



# LIMPOPO

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DEPARTMENT OF  
SPORT, ARTS & CULTURE

## MARULA FASHION EXTRAVAGANZA



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Polokwane: The Department of Sport, Arts and Culture together with the Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism staged a fashion show in order to give Limpopo emerging and established fashion designers a once in a lifetime opportunity to showcase and build their brands. The glitz and glam extravaganza which took place at Meropa Casino in Polokwane was of International standard as Limpopo Aspiring Models owned the runway as they flaunted the works of our very own artists in the fashion industry.

International renowned fashion designer David Tlale beamed with pride as the work put together within a very short space of time, the two day workshop and casting of probable models finally paid off and witnessed by many. "Limpopo has amazing designers and models, everything happening here today is exclusively from here, this young people just need to be put out there and one day you will see them on National and international stage" said Tlale.

The MEC for Sport, Arts and Culture Ms. Onicca Moloi also applauded the good work put together by the responsible team and appreciated the amazing talent from our very own backyard. "As the two Departments, we are working collaterally to ensure that the Arts and Creative sector is taken to greater heights, it is noticeable

that our youth have a vision and it is our obligation as Provincial Government to encourage them, give them support and platforms to establish their brands, run their business professionally and access the markets" said MEC Moloi.

She further urged the designers to take their craft serious and continue to work hard. "We invited David Tlale to inject positive energy to you, take that energy and run with it, go be professionals in your craft" concluded ME Moloi.

During the proceedings 3 designers walked away with Trophies and certificates in the following categories: Best young talent: Keletso Moraba, Best Emerging Fashion Designer Mampedi Manong, and Best Established Fashion Designer Siphon Tleane, two designers Keletso Moraba and Frank Ramatseke were also granted a one year and six months internship at House of David Tlale and will get an opportunity to showcase their work at Cape Town Fashion Week.

This initiative by the two sister departments is aimed at empowering young people, for the story of Limpopo to be told through fashion and most importantly to create a conducive environment for fashion designers and models in the province for their exploits to thrive in pursuit for Economic growth and job creation.

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