

**Fashion**

**Newly crowned Face of Africa 2000 Winner Nombulelo Mazibuko**

• *She is poised to make her American Debut at New York's 7th on Sixth Fashion Extravaganza*

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On April 17th in Cape Town, South Africa, the regal, six-foot tall, 17 year-old Nombulelo Mazibuko won the M-Net Face of Africa 2000 modeling competition. The program's third annual winner, Nombulelo has been launched into a glittering international modeling career.

Having won her title a mere three months ago, Nombulelo has already been featured in an eight-page spread in the July issue of the French magazine, Madame Figaro. She also appears on the cover of the July 2000 edition of the celebrated magazine Divas, usually reserved for entertainment superstars. Nombulelo has also appeared on the cover of the trend-setting Y



magazine, was seen on the catwalk at the launch of Fashion TV, and recently completed assignments for GQ, and Fair Lady. Now Nombulelo is poised to make her New York debut this fall at 7th on Sixth - New York Fashion Week, as part of the Africa Designs fashion show, walking the catwalk in clothes

created by some of the African continent's hottest up-and-coming designers. The modest schoolgirl from Cape Town's Langa Township was chosen from among sixteen regional finalists from twelve African countries. On being named The Face of Africa 2000, the teary-

eyed, beaming Nombulelo Whispered, "This really is a dream that has come true for me. It will change my life. And I am so proud and excited to follow in the footsteps of Benvinda and Oluchi," she said, referring to the competition's first two winners. In a bid to promote African designers in the same way they have successfully promoted African beauty, M-Net, the African continent's largest subscription television broadcaster, has launched the Africa Designs fashion competition.

Promising Designers throughout the continent were invited to submit storyboards for a summer garment collections. Four finalists are to be chosen in Johannesburg on 13th; their collections will be presented at 7th on Sixth - New York Fashion Week September 14-22. The designers of the most acclaim collection wins a three-month paid internship with fashion designers Mark Eisen. Face of Africa winners Nombulelo, Oluchi, and Benvinda, along with other African beauties, will all be modeling these new and exciting designs.

Newly crowned M-Net Face of Africa 2000 winner Nombulelo Mazibuko will make her debut New

York appearance on runways this September as part of 7th on Sixth - New York Fashion Week, modeling fashions created by some of the African continent's hottest designers as part of the M-Net Africa Designs competition

**Fashion Show and Dance**

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Diana's Fashion Boutique will host a fashion show and dance party on Saturday July 29th at 7:00 PM on the rooftop of the Standard Dairy Building at 2808 NE Martin Luther King JR. Blvd. In Portland.

The theme of the event is "Sisters Feeling De Spirit". Music from Africa and the Caribbean will be provided by the 12 piece band Shamir, which includes a female vocal group. The event will also feature an optional gourmet dinner and motivational speaker Laurice Brown.

Diana's Fashion Boutique was formerly known as World Village Boutique and recently moved into its new location next to Billy Reed's Restaurant. Owner Diana McNight say: This will be a special evening of fellowship and entertainment."

For ticket information, contact Diana's Fashion boutique at 503-249-3790

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