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## Fashion Industry Gallery Hosts Fashion X Dallas

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**DALLAS** — Little girls in flouncy dresses, men in slim suits and all manner of women's fashions walked the runway last week at the inaugural Fashion X Dallas at Fashion Industry Gallery.

The three-night event featured a disparate mix of designers presenting 26 runway collections, plus about 15 jewelry and accessories lines stationed in adjacent galleries. The majority were from Texas, while the Saturday finale highlighted eight "Project Runway" alumni from across the country.

Matt Swinney, who stages Austin Fashion Week, co-produced FXD with FIG chief executive Matt Roth. Swinney said it attracted 350 to 600 people each night, including about 60 media and a few buyers. Their goal is to make it an industry event.

"I think the show went well for year one," said Matt Roth. "Based on the feedback I received from sponsors, designers and those who attended, I'm already looking forward to FXD 2015 and beyond."

Nine Muses, a Dallas company that produced a small group of sleek sportswear featuring abstract prints and crisp geometric details, won the first Dallas Fashion Fund Award — a sewing machine from Fashion X Dallas sponsor Bernina.

Other regional standouts included Ese Azenabor's cream sleeveless pouf cocktail dress with sparkling black appliqués; Red Paisleys' dip-dyed tulle gowns; and softly draped dresses by Abi Ferrin, Korto Momolu and Adrienne Yunger.

"Project Runway Season 3" winner Jeffrey Sebelia dispatched a crowd-pleasing collection of hip kids clothes called La Miniatura, while Season 4 finalist Mychael Knight offered jaunty women's crop tops with flirty skirts, plus dresses in fluorescent hues and soft florals.

In the galleries, the buzz centered on Allison Mitchell's oversize haircalf clutches; Mitchel Primrose's glittering leather bags and studded cuffs; Laura Pierson's one-of-a-kind fine jewels; and Brackish Bowties' feathered creations.