

# style

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## fashionfever

TRAP ON YOUR JIMMY CHOOS, ZIP UP THOSE DESIGNER OUTFITS AND FASTEN YOUR FASHION SEATBELTS BECAUSE THE **NRA AUSTRALIAN FASHION DESIGN AWARDS & FESTIVAL** IS HERE. THE EIGHT-DAY FASHION FEST WILL CULMINATE IN THE NATION'S PREMIER FASHION DESIGN COMPETITION AND A LIVE TELEVISION AWARDS CEREMONY. SARAH BLINCO REPORTS...



**THE 28TH** NRA Australian Fashion Design Awards National Final and Live Telecast will be held at the Gold Coast Convention and Exhibition Centre on Wednesday, April 8. This year's awards ceremony, hosted by TV personalities Cameron Williams and Lyndsey Rodrigues, will be telecast live by the Nine Network throughout Queensland at 8.30pm and replayed nationally.

### judges

In 2006, Akira Isogawa won an Award for Fashion Excellence at the Australian Fashion Design Awards. He is now recognised as being one of our most prominent contemporary designers, and this year he's a member of the judging panel. Akira will also take part in the Student Design category judging in Sydney, the winner of which will win a prestigious Paris American Academy July 2009 Fashion Workshop Scholarship with acclaimed fashion designers as teachers and fashion shows as classrooms. This fantastic prize also includes accommodation for the duration of the scholarship and return economy flights (provided by the Paris American Academy, the NRA and AMP Capital Shopping Centres).



akira isogawa

### highlights

**AMP CAPITAL SHOPPING CENTRES' SUPREME AWARD**  
The Supreme Award will be given to the entry considered the best from the Ready to Wear and Signature Design Showcases. The Student Design category winner is not eligible to win the Supreme Award.

**AUSTRALIAN DESIGNER SHOWCASE**  
Some of Australia's premier fashion houses will showcase the latest design trends and direction when they present a stunning preview of their upcoming collections.

**AMP CAPITAL SHOPPING CENTRES NATIONAL RETAIL SHOWCASE & NEW GENERATION SHOWCASE**  
These special presentations feature some of Australia's leading fashion retailers presenting the hottest new fashion looks for 2009.

**AUSTRALIAN ICON SHOWCASE**  
This showcase celebrates special collections from Australia's most iconic and exceptional designers who have, in the past, been honoured recipients of the Award for Fashion Excellence.

**AWARD FOR FASHION EXCELLENCE**  
This award honours exceptional individuals whose outstanding achievements and ongoing commitment have made a significant contribution to the Australian fashion retail industry.

**For more information or to buy tickets, head to [www.nra.net.au/fashion](http://www.nra.net.au/fashion)**



jessika allen

Organisers are also excited to have swimwear aficionado Jessika Allen onboard as a judge for 2009. The premium luxury swimwear brand Jets by Jessika Allen is approaching its 30th anniversary. The label shifted to the forefront of Australian and international fashion when purchased and re-launched by Jessika and Adrian Allen in 2001.



gail elliot

Gail Elliott rose to modelling fame in the 1980s. More than 20 years later she continues to travel the globe on modelling assignments, using the opportunity now to gather inspiration for her fashion label, Little Joe by Gail Elliott New York. The 2009 NRA Fashion Design Awards also boast this esteemed fashionista as a special judge.