

International Contest - Łódź Young Fashion Award 2018

Regulations

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ORGANISER OF THE CONTEST

1. The organiser of the International Contest – Łódź Young Fashion Award 2018 is the Strzemiński Academy of Fine Arts in Łódź located at 121 Wojska Polskiego Street, 91-726 Łódź, Poland and Łódź Event Centre with its seat at 87 Piotrkowska Street, 90-423 Łódź, Poland.
2. The International Contest – Łódź Young Fashion Award 2018 is organized on the territory of the Republic of Poland under the name of the International Contest – Łódź Young Fashion Award 2018 as the most important event of fashion days in Łódź under the name Łódź Young Fashion, held on 16th-20th October 2018.

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THE GOAL AND THE THEME OF THE CONTEST

1. The International Contest – Łódź Young Fashion Award 2018, called further on the Contest, is held under the theme FREEDOM.
2. The Contest is aimed at young fashion designers and is to promote talents and facilitate the beginning of a professional career for students and graduates in the fields of fashion design.
3. The Contest is designed to select the top 12 collections out of which the Jury will select the winner of the Contest during the Final Gala on 20th October 2018.
4. The winner will receive the MANEQUINE 2018 statuette and the main prize of 30,000 EURO, funded by the City of Łódź.

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PARTICIPANTS OF THE CONTEST

1. The International Contest Łódź Young Fashion Award 2018 may be attended by designers who:
 - reached the age of 18
 - were born not earlier than in 1988.Only a legal person, with full legal capacity can take part in the Contest, especially students and graduates of fashion design.

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CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION IN THE CONTEST

1. Participation in the Contest is free of charge.
2. Only collections of clothes created in the years 2017-2018 may be submitted to the Contest.
3. Each participant submits maximum one collection of clothes to the Contest, which must consist of 15 to 18 silhouettes. Women's silhouettes must be prepared in size 36/38 and men's silhouettes in size 48-50 (according to European size tables).
4. The Participant can only take part in one Contest taking place within the Łódź Young Fashion event.
5. The correspondence concerning the Contest should be maintained in Polish and English.
6. The condition of participation in the Contest is registration by submitting a properly completed application form via the website www.lodzyoungfashion.com. The filled in application form must be complete and must contain all necessary information required by the Organizer.

THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CONTEST

The Contest consists of two stages:

STAGE I

The collection submission to the International Contest – Łódź Young Fashion Award 2018

1. Entries for the Contest must be submitted via the registration application available on the website www.lodzyoungfashion.com by filling in the application form and attaching the following:
 - 1.1. Photographic documentation of 5 silhouettes selected out of the whole submitted collection (three photographic shots of each silhouette: front, back and detail – 15 shots altogether). Photographs presenting outfits on a model or a dummy are recommended (for horizontal shots max. width 2000 px, for vertical shots max. height 1500 px, files in JPG format only with a maximum size of 3Mb). There must not be any signs placed on the photos presenting the collection, which could allow for identification of the participant.
 - 1.2. A description of the collection in English including the following data: the way of execution of the leading theme of the Contest in the submitted collection, the information concerning the materials used in the collection, dimensions and sizes of each silhouette, etc.
2. The deadline for entry to the first stage of the Contest (electronic application) is 24th June 2018 at 23.59 (CET).
3. By 1st July 2018 the participants will have been notified about the proceedings of formal verification of the application form.
4. The Jury of the Contest will review all submissions and select the 12 best collections that will be admitted to the 2nd Stage of the Contest. The list of authors of collections admitted to the 2nd Stage of the Contest will have been published by 25th July 2018 on the website www.lodzyoungfashion.com.

STAGE II

The Final

5. By 31st July 2018 the Finalists will have to send by email the confirmation of their participation in the Final of the Contest Łódź Young Fashion 2018, to the address: office@lodzyoungfashion.com
6. In the event of a participant's resignation, another participant will take part in the Final, according to the ranking list created on the basis of the jury's voting during the 1st stage.
7. The collection qualified to the 2nd stage must satisfy the following criteria:
 - 7.1. the construction of the outfit must be safely worn by a model; designs must not be made of any sharp, hurtful elements, and the particular elements must not endanger anybody's health.
 - 7.2. the particular components of the outfit must be made neatly so that the model could present them in motion.
 - 7.3. the collection must be complete – the designs must contain all the components that are required during the show.
8. The Participant who qualified to the 2nd stage of the International Contest – Łódź Young Fashion Award 2018, provides the Organizer with:

A collection of women's / men's outfits along with accessories that are part of the collection – in the number of 15-18 overall silhouettes, in sizes accepted in the European Union as:

size of clothes
for women: 36-38
for men: 48-50

size of footwear
for women: 39-41
for men: 43-45
9. The collection must include a label with a return address that will be used in the return transport (applies if the participant does not take the collection immediately after the show).
10. The elements mentioned in points 8 and 9 §5 of these Regulations must be packed in a durable packaging and delivered to the address:

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with an annotation 'International Contest – Łódź Young Fashion Award 2018' by 30th September 2018, 23.59 (CET)

11. The Organiser is in charge of the music accompanying the final show. The Participant has the right to suggest a selected piece of music; however its use must be consulted with the director of the show.
12. The collections qualified to the 2nd stage of the Contest will be presented by models during the Final Gala of the International Contest – Łódź Young Fashion Award 2018.
13. The Participant should take an active part in the preparation of his/her collection for the show during fittings, rehearsals and the Final Gala in accordance with the previously received schedule.
14. The Organizer reserves the right to select the style of make-up and hair styles for models during the entire Final Gala, which is the responsibility of the director of the show.
15. The Jury will choose the winning collection during the final show.
16. The winner will receive an award of 30,000 Euro and the MANEQUINE 2018 statuette.
17. The Organizer reserves the right to give special awards funded by patrons and sponsors of the Contest.
18. Award winners and participants with the honourable mention are entitled to use the information about winning the Award and participating in the Contest for their promotional purposes.
19. The information concerning the submitted collections and the Participants of the Contest can be mentioned:
 - in press and media,
 - on the Organizer's websites
 - on websites of the patrons and partners of the Contest.

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JURY AND THE CRITERIA OF JUDGEMENT

1. The Jury will consist of the most prominent representatives of the international world of fashion and design. The final list of the Jury members of the International Contest – Łódź Young Fashion Award 2018 will be made public on the website www.lodzyoungfashion.com.
2. **STAGE I of evaluation**

The Jury of the Contest will review all entries and select the top 12 collections to be admitted to the 2nd stage of the Contest. The collections will be verified on the basis of the photographic material.

The Jury of the Contest reserves the right to change the decision on the number of entries qualified to the 2nd stage of the Contest.

The following factors will be evaluated:

- originality of the concept and the avant-garde way of thinking
- the author's creativity
- an artistic and innovative interpretation of the leading theme FREEDOM (in accordance with the Organizer's description which can be found under the bookmark Regulations)

3. **STAGE II of evaluation**

During the Final Gala of the Contest, which will be held on 20th October 2018, the Jury will evaluate:

- compliance of the collection with the photographic material from the 1st stage of evaluation,
- the author's creativity – an artistic and innovative interpretation of the leading theme – FREEDOM,
- aesthetic qualities of the collection,
- use of new technologies, techniques – e.g. 3D printing
- use of state-of-the-art and avant-garde fabrics, materials
- quality of execution

4. In the case when the votes are balanced, the President of the Jury will be in charge of making the final decision.
5. The Jury gives the main award of 30,000 EURO funded by the City of Łódź.
6. Decisions of the Jury of the Contest are binding and final.
7. The Jury of the Contest may decide not to award the main prize if the submitted entries do not meet the terms and conditions of the Regulations.
8. The Jury's deliberations are not public.

AWARD

1. The winner of the International Contest – Łódź Young Fashion Award 2018 will receive MANEQUINE 2018 statuette and the financial prize of 30,000 EURO funded by the City of Łódź. There will also be some extra awards funded by sponsors.
2. Before the financial award is forwarded to the winner, the entity issuing the prize will collect the amount of tax liabilities from the winner, which means that the prize will be reduced by the amount of tax due according to the tax regulations. The amount of tax depends on the country of origin of the prize winner, possession of the certificate of fiscal residence by the laureate, existence of the signed Double Taxation Agreement with the country of origin and the provisions of this agreement.

TRANSPORT AND RE-TRANSPORT OF THE COLLECTIONS QUALIFIED TO STAGE II

1. The cost of transporting the works, including the cost of packing materials and customs clearance (for non-EU countries), is borne by the Participant. The Organizer does not bear the costs of transport, customs clearance, transport insurance of works both ways.
2. Participation in the Contest takes place at the Participant's risk.
3. The works' insurance is on the Participant's side.
4. Detailed principles of transport and re-transport of works have been specified in Annex No. 1 to these Regulations.

COPYRIGHT

1. The International Contest – Łódź Young Fashion Award 2018 will admit only collection entries if:
 - 1.1. The sole author of the collection is the Participant submitting his/her work to the Contest and who is entitled to all his/her own copyrights, property and personal rights to this work and who has the right to submit the work to the Contest;
 - 1.2. The Contest entry is neither a derivative work nor plagiarism nor otherwise violates the rights of third parties or the applicable law;
 - 1.3. The author's property rights to the entry work are not in any way encumbered with the rights of third parties, and no separate consent of a third party is required to use the entry collection in any way.
2. By accepting these Regulations, the Participant confirms that the collection submitted by him/her complies with all the above terms and conditions.
3. The Participant is responsible, regardless of fault, for the legal faults of the Contest entry collection and is fully responsible in this respect and is obliged to release the Organizer from any third party claims that may arise in this respect.
4. The Contest entries violating the rights of third parties will be excluded from participation in the Contest.

FINAL PROVISIONS

1. The Organizer of the event is the last instance reaching decisions on the interpretation of the Regulations.
2. In matters not regulated, the Polish law, in particular the provisions of the Civil Code, shall apply.
3. In disputable cases, the Polish law is applicable, and the competent court is the Polish court competent for the seat of the Strzemiński Academy of Fine Arts in Łódź.

SCHEDULE OF THE CONTEST

Registration of applications – until 24th June 2018, 23.59 (CET)

Verification of applications – until 1st July 2018

Announcement of the list of finalists for the 2nd stage of the Contest – the Final – 25th July 2018

Delivering the collections qualified to the 2nd stage of the Contest – the Final – until 30th September 2018, 23.59 (CET)

The Final Gala – 20th October 2018, 20.00 (CET)

Appendix no. 1 Transport and re-transport of the collections qualified to the 2nd stage of the Contest

Appendix no. 2 Proforma invoice