Calling all designers for the BKLYN Fashion Academy!
Applications available online on September 30, 2019

Create a 2020 Ready-to-Wear Capsule Collection!

This 16-week intensive program provides the essentials to create and sell ready-to-wear men’s and women’s wear garments. This year we will focus on the History of Carnevale (Carnival) and its influence around the world.

Designers will participate in classes such as:

- Fashion Illustration, Accessories Design Classes & Labs
- Sample Development, Sourcing & Classes
- Sustainability, Upcycling & Repurposing Classes
- Market Research Classes on the Fashion Industry
- Runway Fashion Show on Friday, May 8, 2020!

Designers must be at least 18 years of age, have some sewing experience, and MUST LIVE IN BROOKLYN. Flexibility is required to accommodate some day-long and evening sessions.

Please attend an Information Session at the Central Library, 10 Grand Army Plaza:

**September 30**
6:00 - 7:30pm
Balcony Conference Room

**October 7**
6:00 - 7:30pm
Balcony Conference Room

**October 19**
1:30pm - 3:00pm
Balcony Conference Room

**October 21**
6:00 - 7:30 pm
Balcony Conference Room

**October 28**
6:00 - 7:30 pm
Balcony Conference Room

The application period is **September 30 – November 1, 2019**. Selected designers should be prepared to begin the program on January 22, 2020. Check out our website for more information: [www.bklynlibrary.org/bklyn-fashion-academy](http://www.bklynlibrary.org/bklyn-fashion-academy)

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Frequently Asked Questions

Who Can Enter?
Entrants must be 18 years of age or older, live in Brooklyn and have sewing experience

How can I Apply?
You may apply on this website beginning Monday September 30 until Friday November 1, 2019.

What are the application requirements?
The application is a web-based form. You must answer all questions and submit 2 sample designs. The sample designs can be an illustration of a garment you want to create, or a picture of a garment you have already created. These 2 files must be uploaded with your application in either PDF or picture format.

What will I be required to do?
You will be required to attend classes, technical labs and create a minimum of 4 looks – up to 6. You will also complete an illustrated drawing of your main look, and feature your completed ready-to-wear capsule collection in the BFA Fashion Show.

What is the theme of the Fashion Show?
The theme is the “History of Carnevale (Carnival)”. Carnevale which means farewell to meat or flesh originally celebrated by Europeans and passed on to slaves who turned it into a celebration of freedom. By the 18th century free blacks in Trinidad mixed with French immigrants, Spanish settlers, and British nationals transformed the European celebration to a more heterogeneous cultural froth that included traditions from all ethnic groups. With the end of slavery in 1834, the now completely free populace could outwardly celebrate their native culture and their emancipation through dress, music, and dancing hence creating Carnival.

Selected designers will be required to create one look, within their collection, centered on the theme of the “Carnevale”, and a country of their choice, they will also incorporate Microsoft MakeCode technology. All remaining garments are open to the designer’s choice, but must be cohesive and completed in the time allotted.