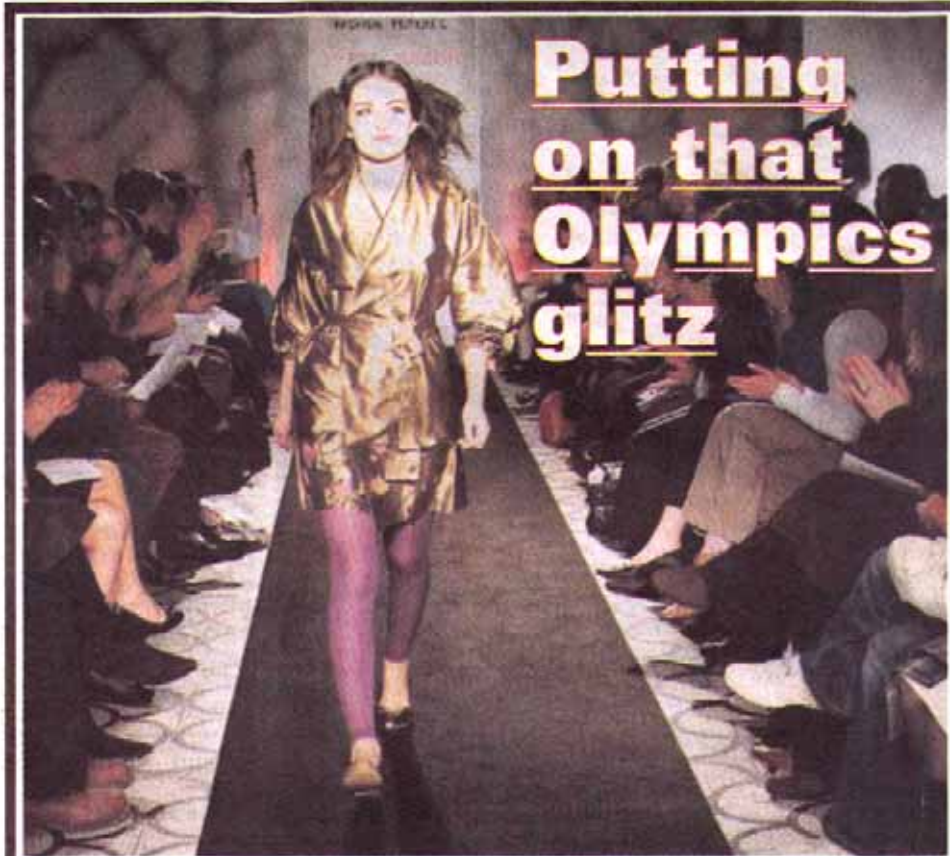


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A GLITZY fashion show with professional catwalk models helped young wannabe designers from the two Olympic host cities of London and Beijing display their creations after a series of summer training workshops.

The models paraded at Bethnal Green's Museum of Childhood, where 30 design finalists were out to impress judges in a tough contest.

The finalists were drawn from 130 youngsters from London, which stages the 2012 Games, and from Beijing which is the host in 2008. There were two joint winners, teenagers 'diplomatically' from both London and Beijing.

Nosipho Ndaba, a 19-year-old from a fashion college in Wandsworth, shared the top

spot with 17-year-old Zhou Tian, from Beijing Polytechnic of Light Industry, at last Tuesday's awards.

Nosipho wins a work placement with Tesco's design team, while Zhou's creation will be manufactured by the company and sold through its supermarkets.

The awards came at the end of a series of workshops started in January by Fashion Awareness Direct, an educational charity that runs competitions where professionals work with students to develop their future.

The 30 finalists, who got summer places at prestigious Central St Martin's College of Art and Design, produced outfits inspired by the two Olympics and historic trading links between Britain and China.