2027 TRASHION REFASHION SHOW DESIGNER INSTRUCTIONS

The 2027 Trashion Refashion Runway Show is now open to all applicants!

HOW TO SUBMIT A DESIGN

Designers may submit up to 3 designs for consideration. All designs must be submitted through the EasyChair website. For your design to be considered, supply all requested information **by Monday, February 15, 2027.**

Your submission **requires** 4 images:

1. Raw materials used before transformation (If you cannot provide an image of the specific raw materials in a design, it is acceptable to submit an image of similar materials.)
2. Front of the completed design
3. Back of the completed design
4. Unique details of the design

In addition to the 4 required images, an additional 5th image is welcome. This 5th image can be a sketch if that will help judges understand your design.

Accepted file formats include:

- Microsoft Word (doc, docx)
- OpenOffice (odt)
- Picture formats (jpeg, jpg, png)
- Picture format HEIC (Apple “live”) - must turn off the “live” option for this format
- Adobe PDF (pdf)

Images will be projected on-screen during the runway show and may be used in promoting future shows. *If you are not willing to allow a photo of yourself or your design, we cannot accept your submission.*

If you can photograph your design on a model or dress form, it will help us better judge your design! Please do NOT include the designer’s or model's faces in images provided as we want the designs to be anonymous when judged.

Below are additional resources that you may find helpful:

- Design Submission FAQs
- Designer Submission Checklist

You will receive an email from EasyChair when you successfully submit your design. All applicants will receive notification of acceptance or rejection by the week of March 8th 2027.

HOW DESIGNS WILL BE JUDGED

Designs will be judged on

1. Originality
2. The amount of “unwanted” or previously owned materials (at least 90%)
3. Completeness (a complete ensemble), and
4. Degree of transformation (modification of materials used in the design from their original purpose into wearable clothing).

Designs need to consist of at least 90% previously owned materials diverted from the wastestream. This 90% does NOT need to include shoes and undergarments but it is highly desirable to avoid using newly purchased items wherever possible. Work must have been executed within the last 3 years and not shown in a previous Trashion/Refashion runway show.

- **Trashion** Designs - Imagine couture born from the unexpected: past designs have used packing materials, old videotapes, venetian blinds, bottle caps, and even disassembled furniture to create unforgettable, high-fashion statements.
- **Refashion** Designs - Rework traditional fabrics and garments into contemporary, wearable pieces. Give graduation gowns, bridesmaid dresses, or discarded neckties and scarves a second act on the runway.
- **Transformation is essential to all Trashion and Refashion designs.**
- Designs may include both Trashion and Refashion elements.
- Group submissions are encouraged!

The Trashion Refashion Show is a family event. Accordingly, designs and undergarments should provide adequate coverage of a model's body. Remnants of clothing fabric can be used to make portions of a design that hold design elements in place and/or help cover the model's body but should NOT be a major visual element of the design.

Designs should accommodate the clearance limitations of the Buskirk-Chumley Theater. The pathway for models includes 7 doorways and 2 sets of stairs. Doorways measure 79" high by 33" wide. Please note the doors at the rear of the theater are equipped with crash bars that reduce the doorway width to 30" at waist height. There is another tight spot at the top of the stairs leading off the stage that is also 33" wide.

MODELS

Anyone interested in modeling a design that does not already have a designated model may notify us using the form below.

- Model Submission Form

KEY DATES

- Sunday, November 1, 2026: First day to submit designs
- Monday, February 15, 2027: Last day to submit designs
- Week of March 8, 2027: Designers will be notified of the judging results
- Week of March 22, 2027: Online Zoom Orientation for all first-time models and designers
- Sunday afternoon, April 4, 2027: Mandatory in-person rehearsal at Harmony School for ALL designers and models
- Sunday afternoon, April 18, 2027: DAY OF SHOW! Mandatory dress rehearsal at the Buskirk Chumley Theater
- Sunday evening 7:00pm April 18 2027: The 2027 Trashion Refashion Runway Show at the Buskirk Chumley Theater !!!

If you have ANY questions, please email contact@bloomingtontrashion.org.

Thank you for your participation in Trashion 2027 and best of luck!

The Bloomington 2027 Trashion/Refashion Planning Committee