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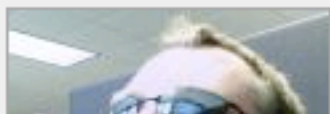
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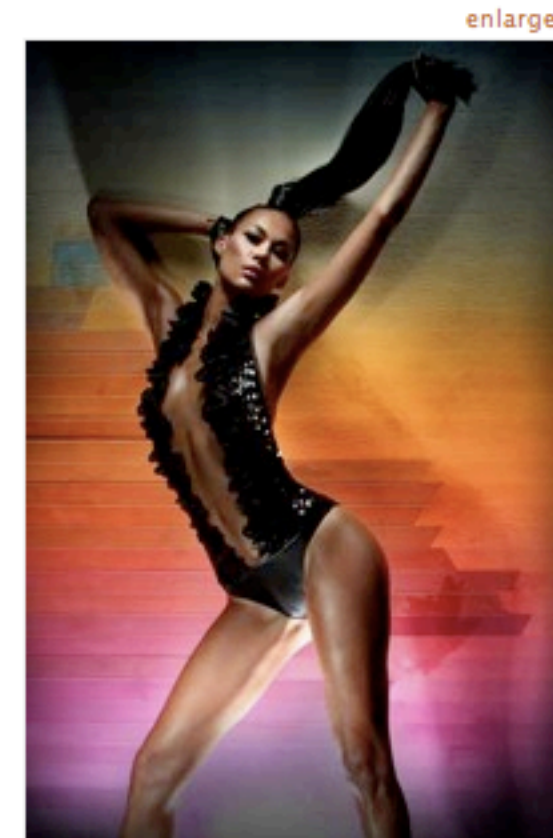
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# Fashion: Fashion Week Tampa Bay - Thursday, September 25

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Local and regional fashion and accessories designers take the runway spotlight during **Fashion Week Tampa Bay**, a multi-day showcase that exposes the up-and-comers to retail buyers, boutique owners and consumers. Among the featured participants are 2008 Creative Loafing **Best of the Bay** fashion design winner and St. Pete style maker **Ivanka Ska**; **Essence Flowers**, a Tampa-based IADT graduate known for her classy couture and swimsuit leanings; **Maison Rouge** lingerie shop owner and designer Rhonda Shear; and **Bebe Ziegler**, whose intricate hand-printed t-shirts landed her a gig as TLC's tattoo-inspired apparel creator for its *Miami Ink* and *LA Ink* tattoo shop reality shows. *Runway shows featuring Francisco Azucar, Robert Buck, Trineice Cagua, Bebe Ziegler, Darrius Mitchell and Aruk Orhrrvani as well as an International Academy of Design students, Thurs., Sept. 25, 7 p.m., The Ritz Ybor, 1503 E. Seventh Ave., Tampa, \$40 general in advance/\$55 day of; runway shows featuring Essence Flowers, Audrey "Pat" McGhee, Rhonda Shear, Ivanka Ska, Shante Styles and Sam Varela, Fri., Sept. 26, 7 p.m., The Coliseum, 535 Fourth Ave. N., St. Petersburg, \$40 general in advance/\$55 day of; and a Fashion Brunch and Silent Auction, Sat., Sept. 27, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., The Table Mesa Lounge, 539 Central Ave., St. Petersburg, \$15 in advance/\$20 day of, with proceeds to benefit Best Buddies Tampa and the YWCA.*



America's Next Top Model cycle six runner-up Jade Cole in a swimsuit by Essence Flowers, a featured designer at Fashion Week Tampa Bay

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