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FASHION DESIGNER APPLICATION

Mail application(s) and photos to: Please Don't Die Black Men, 2700 Caples Avenue #3278, Vancouver, WA 98661. Your application **will be rejected** if submitted without a business headshot photo and a fashion designer business card. A **business headshot** is showing an individual(s) from the chest up in front of a plain background or in front of a plain background that also showcases their logo. Please attach **photo(s)** to this application. A business headshot and a shot of your business are preferred; however, professional photos are not required, but your photos should be recent (less than 1 year old).

ALL FASHION DESIGNERS MUST:

- SUBMIT A REGISTRATION FORM BEFORE THE REGISTRATION DEADLINE (NOVEMBER 8, 2024). **ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 1, 2024.**
- Come to the dress rehearsal on December 7, 2024, 10 am – 4 pm (no excuses). If you do not show up to the dress rehearsal, you will not be able to participate in the show.
- Submit a completed legible registration form with (1) business headshot and (1) company logo or photo.
- Pay a \$150 non-refundable deposit submitted with the application. Deposits may be payable with cash, check, or money order.
- **BE ON TIME FOR THE SHOW.** Fashion Designer arrival time is 8 a.m. Shuttle service is available from C-Tran leaving the Vancouver Mall transit center starting at 7:30 a.m.
- **PLEASE** be sure to list a verifiable and working email address and cell phone number. Add **CEOCHAIR@PDDBM.ORG** to your contacts and check your spam regularly for emails from us.
- On December 7, 2025, it is mandatory for each designer to complete a Collection Coordinator Sheet. These sheets serve as crucial guides for our dressers, aiding them in understanding the envisioned appearance for each model in your respective clothing lines. Furthermore, they play an integral role in presenting a cohesive and harmonious lineup for our showcase.

- The completed Collection Coordinator Sheets will be distributed to our dedicated dressers, who will utilize the provided information to dress our models and ensure their seamless integration into the designated spots in the lineup.
- Please be advised that the event doors will be secured at 11:45 am. While you and your guests are welcome to exit at your convenience, re-entry will not be permitted until 2 pm. We kindly request your cooperation in refraining from entering or exiting during the Kwanzaa Celebration, as this ensures a respectful and uninterrupted experience for those on stage.
- I agree to add my personal and my business Facebook page as an attendee to the 2024 Pre-Kwanzaa Celebration Event page on Facebook and to promote my involvement with the show regularly on social media.
- **Each fashion designer entering the show must have a separate application completed.**
- Each designer must commit to presenting a **minimum of 3, maximum of 5** distinct and completed outfits for each chosen category. This requirement is integral to ensuring a diverse and comprehensive representation of your creative expertise during the show.
- **Following the conclusion of the show, all designers are expected to be prepared to facilitate the immediate sale of the minimum of 3, maximum of 5 featured outfits in the presentation.** This prompt response is integral to maximizing the momentum generated during the showcase and capitalizing on the heightened interest in our designs.
 - **Designers may sale more than 5 outfits at their vendor tables, but a maximum of 5 must be in the show.**
 - To ensure a smooth and efficient process, kindly make necessary arrangements, such as having adequate inventory, pricing information, and any relevant sales collateral readily available. Additionally, designate a point of contact from your team who will be responsible for handling inquiries and processing transactions.

Q: What qualifications must applicants possess in order to be considered for the PDDBM BHM Fashion Show?

A: There are no age, gender, sex, and/or height restrictions for the Fashion Designer Search (those under 18 must have parental/guardian permission to apply).

Contact Information

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

New Designer Application Returning Designer Application

Representative's Birth Name (As it appears on your birth certificate)

(First, M.I., Last) _____

Legal Company Name _____

FEIN _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

DOB (MM/DD/YYYY) ____/____/____ Age ____ Gender ____

Home Phone (____) _____ --- _____

Cell Phone (____) _____ --- _____

Email Address _____

Are you a US Citizen? _____ If No, Do You have a Green Card? _____

Emergency Contact Name (First, M.I., Last) _____

Emergency Contact Phone (____) _____ --- _____

Stage Name (First, M.I., Last) _____

How did you hear about us? _____

Kwanzaa and/or African Inspired Clothing Designs

While there is no official dress code for Kwanzaa, we encourage you to draw inspiration from Kwanzaa and Africa, ensuring that your creations align with relevant colors, themes, and cultural motifs.

Consider incorporating the symbolic colors of the Pan-African flag – red (symbolizing the struggle), black (representing the people), and green

(signifying the future) – into your designs. Traditional African garments, such as kaftans, head wraps, dashikis paired with pants and kufi caps, as well as East African attire like the kanzu, kanga, and gomesi, offer rich sources of inspiration. Styles such as the Madiba shirt, safari shirt, and West African Dashiki, characterized by loose-fitting shirts and trousers often adorned with vibrant patterns, along with the classic West African caftan, are also welcome expressions of cultural diversity. Your creativity in incorporating these elements will contribute to a vibrant and culturally enriching showcase.

Accommodations Needed

Wheelchair Walker/Walking Sticks Blind None Other

Have you ever participated in a previous fashion show with any of the above accommodations? Yes No

PLEASE INITIAL YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE FOLLOWING

- I am submitting my application with my \$150 non-refundable deposit.
- I am submitting my business headshot with my application.
- I have submitted a company business card with my application.
- I will be able to attend the dress rehearsal on December 7, 2024, from 10 am to 4 pm. I understand if I do not attend the dress rehearsal, I will not be able to participate in the show.
- I understand that I must arrive by 8 am to the Clark County Fairgrounds on December 14, 2024. Shuttle service is available starting at 7:30 a.m. from the Vancouver Mall Transit Center and is being provided by C-Tran.

- Each fashion designer must submit a separate application, including minors under the age of 18.
- I understand that I will only receive 1 free complimentary ticket per application submitted. Additional tickets must be paid for.
- I understand that my application must be **POSTMARKED** no later than November 1, 2024. Any applications and deposits that are not received by November 8, 2024, will not be accepted.
- I understand that all youth fashion designers under the age of 18 must have the Parent/Guardian Consent and Approval Section of this form signed.
- I understand that I will be given 1 vendor table and 2 chairs. Additional vendor tables must be paid for.
- I acknowledge the requirement to have a minimum of 5 distinct and completed designs per category for my vendor table. I am committed to ensuring that these designs are prepared and ready for sale both before and after the fashion show. This commitment aligns with the standards set forth for our upcoming event, and I am dedicated to contributing to its success.
- I understand that I must always have an assistant present at my vendor table on the day of the show from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- I understand that I must take a group photo immediately after the show is over (2 pm) backstage with all of the fashion designers, the host(s), all of the models, the DJ, and PDDBM's Chairwoman and President.
- I understand that the event doors will be secured at 11:45 am. While my guests and I are welcome to exit at your convenience, re-entry will

not be permitted until 2 pm. I will cooperate in refraining from entering or exiting during the Kwanzaa Celebration, as this ensures a respectful and uninterrupted experience for those on stage.

- I acknowledge the protocol concerning the attendance of fashion show personnel, including cameramen and sound engineers, at the upcoming event. Prior to November 1, any personnel seeking complimentary access must obtain approval from the PDDBM Chairwoman and President. In the absence of approval by the specified deadline and in the event that a ticket has not been purchased, access to the event will not be granted. This process is in place to ensure proper coordination and adherence to event policies.
- I agree to add my personal and my business Facebook page as an attendee to the 2024 Pre-Kwanzaa Celebration Event page on Facebook and to promote my involvement with the show regularly on social media.

All applicants disclaim in whole or in part the right of to any property or interest in any property submitted with their application. PDDBM (Please Don't Die Black Men) makes no representations or warranties to the applicant as to their qualifications for said fashion show. The applicant acknowledges to having carefully examined this statement and further acknowledges that they have been informed of their rights and obligations do sign below.

Photo Release Notice

PDDBM (Please Don't Die Black Men) Events are photographed and videotaped. By attending these events you give PDDBM permission to take photographs of you or photographs in which you may be involved with others for the purpose of promoting PDDBM, PDDBM Kwanzaa Celebration, or its designers.

You release PDDBM and its designated photographers, cinematographers, and/or videographers from any and all claims arising out of the use of the photos/videos. These photos may or may not include photographs that you submit for consideration to be a part of PDDBM Kwanzaa Celebration.

I also consent to the digital manipulation or distortion of the Photographs, including without restriction any changes or alterations as to color, size, shape, perspective, context, foreground and background. I further consent to the use of any published matter in conjunction with the Photographs. I waive any rights that I or the child may have to inspect or approve the finished product or products and any advertising copy or other matter that may be used in connection with the Photographs or the use to which they may be applied.

*****IF THIS APPLICATION IS FOR AN ADULT, JUMP DOWN TO PAGE 10**

Parent/Guardian Approval and Consent

_____ (Fashion Designer's First Name, M.I., and Last Name) would like to be in the 2024 PDDBM Kwanzaa Celebration. I certify that I am the parent/guardian of

_____ (Fashion Designer's First Name, M.I., and Last Name) and that I was born on ____/____/____ (Parent/Guardian DOB). I give my permission and consent for

_____ (Fashion Designer's First Name, M.I., and Last Name) to be a part of the PDDBM Kwanzaa Celebration as a fashion designer. I understand that my child will have only 1 free complimentary ticket to the show and that any other tickets must be purchased on the event website. I understand that all youth under the age of 18 must have a parent/guardian present while in rehearsal and during the show.

I hereby voluntarily release, and forever discharge the community, PDDBM, its officers, directors, employees, volunteers, and agents from any and all claims, demands, or causes of action, which are connected with my child's participation in the PDDBM Kwanzaa Celebration.

The information I've been given in this form is complete and accurate. By signing this form on _____ (Today's Date), I confirm that I have fully informed myself of the contents of this Parental Consent and Approval Form by reading it before I signed it. I warrant that I possess all the rights, powers, and privileges of a parent or legal guardian necessary to execute this document with binding legal effect.

Printed Name of Parent/Legal Guardian

Printed Name of Represented Company

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian _____/_____/_____ Today's Date

Contact Telephone of Parent/Legal Guardian Email Address of Parent/Guardian

Mailing Address of Parent/Legal Guardian

Adult Fashion Designers Ages 18 years of age and older

Please sign below to verify that you have read the above document fully with a sound mind and comply with all policies and terms as listed in this application.

Printed Birth Name of Adult Fashion Designer

Printed Name of Represented Company

Signature of Adult Fashion Designer

_____/_____/_____
Today's Date

Contact Telephone of Adult Fashion Designer

Email Address of Fashion Designer

Mailing Address of Adult Fashion Designer