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**ABRYANZ STYLE AND FASHION AWARDS ANNOUNCE 2018 NOMINEES IN 14 CATEGORIES INCLUDING, DESIGNER OF THE YEAR, STYLIST OF YEAR, FASHION WRITER OF THE YEAR AMONGST OTHERS.**

**ABRYANZ STYLE AND FASHION AWARDS HOST THE FIRST ANNUAL FASHIONPRENUER SUMMIT WITH A POWERFUL LIST OF PANELIST TO EMPOWER AND INSPIRE CREATIVES TO TURN THEIR PASSIONS INTO BUSINESS.**

**ASFAS BRING TOGETHER TOP DESIGNERS AND STYLISTS FOR A FASHION EXHIBITON WHERE THEY DISPLAYED THEIR WORKS OF ART, BRINGIING THE DIFFERENT CREATIVES TO NETWORK AND WORK TOGETHER.**

After five successful events since its inception in 2013, Abryanz Style and Fashion Awards (ASFAs) returns for its sixth edition to be held on 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2018 at Kampala Serena Hotel.

Over the past few weeks, the team has carefully selected the nominees for this year's event in lieu with the thousands of entries received since the nomination process kicked off last month. This coveted list was unveiled last Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> October, 2018 at a swanky cocktail event.

The day kicked off with the first ASFA's Fashionpreneur Summit, under the topic: "*Fashion & Africa Rising: The Role of Fashion in the Socio- Economic Growth of the continent.*" The summit featured a stellar line-up of panellists which included; NTV's **Flavia Tumusiime** who shared an engaging talk on *Digital Marketing transformation*, top city lawyer, **Bernard Mukasa**, talked about the importance of corporate governance, Imagine Design's **Abdul Abeine** discussed the role of *Technical Vocational training in the creative and fashion industry*, **Santa Anzo** gave a keynote speech on the state of *the global fashion industry and the opportunities therein*, and **Monalisa Umutoni** of Mona faces who shared her inspiring story of trial to triumph.

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Renowned South African couturier, **David Tlale** closed the evening with a presentation on the *basics of Fashion design* where he emphasized the need for Africans to own their craft and support their local creatives. The panellists also dived deep into how fashionpreneurs, policy makers and other stakeholders can work together to enable Africa's fashion scene to thrive thus creating more jobs and economic growth.

The summit also featured a fashion exhibition where some of Uganda's top creatives displayed their works of art. These were joined by David Tlale, who displayed a fabulous gown with a frill filled bodice and lace sleeves. The team promise to put on an even bigger exhibition during the event in December. After the summit, attendees were led to the cocktail event held to reveal this year's list of nominees. The swanky invite-only party hosted the who's who of Uganda's fashion and entertainment industry. This year's list of nominees is a reflection of the entrepreneurial potential of the fashion industry.

"Every nominee on this list is not just creating, but also tapping deeply into the business potential of what they do," shared Brian Ahumuza.

The mission of the awards is to promote fashion and the arts, encourage ethnic diversity, and reflect a positive image of Africa. It continues to push for African excellence in a bid to promote the extremely eccentric and colourful fashion scene in Africa which the media so often neglects. This has over the years been the DNA onto which the event is built.

Abryanz Style and Fashion Awards will continue its blooming relationship with last year's main sponsor *Ciroc Ultra-Premium Vodka* and media partners *NTV Uganda* and *Capital FM* for this year's edition. Other sponsors include; *Serena Hotel Kampala*, *South African Airways*, *Uber*, *Schweppes*, *Incredible Media*, *Kaisha Dog trainers* and *Imagine designs*.

"We would like to also thank everyone who participated in the nomination process and has supported and worked with the ASFAs thus far. We therefore promise another mind-blowing experience at Africa's premier fashion event in December," Ahumuza concluded.

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**ASFA 2018 OFFICIAL NOMINEE LIST**

**FASHION DESIGNER OF THE YEAR**

**UGANDA**

- Eguana
- Fatuma Asha
- Joe Malaika
- Anita Beryl
- Stella Atal
- Sham Tyra

**AFRICA**

- Chusuwanapha (South Africa)
- Maxhosa By Laduma (South Africa)
- Soraya Da Piedade (Angola)
- House Of Tayo (Rwanda)
- Taibo Bakhar (Mozambique)

**MODEL OF THE YEAR**

**UGANDA**

- Anyon Ansola
- Paul Mwesigwa
- Aliet Sarah
- Aketch Joy Winnie
- Ayak Veronica

**AFRICA**

- Adonis Bosso (Ivory Coast)
- Dylan Wentzel (South Africa)
- Happy Jacqueline (Rwanda)
- Graobe Noelle (Cameroon)
- Dave Kabamba (Congo)

**MAKEUP ARTIST OF THE YEAR**

**UGANDA**

- Beats By Deryk
- Danyel on the Brushes
- Nahya Glam
- Imani Makeup
- Saida Beauty



**AFRICA**

- Bimpe Onakoya (Nigeria)
- Muthoni Njoba (Kenya)
- Lucoh Mhlongo (South Africa)
- Steve Koby (Kenya)

**FASHION STYLIST OF THE YEAR**

**UGANDA**

- Mavo Kampala
- Tazibone Solomon
- Glitz by Nalu
- Kaijuka Abbas
- Sam Kikumba

**AFRICA**

- Brian Babu (Kenya)
- Chuck Mbevo (Angola)
- Kelvin Vicent (Nigeria)
- Moashy Styling (Nigeria)
- Chloe Andrea (South Africa)

**FASHION PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR**

**UGANDA**

- Papa Shot it
- Oscar Ntege
- Bwire Mark
- Fred Bugembe
- Daville

**AFRICA**

- Trevor Stuurman (South Africa)
- Emmanuel Oyeleke (Nigeria)
- Shawn Keiffer (Tanzania)
- Stevenchy Photography (Kenya)
- Justin Dingwall (South Africa)

**HAIR STYLIST OF THE YEAR**

**UGANDA**

- Mart Barber
- Gray Cee Hairz
- Hair By Zziwa
- Maureen Nambusi
- Jeff Jingo

**AFRICA**

- Saadique Ryklief (South Africa)
- Rehema Samo (Tanzania)
- Saul Juma (Kenya)
- Ncumisa Mimiduma (South Africa)

**MOST STYLISH MALE ARTISTE**

**UGANDA**

- Fik Fameika
- Apass
- Exodus
- Eddy Kenzo
- Beenie Gunter

**AFRICA**

- Octopizzo (Kenya)
- Riky Rick (South Africa)
- Fally Ipupa (DRC)
- Runtown (Nigeria)
- Sauti Sol (Kenya)

**MOST STYLISH FEMALE ARTISTE**

**UGANDA**

- Vinka
- Spice Diana
- Nina Roz
- Lydia Jazmine
- Ang3lina

**AFRICA**

- Vanessa Mdee (Tanzania)
- Tiwa Savage (Nigeria)
- Seyi Shay (Nigeria)
- Efyia (Ghana)
- Oteya (Namibia)

**MALE FASHIONISTA OF THE YEAR**

**UGANDA**

- Brandon Brandon
- Sir Owen Dapper
- Zipper Atafo
- Abduz Spot
- Lord Sanie

**AFRICA**

- Noble Igwe (Nigeria)
- Amar Jonathan (Kenya)
- Galal Muhammad (Sudan)
- Stive Lee (Tanzania)
- Akin Faminu (Nigeria)

**FEMALE FASHIONISTA OF THE YEAR**

**UGANDA**

- Aaron Hilson
- Meg Lusembo
- Kasirye Hauer
- Udy The Gemini

**AFRICA**

- Tshego Manche
- Kefilwe Mabote
- Lauren Campbell
- Sarah Langa



**FASHION WRITER OF THE YEAR**

**UGANDA**

- Gloria Haguma
- Esther Oluka
- Nasif Nyiiro Nkoobe
- Edward Nimusiima
- Siima Sabiiti

**AFRICA**

- Richard Akuson (Anasty Boy)
- Leanne Tracy (Refashion Africa)
- Gloria Nella (Fashion Bomb Africa)
- Patience Ezeogo (Style Vitae)
- Eki Ogunbor (Nigeria)

**FASHIONABLE MUSIC VIDEO OF THE YEAR**

**UGANDA**

- Finally - Geosteady
- Very Well - King Saha , Slick Stuart and Roja
- Chips Na Ketchup - Vinka
- Mummy Yo – Sheebah Karungi
- Mujje - GNL Zamba

**AFRICA**

- So Mi So – Wande Coal
- Sweetboy - Falz
- Duro Dada - Bimbi Phillips
- Short and Sweet -Sauti Sol
- Gbona - Burna Boy

**MOST STYLISH FEMALE CELEBRITY OF THE YEAR**

**UGANDA**

- Sheila Gashumba
- Rachel K
- Judith Heard
- Judithiana
- Sue Ochola Deroy

**AFRICA**

- Dillish Mathews (Namibia)
- Amina Abdi (Kenya)
- Nomzamo Mbatha (South Africa)
- Nana Akua Addo (Ghana)
- Zynnell Lydia (Ghana)

**MOST STYLISH MALE CELEBRITY OF THE YEAR**

**AFRICA**

- Denola Grey
- DJ Spinall
- Ebuka
- Tobi Bakre

**ABOUT ASFAs**

The Abryanz Style and Fashion Awards is an African fashion award ceremony that acknowledges and celebrates African fashion industry stakeholders including fashion designers, models, stylists, hair and makeup artists, media personalities, and influencers on the African Continent and beyond. This event is held annually in Uganda since its inaugural ceremony in 2013.

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