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**STITCH IN TIME:** Tessa Birch, who is taking part in a fashion competition

## Tessa's fiery design for a winter night

**A FASHION** design student has reached the final of a prestigious graduate fashion competition.

The work of former Bosworth College student, Tessa Birch, from Desford, has been shortlisted for the final of the Fashion Awareness Direct Graduate Fashion Competition 2005, at London's Delfina Studios, on Tuesday, March 15.

The 22-year-old, who is in her final year at Northumbria University, has produced a series of Russian-inspired designs reflecting the competition's theme of A Tale Of Two

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Cities - from St Petersburg to Moscow.

At stake for the winner is a cash prize of £2,000.

Tessa's entry is an evening dress inspired by the Fire Bird ballet.

It has been designed for attending the theatre on a cold Russian winter's night.

Looking forward to the competition, she said: "It is daunting, considering the designs that I entered entailed a vast amount of work."

"However, it is a fabulous opportunity. Whatever happens, it has been a fantastic experience."