



Outfits designed by Fashion graduate Ryan at the Graduate Shows 2015

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Northumbria graduate is 'in fashion' after international award win

A Fashion graduate from Northumbria University has won a prestigious award at one of Europe's oldest and most respected competitions for young designers.

Ryan Cruzado Gangan, who studied Fashion Design at Northumbria , won the Origin Stone Special Award at the Mittlemoda 23rd Edition Fashion Awards this month. Ryan is a UK based fashion designer who was born in the Philippines before moving to the UK. He creates men's fashion inspired by his own interpretation of masculinity, while echoing his own personality and signature style, andgraduated from Northumbria in 2015 after also undertaking an internship with McQ by Alexander McQueen in London.

Emma Jane Goldsmith, senior lecturer in Fashion at Northumbria's School of Design, said of Ryan's triumph: "The Fashion staff were extremely pleased that Ryan was awarded this prestigious accolade and that his talent and skills have been recognised on this international platform.

"Over the years we have had continuous success at the Mittlemoda Fashion competition. This is a fantastic event very well support by industry and allows our students to show their work in a global arena gaining international exposure."

The Mittlemoda Awards are held annually in Vicenza, Italy, to celebrate the creativity of young designers' and the fashion industry. More than 600 schools of art and design across 66 countries worldwide take part in Mittlemoda, which is one of the oldest and most respected international fashion competitions for young designers.

Northumbria's award-winning Fashion courses at its internationallyrecognised School of Design continue to pick up accolades this year, , with Fashion Design Student Roslyn McQuillan recently shortlisted for the Scottish Graduate of the Year and invited to attend the Scottish Fashion Awards Gala.

The awards show will mark the 11th year of the annual event and provides an unrivalled platform for Scottish creatives, ranging from designers and photographers, to models, fashion communicators and industry leaders. The ceremony will be taking place on October 21 at the Rosewood Hotel in London.

Northumbria School of Design was named one of Europe's top design schools by US Business Week magazine and has an international reputation for innovation and creativity. The BA (Hons) Fashion Design course has an established reputation for producing directional designers and an impressive portfolio of academic staff who have worked as successful designers globally for some of the world's biggest brands including Vivienne Tam, Vivienne Westwood, Tommy Hilfiger, Abercrombie & Fitch and Nigel Cabourn. More recently we have collaborated with Urban Outfitters, All Saints, Old Navy, Joseph, Dunhill and Mulbery.

To find out more about Northumbria's Fashion Design course, please visit: <u>https://www.northumbria.ac.uk/study-at-northumbria/courses/fashion-ft-uuffhn1/</u>

If you're interested in studying fashion at Northumbria's School of Design, you can find out more by signing up to one of our upcoming Open Days on 29 October and 26 November 2016 by clicking <u>here.</u>

Northumbria is a research-rich, business-focused, professional university with a global reputation for academic excellence. To find out more about our courses go to www.northumbria.ac.uk

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