



Fashion Meets Sustainability: Young At Art's 18th Annual Recycled Fashion Show Highlights Reef Conservation with Stunning Teen-Designed Garments!

Dive into a dazzling evening of fashion, creativity, and sustainability at Young At Art Museum's **18th Annual Fashion Fundraiser: Reef Restyled!** Witness the incredible talent of local teen designers as they debut original garments made from recycled materials, inspired by South Florida's vibrant reefs and the environmental challenges they face.

On **Saturday, April 26th from 5-8 pm**, guests will be amazed by the talent and creativity of local teen designers, ages 13-18, who will showcase their sustainable, recycled couture fashions in a **New York-style fashion show** inside the **ArtServe Theater**. Enjoy **light bites**, an **open bar**, and a night of unforgettable creativity.

Teen designers in YAA's Teen Leadership & Volunteer Program and YAA's Girls Empowered Program at PACE Center Broward receive **free coaching and coursework** with introductory design, patternmaking, and sewing.

100% of net proceeds from the fashion show benefit YAA's Museum Programming and Community Initiatives that serve low-income children, families, and at-risk teen girls.

The Recycled Fashion Show began as a creative outlet for teens in the museum's volunteer program, combining their **love of fashion**, **commitment to the environment**, and **dedication to volunteerism**. Since then, the show has grown to include girls at-risk from PACE Center Broward participating in YAA's Girls Empowered gender-empowerment program. Funds raised through the Fashion Show support **Girls Empowered**, as well as YAA's other community initiatives that provide art programming for individuals with disabilities, children experiencing homelessness, and low-income communities.

This year, teen designers participated in a **beach clean-up** and are incorporating debris found in their garments. Participants also visited **Red, White, and Blue Thrift** to find second-hand goods to use in their designs, courtesy of **Second Cycle**. Designers also took part in a "**Make it Work**" day with mentor **Sebastian Grey**, an international luxury fashion designer and **2019 Project Runway winner of Season 17**.

Sue Aguilera, an award-winning arts educator, mentored, led, and coordinated the designers in YAA's volunteer program, while **Shannon Ellis**, YAA's teaching artist and instructor at PACE Center for Girls Broward, mentored and taught the participants from PACE. The PACE team also enjoyed a special field trip and educational experience at **NSU MEEC (Marine Environmental Education Center)**.

The evening will be **Emceed by Alex Finnie**, Anchor & Reporter for **WPLG Local 10**. Alex will interview the teen design teams about their inspiration, environmental issues, and the creative process behind each garment.

Adding to the evening this year, YAA welcomes a distinguished panel of judges: **Madison Barnett**: NYU Tisch Student for Set and Costume Design, **Rucht D'Oleo-Schwartz**: Director of The Fashion Institute of South Florida, **Simona Julieta Firpo**: Artist and Renowned Cosplayer

Tickets for the **18th Annual Recycled Fashion Show** are **\$50**. If you can't attend, please consider donating a ticket to a **PACE Center Broward** student.

 **Tickets are available now:** <https://youngatartmuseum.org/fashion-show/>

To learn more about YAA's Community Initiatives and the Fashion Show, visit the museum's website: <https://youngatartmuseum.org/fashion-show/>

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