is a mix of pieces with no real relation to each other, some are inspired by the fashion of teenagers in Portland, Maine, my hometown. Other pieces are influenced by New York streetwear and Y-3











# Revyn Kim Use:Disuse

This collection is an experiment in the deliberate use of fabric. It explores the way fabric naturally moves and drapes, inspired by the thoughtful way in which people used, and conserved, fabric before mass production of textiles was possible: It utilizes historical methods of sewing which use mostly squares or triangles of fabric to avoid wasting fabric and adapts them to modern silhouettes. Without relying on the modern convenience of stretch fabric and without using wasteful patterns for fitted clothes, garments of this collection rely on the natural stretch of woven fabric, pleats and gathers, and triangular inserts to form flat fabric into something which fits around the 3-dimensional human figure.







# **Deborah Cherman**

# Après-Ski/Avant-Sexe

Clothes for hot bodies and cold weather. All hand knit, crocheted, and sewn. Special thanks to my grandma for teaching me how to make stuff.









#### **Shira Wolpowitz**

#### Efflorescence

The idea of efflorescence refers to the process of unfolding and developing as if coming into bloom; a fullness of manifestation; a dream transported into actuality. For me, this first year of college has been one of efflorescence — I have grown so much as an individual, a phenomenon that has manifested itself in all areas of my life including as a fashion designer. I am so proud of how far I've come, and I cannot wait to share my dreams with you all in my first ever runway collection. Made entirely from secondhand floral bedspreads, curtains, and thrifted jeans, each piece in this collection transforms the unwanted or unwearable into something of both aesthetic and practical use.









#### Joshua Koolik

# New Year, New Me

Working with materials ranging from graphic t-shirts to lace from my great-grandmother's collection of fabrics, I spent a lot of time working on and sitting with these looks to create something that makes me feel like I am being honest.







#### **Neshima Vitale-Penniman**

#### **Tethered**

Our liberatory struggle requires the rupturing of that which binds us without consent, and the tethering of our intentions and energies to one other, to Earth, and to that which makes us come alive. Tethered explores the constriction and expansion of material, space, and self, employing gathering techniques and ligatures that evince a concurrent tethering and untethering.





# **Cameron Astles**

# Tile by Tile

Pulling inspiration from old-world tile-work and textiles, this collection seeks to explore these in a contemporary context. Like masonry and antique quilt blocks, this collection explores geometry, tile by tile.









# Julia Terra-Salomão Angela Snider Cynthia Wang

**Bloomers** 

Most of fashion is what you see on the outside, not what you see underneath. We want to take the things that are normally beneath the surface of fashion and bring them to the front as Spring does flowers. This collection takes inspiration from historical silhouettes such as crinoline, puff sleeves, and bell bottoms, modernizing them to demonstrate the idea of change.









# **Seabass Immonen**

# We The Weapon

In collaboration, the six models share their stories of resistance against the United States and colonization. The strength of family, heritages of rebellion, and punk-queer world building foreground the beautiful and empowering garments. Fuck the United States.







#### **Karinn Stellato**

#### June In January

My June In January collection is inspired by my persistent desire to wear summer pieces year-round. As I am native to Chicago and now reside in Rhode Island, I have been forced to pack away my fun summer clothes and cover up in drab winter items for the majority of the year. June In January provides a solution to this seasonal style battle with a line of Chanel-esque tweed looks that combine traditionally summer styles/colors with heavy fabric and layering, allowing the wearer to bring whimsicality to even the most frigid time of the year.





# **Sue Sima**

#### Interstice

Drawing inspiration from patterns in the natural and mechanical worlds, Sue uses the motif of interstices that exist within these worlds to transform garments into intimate objects that flow with the contours of the body. She imagines worlds exist within these interstitial spaces, filling the garments with life.









# **Laura Perlmutter**

# Knightgown

This collection brings the Medieval into the modern world. It features hand-crafted armor and chainmail paired with sheer clothing. It is simultaneously smooth, sharp, and soft.





# Ellie Madsen TANGLED

This collection is inspired by organic shapes that draw upon patterns found in nature. Webs, networks, nests, and cells become stitches, knits, tangles, and cutouts. All fabric was sourced second-hand, and many pieces were made without using a sewing machine. By engaging with the fabric tactilely, I imitated processes of decomposition and composition, rearranging familiar materials like rugs, bedsheets, and curtains in subversive ways.













# Elise Carman

# Scarborough

A collection inspired from my childhood. Exploring the memories which "Scarborough Fair" by Simon and Garfunkel somehow unearths, musings of magic, mystery, and chittering forests.











# **Photographers**

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#### Models

Shyam Arya (Gorgeous Devours Cute)

Venus Alex Cortez

Phoebe Dragseth (Fleeting Fragility) Pepper Greenley Cecilia Marrinan Zoe Ubamadu Areshva Aisha Mir

Nora Cowett
(Look, Mom! I just learned how to knit)
Christina Ofori
Dori Walker
Ines Sawiris
Cece Raymond
Ben Singer
Salonee Singh

Kaila Zimnavoda (Provincial Allure) Jonah Massey Masha Breeze

Aurelia Cowan & Carla Humphris (What's All This Tarp Then?)

Ruby O'Keefe Greta Filor Aakash Mehta

Vivian Li & Alec Lippman (Amalgamation)

Santiago Vargas Machado Claire Yang

Emma Zwall (grapevine) Emilie Lum Emma Zwall Aden Chon

Lily Seckendorf (March Eighth) Naomi Hudis

Paula Rodriguez-Vilaboa

Camille Leung & Claire Chasse (homebodies) Maxime Hendrikse Liu John Coady Alannah Clarke

Vincent Terracciano (Rosemont - West Village) Madison McTaggart Peter Robin Angelo Giannopoulo Ashley Giannetti Hili Slav

Revyn Kim (Use:Disuse) Anushka Srivastava

Elli Lee Zoey (Wenqing) Liu

Deborah Cherman (Après-Ski/Avant-Sexe) Sophie Thomas Arata Fuii

Shira Wolpowitz (Efflorescence) Melinda Zhang Sydney Nutakor Isabella Abbott Zoe Siegel

Liana Lewis

Joshua Koolik
(New Year, New Me)
Aidan Forster
Bennet Walkes
Elijah McCray
Alec Lacerte
Arman Deendar

Neshima Vitale-Penniman (Tethered)

Nadya Tan

Emma Amselem Bensadon

Cameron Astles (Tile by Tile) Rachel Blumenstein

Will Mackintosh

Mason Lee Andy Zhou Julia Terra-Salomão, Angela Snider, Cynthia Wang (Bloomers) Praises Amponsah Angela Snider

Seabass Immonen
(We The Weapon)
Olivia Maliszewski
D Knudson
Iman Cochu
Nahdav Sapiro-Gheiler
Connor Kalahiki
Raelee Fourkiller

Karinn Stellato (June In January) Maggie Preller Mira Marlink Hayley Wilcox Bella Kaplan

Sue Sima (Interstice) Yuan Jiang Leslie Berumen Sue Sima Sophie Curlee

Laura Perlmutter (Knightgown) Ellie Leites Hannah Fernandez Alyscia Batista

Ellie Madsen
(TANGLED)
Tyrone Killebrew
Rutendo Jakachira
Arthi Ranganathan
June Dike
Jasmine Yang
Sam Bloom
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Shenandoah Duraideivamani

Elise Carman (Scarborough) Jackson Moore Aswathy Biju Kyran Flynn Fernanda Chavez Jenya Kirsch-Posner Quinn Coleman

# **Runway Show team**

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