

The Fashion Awards 2017

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NOMINATIONS FOR THE FASHION AWARDS 2017 IN PARTNERSHIP WITH SWAROVSKI ANNOUNCED

Today, Monday 23rd October 2017, Dame Natalie Massenet, Chairman of the British Fashion Council (BFC), Nadja Swarovski, Member of the Swarovski Executive Board and Caroline Rush, Chief Executive of the British Fashion Council announced the nominations for The Fashion Awards 2017 in partnership with Swarovski at a press screening at Soho House, 76 Dean Street, London.

The Fashion Awards in partnership with Swarovski recognise creativity and innovation in fashion, celebrating exceptional individuals whose imagination and creativity have broken new ground in fashion globally over the past 12 months as well as brands and businesses that have transformed the possibilities of fashion today.

Watch The Fashion Awards 2017 Nominees video created by Robin Derrick and Spring Studios here:
<https://youtu.be/dN5v5Tr5Frc>

The Fashion Awards 2017 voting body represents media, retail, communications and creative disciplines such as photography, art direction, set design and production across 38 countries. 2000 key members of the fashion industry were invited to put forward their preferences for each category and nominations were made in nine categories with the five brands/individuals receiving the most nominations shortlisted in each category.

The Fashion Awards 2017 Nominees are *(designers listed in alphabetical order):*

British Emerging Talent - Menswear

Ben Cottrell and Matthew Dainty for Cottweiler

Charles Jeffrey for Charles Jeffrey LOVERBOY

Henry Holland for House of Holland

Phoebe English for Phoebe English MAN

Samuel Ross for A-COLD-WALL*

British Emerging Talent - Womenswear

Faustine Steinmetz for Faustine Steinmetz

Matty Bovan for Matty Bovan

Michael Halpern for Halpern

Natalia Alaverdian for A.W.A.K.E

Rejina Pyo for Rejina Pyo

Business Leader

Adrian Joffe for Dover Street Market

Guram Gvasalia for Vetements

José Neves for Farfetch

Marco Bizzarri for Gucci

Ruth & Tom Chapman for Matchesfashion.com

Model of the Year

Adwoa Aboah

Bella Hadid

Gigi Hadid

Kaia Gerber

Winnie Harlow

Urban Luxe Brand

FENTY PUMA by Rihanna

Gosha Rubchinskiy

Off-White

Supreme

Vetements

Accessories Designer of the Year

Alessandro Michele for Gucci

Anthony Vaccarello for Saint Laurent

Demna Gvasalia for Balenciaga

Jonathan Anderson for Loewe

Stuart Vevers for Coach

British Designer of the Year - Menswear

Christopher Bailey MBE for Burberry

Craig Green for Craig Green

Grace Wales Bonner for WALES BONNER

Jonathan Anderson for JW Anderson

Martine Rose for Martine Rose

British Designer of the Year - Womenswear

Christopher Kane for Christopher Kane

Erdem Moralioglu for Erdem

Jonathan Anderson for JW Anderson

Roksanda Ilincic for Roksanda

Sarah Burton OBE for Alexander McQueen

Designer of the Year

Alessandro Michele for Gucci

Jonathan Anderson for Loewe

Maria Grazia Chiuri for Dior

Phoebe Philo for Céline

Raf Simons for Calvin Klein

Additional awards will be celebrated on the night, recognising incredible career milestones for individuals. The recipients of these special awards will be announced in November.

The Fashion Awards 2017 winners will be announced at a gala ceremony held at the iconic **Royal Albert Hall**, London, attended by 4000 industry members and invitees on **Monday 4th December 2017**. The event raises money to nurture future generations of fashion talent. **The BFC Education Foundation** is the charitable partner to The Fashion Awards 2017 in partnership with Swarovski and offers scholarships to talented young people to study at the best universities as well as opportunities to fund apprenticeships to develop much needed industry skills.

Dame Natalie Massenet, Chairman of the BFC, said: *“I would like to congratulate all the nominees of The Fashion Awards 2017 in partnership with Swarovski. These designers and brands were chosen from hundreds of international names and they represent the most creative talent and innovative businesses of the year. I am thrilled to be welcoming them to London on 4th December at the Royal Albert Hall to celebrate their incredible achievements, alongside industry friends from the world over.”*

Nadja Swarovski, Member of the Swarovski Executive Board, added: *“We are delighted to announce the nominees for the 2017 Fashion Awards. These fantastic talents represent the very best of the global industry. We are excited to welcome the fashion world to London for the Awards in December, which will once again raise funds for the next generation of talent via the BFC’s Education Foundation. Young designers are the heartbeat of our business, and it is up to all of us to foster and champion their vision.”*

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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 Fashion Film; BFC Rock Vault; BFC Headonism; BFC/GQ Designer Menswear Fund; BFC/Vogue Designer Fashion Fund and NEWGEN. The BFC supports Boden’s Future British initiative. 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, London Fashion Week Festival and the annual celebration of excellence in the fashion industry: The Fashion Awards.

Swarovski delivers a diverse portfolio of unmatched quality, craftsmanship, and creativity. Founded in 1895 in Austria, the company designs, manufactures and markets high-quality crystals, genuine gemstones and created stones as well as finished products such as jewelry, accessories and lighting. The Swarovski Crystal Business is run by the fifth generation of family members and has a global reach with approximately 2,800 stores in around 170 countries, more than 27,000 employees, and revenue of about 2.6 billion euros in 2016. Together with its sister companies Swarovski Optik (optical devices) and Tyrolit (abrasives), Swarovski Crystal Business forms the Swarovski Group. In 2016, the Group generated revenue of about 3.37 billion euros and employed more than 32,000 people. A responsible relationship with people and the planet is an integral part of Swarovski's heritage. The global Swarovski Waterschool education program has reached 461,000 children on the world's greatest rivers, and the Swarovski Foundation, set up in 2013, works to support culture and creativity, promote wellbeing, and conserve natural resources to achieve positive social impact.

BFC Education Foundation: The BFC Education Foundation is dependent upon the generosity of the companies and individuals funding scholarships; Charlotte Olympia, Coach, Marks & Spencer, Mulberry, Dame Natalie Massenet and Eiesha Bharti Pasricha. The project has also been partly supported by HM Government with Employer Ownership funding through Creative Skillset and The Fashion Awards. The BFC Education Foundation is a registered charity in England and Wales with number 1064820. The BFC may transfer information to the BFC Education Foundation to contact donors directly. Past MA scholarship winners include Graeme Raeburn, Designer, **Rapha** (2001); John Mooney, Brand Creative Director, **ASOS** (2001); Erdem Moraloğlu, Designer and Founder, **Erdem** (2002); Aitor Throup, Executive Creative Director, **G-Star Raw** (2004); Daphne Karras, Head of Womenswear, **Kenzo** (2004); Andres Azubel, Senior Menswear Designer, **Givenchy** (2005); Nabil El-Nayal, Designer & founder, **Nabil Nayal** (2008); Nicola Morgan, Senior Designer, **Thierry Mugler** (2009); Alice Bastin, Head of Leather& Fur RTW, **Alexander McQueen** (2011); Emma Hardstaff, Womenswear Designer, **Burberry** (2012); Matty Bovan, Designer and Founder, **Matty Bovan** (2013) and Pip Paz-Howlett, Print Designer, **J.W.Anderson** (2015).