



THE WASTESHED

presents

# DISCARDISCO

A Trash Fashion Show Fundraiser

## PatchWERK



# SHOW PROGRAM

**6:00pm** | Doors Open!

**6:00 — 6:50pm** | Cocktail Reception + Mix and Mingle  
*Make something at a craft station, participate in the silent auction/raffle, meet others through mingle bingo, enjoy the bar!*

**7:00pm** | 2024 DiscarDisco Runway show: PatchWERK

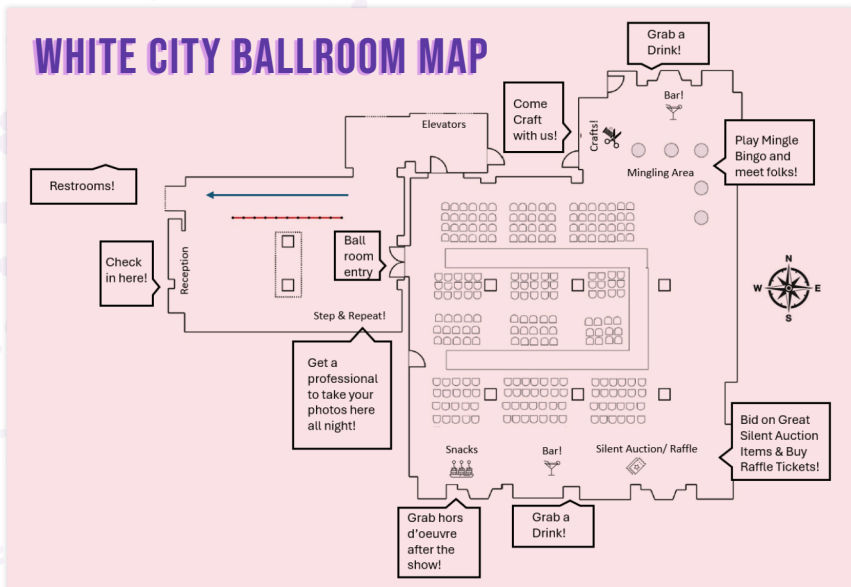
**7:45pm** | Judge's Deliberation  
*VIPs can listen in!*

**7:45 — 8:30pm** | Mix and Mingle  
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**8:30pm** | Words from The WasteShed & Award Ceremony

**9:00pm** | Silent Auction Closes & Raffle Drawing

**9:15 — 10:30pm** | Dance Party Celebration!



# WHAT IS DISCARDISCO?

DiscarDisco is a sustainable sartorial soiree, a detritus dance party, and a conscientious community event featuring a live runway show, dancing, crafting, silent auction and raffle. This fabulous fashion show competition is The WasteShed's major annual fundraiser. DiscarDisco showcases the wearable post-consumer creations by artists and designers from Chicagoland area. Contestant designers design and create their runway looks made from Designer Mystery Boxes - a box of randomized fabric, notions and bits sourced from The WasteShed's stores. Designers share their process with each other, consult our expert partners at AIBI (Apparel Industry Board, Inc, a nonprofit that provides resources and support to Chicago-based apparel designers), and document their final product.

## EMCEE AND VIDEO HOST



**Emcee: Jasmine Henri Jordan** (she/her)

Jasmine Henri Jordan (she/her) is an artist and educator based in Chicago. She is an ensemble member of the Neo-Futurists, a founding member of Hot Kitchen Collective, and a volunteer with Pushing Envelopes Chicago. Jasmine is a Florida State University alumnus.



**Video Host: Joanna Jamerson** (she/her)

Joanna Jamerson (she/her) was born and raised on the south side of Chicago. She studied film, photography, and art in college. She studied comedy, writing, and improv after college. Joanna hopes to use everything she's learned to become the "comedy art person" she's always wanted to be.

# MEET THE 2024 DESIGNERS

**Kristin Abhalter +****Eliza Fernand**

kristinabhalter.com,

elizafernand.com

Model: MMM

*Dissident Daffodil*

**Simone Brandford-****Altsher**

@very\_greasy

*Untitled*

**Jordan Chavez**

@inbetweenbranches

Model: Jay Sin

*Beauty Bizarre*

**Ellouise Davis**

@ellouisevictoria

*"Piece" of the 70's*

**Elizabeth Dudley**

*Graduating Bloom*

**Amy Jahnke**

@aj\_makes\_stuff

*Warrior CEO*

**J Kent**

TRASH GIRLZ:

CHANEL IN THE

STREETS/

WESTWOOD IN THE

SHEETS

**Ben Kress**

@benargenta

*Major Kelly*

**Shereene Manimala**

@shereene.manimala

*Indian Easter Rock +*

*Roll*

**Kandace McVickar**

@kandymcv

Model: DeeVower

*Toucan Tango*

**Mary Miller**

@mary.l.miller.5622022

Model: Trey Johnson

*Space Bunny in Search*

*of Intelligent Trash*

**Amanda Nadig +****Darcie Tashey**

@amandanadigart

Model: Darcie Tashey

*Gold & Pearls: A Hand-*

*Quilted Reverie*

**Mary O'Brien**

@maryomakes

*Untitled*

**Shari Pundrich**

@re.madeinchicago

*Untitled*

**Hillary Rings**

@hillary.rings

Model: Zai Jazai

*Untitled*

**Theo Shuler**

@girl.theo

Model: Noah Krimstein

*marky <3*

**Jocelyn Song**

@jocelyn.h.song

Model: Rosalie

*Patchwerk for the*

*Planet*

**Jessica Van Winkle**

@jessvwdesigns

Model: Delta Badhand

*Photo Finish*

**Jessica Woodburn**

@holzbrennenstudio

Model: Maya Coulter

*90's Trans Joy*

**Andrea Zelen**

@drea\_zel

Model: Darz

*Untitled*

For full designer biographies and photos, snap this QR code:



# MEET THE 2024 JUDGES

## **J. Frausto** (they/them)

J. Frausto is a queer Mexican/Puerto Rican Chicago native who found their style through their gender expression that led them to being an androgynous thrift stylist.

## **Lauren Lein** (she/her)

Lauren Lein is notable as a 25 year Chicago Fashion veteran. Lauren is the four-term president of the Apparel Industry Board, Inc. and a proud member of The Service Club of Chicago.

## **Iyomi Ho Ken** (she/her)

Iyomi Ho Ken is a fashion designer and recent SAIC graduate, she is currently a personal practice designer for the brands "House of Aama" & "Kercher Studio." This is Iyomi's second year serving as a DiscarDisco judge, she was unfortunately not able to be here today but is voting in absentia.

## **Sky Cubacub** (they/them)

Sky Cubacub is a non-binary disabled Filipinx neuroqueer from Chicago, IL. They are the creator of Rebirth Garments, a line of wearables for trans, queer and disabled people of all sizes and ages. Sky is the editor of the Radical Visibility Zine, and a founding member of Radical Visibility Collective, which creates fashion performances with audio descriptive songs.

## **Blair Goldman** (she/her)

Blair Goldman is a lifelong trashionista and fashion designer. She is a former DiscarDisco champion and has served on the DiscarDisco planning committee, this is her first year on our judges' panel. Blair has dressed the likes of celebrities Lizzo, Dodie, and Dorian Electra. Currently, Blair teaches sewing and fashion classes at Hovet Fashion Studio and Elena Victoria Fine Arts.

## **Melissa Carter** (she/her)

Melissa Carter is the CEO and Creative Director of Kameo Vintage, which has a showroom, boutique, and archive in Winnetka, IL. Kameo Vintage is a black-owned, preloved styling brand specializing in Casual Couture looks, curating and reimagining clothing + accessories sourced from around the world, and prioritizing quality, craftsmanship, and attention to detail.

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# SPECIAL THANK YOU'S

## 2024 DISCARDISCO SUPPORTERS + CONTRIBUTORS

Fleur

Honey Butter  
Fried Chicken

Wolfbait

Sprout

Andros Taverna

Lillstreet Art Center

Koval

Blick

Letherbee

Donald W Collier  
Foundation

Solemn Oath

Hopewell

Miles Bennett Hogerty,  
*Paper Worm Studio*

Pipeworks Brewing

Jill Perez,  
CAA

Halfacre Brewing

Syd Haliburton,  
CAA

All Together Now

Verve Wine / Argot

Sarah Joyce,  
*Glitter Guts*

Bee's Wrap

Brittany Sowacki,  
*Glitter Guts*

Bang Bang Pie

Pretty Cool Ice Cream

DJ Ruby,  
*Birds and B-sides DJs*

Joffery Ballet

Mimi Ozormoor

Garfield Park Conservatory

## 2024 DISCARD DISCO PLANNING COMMITTEE

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## SPECIAL THANKS TO THE APPAREL INDUSTRY BOARD, INC.



AIBI is a non-profit organization specifically dedicated to the needs of the sewn products industry. AIBI is comprised of the major players in Greater Chicago, whose careers and business expertise span all facets of the industry, to nurture and support designers based in Greater Chicago. AIBI is constantly developing new programs to better serve and promote the industry as a whole.

# ABOUT THE WASTESHED

The WasteShed provides Chicago with an affordable resource for repurposed arts, crafts and school materials. While sustainability is the ultimate goal, creative reuse emphasizes fun, hands-on activities as points of entry into larger discussions about the things we own and the way we live. Since opening in 2014, The WasteShed has diverted over 168 tons of donated materials away from the landfill and back into the community, with an estimated value of \$3.4 million. Teachers from over 400 schools in the Chicagoland area rely on the store for materials, receiving over \$12,000 of free supplies in 2023. The nonprofit expanded to a second location in Evanston, IL in 2021 to meet demand.

At The Wasteshed, we believe in the power of creativity to transform waste into valuable resources. From fabric scraps and paintbrushes to school supplies, we offer a diverse range of items that inspire our community to think differently about consumption and waste. Our impact extends beyond just providing materials; through workshops, classes, and community events, we empower individuals to develop new skills and foster a culture of sustainability and exploration.

## DONATE TO SUPPORT THE WASTESHED, AND VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE LOOK!

Support The WasteShed's nonprofit mission and help us reach our \$15,000 fundraising goal! All donations to DiscarDisco 2024 will be matched up to \$15,000 by an anonymous donor.

Just comment the name of your favorite designer in the comment field of your donation to vote for them for People's Choice! The People's Choice Award will be announced via social media the week after DiscarDisco.

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