



Model and acid attack victim Reshma Querishi models the Archana Kochhar collection during Fashion Week in New York, Thursday. — AP/AFP photos



Model and acid attack victim Reshma Querishi, left, and actress Sunny Leone pose for photos backstage after modeling in the Archana Kochhar collection.

Acid attack

survivor walks runway, Cunningham honored, Selman takes the runway from sunrise to sunset



Model and acid attack victim Reshma Querishi has her makeup and hair done before walking the runway.

New York Fashion Week kicked off in earnest on Thursday, with highlights including a colorful journey from sunrise to sunset by Adam Selman, and an emotional appearance by an acid attack survivor from India, walking the runway to send a message of courage to other survivors of such attacks in her country.

There were lots of shiny beads, little white

sneakers, and attractive bare backs crossed only by the skimpiest of straps on Adam Selman's whimsical runway Thursday, a colorful journey from sunrise to sunset. For sunrise, there was the lightest of pastel pinks, whether in a casual pinstriped overall dress or a fancier beaded party dress.

For sunset, things got appropriately darker, with smoky blues and dusty denim. And of

course, there's always some black - just because. "I love black," Selman says.

The latest collection gave Selman, who famously designed Rihanna's totally see-through beaded gown, a chance to ramp up the beading on his garments.

"There's beading that you don't even see there - sort of secret beading," he said. But you could certainly see the shiny, glassy look

on some of Selman's more dressed-up beaded numbers. He was inspired, he said, by the late artist Aaronel DeRoy Gruber, a painter and sculptor who liked to work with Plexiglas and Lucite. Many of Selman's models wore white sneakers, even with a splashy evening number. That mix is something Selman himself lives by. "I just like it - it's the way I dress," he said.



Fashion show photographers pay tribute to Bill Cunningham by wearing his signature blue jacket look to kick off New York Fashion Week: The Shows inside The Dock, Skylight at Moynihan Station in New York City.



Model and acid attack victim Reshma Querishi, center, rehearses before walking the runway for the Archana Kochhar collection.