

Fashion student goes Gaga over award win



Katerina's winning Lady Gaga-inspired creation on the catwalk

A STUDENT who used Lady Gaga as her inspiration has won an award after seeing her design on the catwalk at London Fashion Week.

Katerina Drury is celebrating being crowned the winner of the 2009 Fashion Awareness Direct (FAD) Junior Awards.

The 18-year-old used pop star Lady Gaga as her inspiration when she created a metallic leather skirt with a shimmering grey bodysuit.

Her creation won her the award after being shown on the catwalk at London Fashion Week.

Katerina, who attends Prendergast — Hilly Fields College in Brockley, Lewisham, said: "I was really shocked at how my outfit turned out because I

Last week hundreds of models were strutting their stuff at London Fashion Week. Reporter **KELLY SMALE** speaks to a young designer who scooped a youth fashion award at the event.

wasn't 100 per cent sure about it. "I was pleased at how good it looked on the model."

She added: "I'm still in shock that I won. It's not sunk in."

Katerina's prize for winning the award is a two-week placement with editor-in-chief of Volt Magazine Rui Faria.

She said: "It means everything for my career because it will enhance my chances of being able to go to university."

"It's an amazing opportunity," Katerina, of Barborough

Street, New Cross, has always been interested in sewing and fashion photography.

She added: "I took textiles as an A Level because I wanted to get a knowledge of garments and how they work and move."

Katerina says she would like to be a fashion photographer so she plans to do a foundation course in art and design and a degree in photography.

She was originally one of 130 young people from London boroughs and Manchester who participated in FAD fashion workshops earlier this year.

FAD is a charity which uses workshops and competitions to link young people with the fashion industry.

Each young designer taking part in the workshops was



Katerina Drury on the catwalk at London Fashion Week

Judged on their creativity and dedication.

The best 23 spent a week at FAD summer school where they created their designs for the catwalk final.

For more information about FAD, visit fad.org.uk



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'A REALLY COOL EXPERIENCE'

FOUR other finalists from Lewisham borough also saw their creations on the catwalk, including Lewisham College student Joel Boyd.

The 19-year-old's blue and silver jacket caught the attention of River Island and led to an offer of a two-week work placement at the company's London design studios.

Joel, of Halton Road, Catford, said: "It was a really cool experience and I'm still shocked I got to the final."

"I was really pleased to see my jacket on the catwalk."

Joel has been interested in fashion since the age of 13 but did not pursue his passion until last year when he started a fashion design course at college.

He said: "Fashion is another art form. You can be as outlandish or as subtle as you want and that's what I really like about it."

Joel now hopes to go to university to do a BA fashion design course in womenswear. He said: "There's more freedom in womenswear than men's clothes because you can be more flamboyant with women."



Lewisham College student Joel Boyd with a model wearing his blue and silver jacket. His dream is to open a boutique selling his own clothes.

The finalists have since visited the head office of John Lewis in London to look at how the buying section there works.