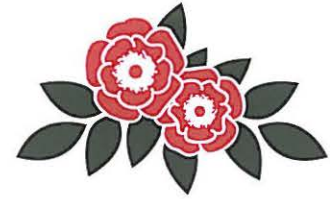


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Lancashire's finest hit the catwalk

With themes ranging from 'Gangs of New York' to socialites and silhouettes, fashion students from the University of Central Lancashire wowed the London fashion world during last week's Graduate Fashion Week.

Many of the region's students were among the successful young designers who took part in the show on June 3rd at the Battersea Park Arena. Jenny Loram from Preston was selected to appear in the Gala Show at the finale of Graduate Fashion Week with her 'Ealing Boy' collection. Taking elements from the old and the new, Jenny's theme mixed up elements from the epic feature "Gangs of New York" with London kitsch and street culture.

Other collections by north west students included a range of luxury-sports fashion womenswear, by Erika Maloney from Southport, inspired by a unique mix of Art Nouveau and team sportswear. Another womenswear collection by Rehana Patel from Blackburn, was inspired by the sexy but sophisticated look of the 1930s, while Emily Cunningham from Lytham St Annes based her evening wear collection on the theme of shipwrecks and buccaneers.

Course Leader Janet Moon said: "This was a very successful show which attracted the attention of top people from the fashion industry looking for new talent. Many of our students have already secured much-sought after positions, some with the companies where they completed their industrial placements which are such a valuable part of the course".

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