

The Fashion Awards 2019

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THE FASHION AWARDS 2019 WINNERS ANNOUNCED

The British Fashion Council (BFC) is delighted to announce the winners of **The Fashion Awards 2019** which recognise and celebrate creativity and innovation in fashion. Tonight, The Fashion Awards welcomed a global mix of 4,000 guests, including key players from the fashion industry as well as members of the public at the Royal Albert Hall in London, to celebrate exceptional individuals whose imagination and creativity have broken new ground in fashion over the past 12 months; as well as brands and businesses that have transformed the possibilities of fashion today.

The evening, hosted by award-winning American actress, CEO, and producer Tracee Ellis Ross, celebrated sixteen awards, ten of which are put out to vote to an international panel of fashion industry experts, five Special Recognition Awards and a new Designers' Designer Award, voted for by BFC Designer Members. Each winner was given a unique Swarovski crystal trophy, designed by Welsh artist, Ross Lovegrove.

The Fashion Awards 2019 Winners

Award for Positive Change: Signatories of the Fashion Industry Charter for Climate Action

Presented by: Amber Valetta & Halima Aden

Accepted by: Emmanuel Gintzburger, Alexander McQueen; Gabriele Maggio, Stella McCartney; José Neves, Farfetch; Stefan Seidel, Puma; Thierry Andretta, Mulberry and Wolfgang Blau, Condé Nast

Brand of the Year: Bottega Veneta

Presented by: Rosie Huntington Whiteley

British Emerging Talent Menswear: Bethany Williams for Bethany Williams

Presented by: Rita Ora & Liam Payne

British Emerging Talent Womenswear: Rejina Pyo for Rejina Pyo

Presented by: Bel Powley & Gugu Mbatha Raw

Special Tribute to Karl Lagerfeld

Presented by: Dame Anna Wintour and Lady Amanda Harlech

Urban Luxe: Fenty

Presented by: Tyler, the Creator & Janet Jackson

Business Leader: Remo Ruffini for Moncler

Presented by: Shailene Woodley

Fashion Icon: Naomi Campbell

Presented by: Sir Jony Ive

Accessories Designer of the Year: Daniel Lee for Bottega Veneta

Presented by: Karen Elson

Isabella Blow Award for Fashion Creator: Sam McKnight

Presented by: Emilia Clarke

Designers' Designer Award: Christopher Kane for Christopher Kane

Presented by: Kylie Minogue

Trailblazer Award: Sarah Burton for Alexander McQueen

Presented by: Naomi Campbell

British Designer of the Year Menswear: Kim Jones for Dior Men

Presented by: Miguel & Kaia Gerber

Accepted by Donatella Versace

British Designer of the Year Womenswear: Daniel Lee for Bottega Veneta

Presented by: Emma Roberts

Model of the Year: Adut Akech

Presented by: Pierpaolo Piccioli & Edward Enninful

Designer of the Year: Daniel Lee for Bottega Veneta

Presented by: Naomi Watts

Outstanding Achievement Award: Giorgio Armani

Presented by: Julia Roberts & Cate Blanchett

Alongside all the celebrated awards, NEW WAVE: Creatives 2019 were given special mention by BFC Ambassador for Positive Fashion Adwoa Aboah. The category was introduced at The Fashion Awards 2018 to celebrate the young global creative community. The NEW WAVE: Creatives 2019 represent 100 of the most innovative and inspiring young creative talents from around the world. The list highlights London's position as an international epicentre and pays homage to the incredible success of both home-grown and international talent; while celebrating all those who play a vital role in the industry's cultural and creative reputation. To find out more about NEW WAVES: Creatives please click [here](#).

As well as recognising designers and industry leaders, The Fashion Awards celebrated raw creativity by hosting the Central Saint Martins, *The White Show* as part of this year's ceremony. Each year the new intake of BA Fashion students is asked to create a design presented in white. This extraordinary collection is usually presented as an internal show. This year, for the first time, The White Show was brought to the Royal Albert Hall, recognising and celebrating the first creative steps of the next generation of fashion talent from all over the world, brought together in fashion's creative capital, London. The BFC also sponsored *The White Show* through enabling the college to provide the students with sustainably sourced white fabrics to realise their vision. Little Simz opened the show and performed two tracks, *Venom* and *Jealous*, with *The White Show*.

In celebration of Mr Giorgio Armani's Outstanding Achievement award, Mr. Armani presented an Armani Privé couture catwalk show to the guests as a gift to The Fashion Awards 2019 and invited long-time collaborator and music icon Eric Clapton to play the evening out.

Music producer Fat Tony DJ'd at the after party.

The Fashion Awards is the main fundraiser for the BFC's charitable and talent support work. The BFC is a not for profit organisation focused on promoting excellence in British fashion and supporting the future pipeline of creative talent. The BFC's work is achieved through a range of charitable initiatives which focus on education, business and mentoring schemes that support talent from school level, and emerging designers, to fashion start-ups and established brands. In 2018, the BFC raised over £2.3 million for its charities and business support initiatives, out of which £1.1 million will be allocated directly to scholars and designer businesses. The remaining money will go towards building an endowment to secure support for future generations.

Please support the next generation of talent by making a donation [here](#).

The generosity and commitment of our partners is more vital than ever. Please help us by acknowledging our Presenting Partner Swarovski and Official Partners American Express, Bird in Hand, Getty Images, LAVAZZA, Rosewood London and Slingsby Gin for their support of The Fashion Awards 2019.

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ABOUT BRITISH FASHION COUNCIL

The British Fashion Council (BFC) was set up in 1983 to promote British fashion internationally and co-ordinate this promotion through fashion weeks, exhibitions and showcasing events. The BFC now supports designers beginning at college level and extending to talent identification, business support and showcasing schemes to help British designer businesses develop their profiles and business globally and promote British fashion and its influential role in Britain and London. The BFC Colleges Council offers support to students through its Foundation, BA and MA scholarships, links with industry through design competitions and Graduate Preview Day. Talent identification and business support schemes include BFC/Vogue Designer Fashion Fund, BFC/GQ Designer Menswear Fund supported by JD.com, Inc. and NEWGEN which includes womenswear, menswear and accessories. The BFC also runs and owns charities including the BFC Fashion Arts Foundation, the BFC Fashion Trust and the BFC Education Foundation. Showcasing initiatives and events include London Fashion Week, London Fashion Week Men's, LONDON show ROOMS, International Fashion Showcase and the annual celebration of creativity and innovation in the fashion industry: The Fashion Awards