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Models present creations by Valentin Yudashkin during the 2018/2019 fall/winter collection fashion show. — AFP photos



Models present creations for John Galiano during the 2018/2019 fall/winter collection fashion show.

Tess Holliday gets ignored by designers

Tess Holliday claims many designers won't loan her clothes. The 32-year-old plus-sized model admitted some fashion houses don't even "respond" to requests from her stylist to dress her for high-profile events. She said: "I've been working with my stylist Megan for a couple of years now. She's reached out to designers that I didn't think would dress me. "I went to Kate Spade's presentation, and Kate Spade dressed me for my book tour. But there are a lot of people that [won't] even respond. Kate Spade was one of the big brands that did." But Tess was full of praise for Christian Siriano, as she "really appreciates" his "use of diversity".

She told InStyle: "I didn't see anything I wouldn't wear personally. "Christian's use of diversity is always really appreciated. I was backstage before the show and not only did he have plus size models, but he had a few different races, he had trans models, even his sister walked in the show! It was just so beautiful. "If I were to call him tomorrow and say 'I have this event and I need something for it', he would make it." And Tess has called for more "representation" of bigger women on the runway.



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She said: "I'm grateful that some of these designers are at least showing 12 and 14, but I think that it's frustrating because I want it to be available for more plus-size women globally. I want to see more representation, I want to see them doing it in a really thought-provoking way and actually understanding how to dress our bodies. "And yes, it is complicated, but we're a huge percent of the market and we have so much buying power, and we're just constantly being ignored."

Rihanna to launch lingerie line

Rihanna is set to launch a lingerie line. The 30-year-old singer has reportedly signed a deal with the online fashion subscription retailer, TechStyle - formerly known as JustFab - which will see her branching out from her successful Fenty Beauty line to launch a range of underwear for the company. Although her publicist declined to comment on the deal, a source told WWD the collaboration with the 'We Found Love' hitmaker - who previously designed underwear for Emporio Armani - has been in the works for over a year, with samples already being produced.

Lloyd Grief - the president and chief executive officer of Los Angeles investment bank Grief & Co - speculated that TechStyle want to add another celebrity to their line of collaborations after already working with Kate Hudson as the co-founder of their successful brand Fabletics, and Kim Kardashian West as the co-founder of ShoeDazzle, which was established in 2009. He said: "They're of a size now that adding another brand, adding another category, would make sense to round out the product offering. What they want to do is show growth. The key to going public is having a growth track record or having growth in their windshield, not in the rearview mirror of the company so I'm sure the Rihanna brand play would be to convince the market that the company has strong growth ahead because IPOs are all about growth ahead."

Rihanna is already dominating the fashion and beauty industry by designing a range of footwear for athleisure brand Puma, as well as launching her own beauty line Fenty Beauty which became an instant success after their products catered to all skin tones. Speaking about her beauty range last year, the

'Work' hitmaker said she had "so much creative freedom" during the design process, and wanted to make sure she focused on a woman's skin in order to highlight their beauty. She said: "I had so much freedom in creating whatever products I wanted to make, and whatever colors or shades, down to the fonts of the packaging." "Skin is the true key to a woman's beauty. "I think if you can make make-up look like skin, that's the best." — Bang Showbiz



Rihanna

Karl Lagerfeld nicknames his girl gang the 'Choupettes'

Karl Lagerfeld calls his fashion industry girl gang the "Choupettes". The 84-year-old designer is one of the biggest influencers in the industry and, speaking backstage at Chanel's autumn/winter 2018 show during Paris Fashion Week, he's revealed that he's particularly enjoying spending time with 20-year-old star Luna Bijl, who recently accompanied him to a show. He shared: "My favorite girl of the moment is a Dutch girl called Luna." The model has recently become a regular on the catwalk for Chanel, for whom she's starred alongside Grace Elizabeth in a spring/summer 2018 campaign. Lagerfeld also revealed that the nickname of his favorite models was inspired by his beloved feline companion.

He told Vogue magazine: "There are people I call my Choupettes. She, and the daughter of Vanessa Paradis, Lily-Rose Depp, they are my Choupettes." Lagerfeld has also recently collaborated with up-and-coming star Kaia Gerber, who is the 16-year-old daughter of catwalk icon Cindy Crawford. Kaia didn't take part in one of his catwalk shows until 2017 as her protective mother wouldn't agree to it, but Lagerfeld has been thrilled by the steep rise of the teenage model.

He previously said: "I had been asking her mom for a few seasons to let Kaia walk in my show after we featured her in our spring 2016 campaign. "I was thrilled when she finally agreed, and she opened our Spring 2018 show. Kaia has that indescribable kind of look, and she was born to play the part."



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