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Are digital trade-show tools and virtual events here to stay?

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# Are digital trade-show tools and virtual events here to stay?

#### By Dorothy Crouch Managing Editor

Since late last year, COVID-19 has been causing widespread turmoil around the globe. As many apparel companies attempt to keep their clients and customers safe-while trying to remain in business-they are looking to their trusted partners for new paths to buying and selling. In some areas of the world, business is slowly opening up with safety measures such as social distancing in place, while others are still under stay-at-home orders. Eventually, the apparel industry will be back to business, but it will not be business as usual.

**Jennifer Bacon** 

Show Director, Fashion and Apparel **Texworld USA Apparel Sourcing USA** texworldusa.com apparelsourcingshow.com

These are certainly unprecedented times, and although nothing will ever replace face-to-face interaction-especially in our industry-we felt that it was our obligation to provide a short-term solution for our exhibitors and visitors by still offering a place to connect. We are excited to have a virtual

event for this summer's edition of Apparel Sourcing USA alongside Texworld USA and Home Textiles Sourcing. Amid this disruption, we have found an alternative to keep our community connected, both international and domestic, until we meet again.

We are aiming to make the visitor experience similar to the physical show by providing various opportunities to do business. These features include custom online "showrooms" to highlight innovations, AI matchmaking, and meetings and video chats to view the textiles and network. In partnership with Lenzing Fibers, our robust educational compo-

nent will bring a strong daily lineup of industry experts sharing their insights on the latest trends, global sourcing post-COVID-19 as well as innovative sustainability initiatives.

Jennifer Bacon

Our goals were simple: to create a platform for the textilesourcing community to have meaningful interactions, engage in educational discussions and continue to cultivate relationships to further their business needs. Now more than ever brands and retailers need to remain up-to-date on what's new and relevant, and Apparel Sourcing USA, Texworld USA and Home Textile Sourcing are aiming to continue to fulfill that commitment.

"Our goals were simple: to create a platform for the textile-sourcing community to have meaningful interactions, engage in educational discussions and continue to cultivate relationships to further their business needs."

> —Jennifer Bacon, **Texworld USA, Apparel Sourcing USA**

**Tricia Barglof** 

**CEM**, Executive Director Offprice offpriceshow.com offprice365.com

Earlier this May, Offprice was scheduled to host our mar-

ket show in New York City at the Penn Plaza Pavilion. Like many event organizers, we're using this time to reevaluate and improve our virtual strategy to help more retail buyers find their best fits with off-price exhibitors.

As a thank-you to all sellers who were planning on showcasing their merchandise, we put together an NYC Look Book to highlight these exhibitors and their products. Digital look books and catalogs are an appealing tool for the fashion industry and are easy to share via social media and email marketing.

Thankfully, Offprice already had a digital marketplace about two years before the coronavirus struck. During this un-



Hillary France

precedented time, we're so happy to report that many retailers are still browsing (and buying!) online through Offprice365. com, and many of our exhibitors are still able to ship their quality, value-priced goods.

Our team is also in the process of developing a virtual component for our face-to-face events in the second half of the year, which will include technology-powered matchmaking and a digital showcase of merchandise across all product categories. As we finalize our plans, more details are expected to be released in the coming weeks.

All of the virtual tools Offprice has already implemented and are in the process of developing have one goal in mindto connect more boutique owners, chain-store buyers and other retailers with the right exhibitors. But it's also to help maximize our buyers' discovery time, and by that I mean uncovering new exhibitors and new lines that make sense for their brand-which is the true treasure-hunt experience of the Offprice Show.

#### **Hillary France** CEO, Co-founder **Brand Assembly** brandassembly.com

At Brand Assembly, we are really proud of our physical events and the in-person connections that materialize from them. We have often talked about what virtual means to us and how anything virtual has to be a complement to our physical shows, not a replacement.

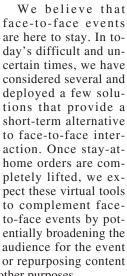
With that in mind, we quickly launched a Slack workspace just for our community to keep everyone connected. We held town halls via Zoom for brands, retailers and showrooms.

In the trade-show segment, which has seen many events being postponed or canceled, this shift toward a new way of doing business is most recognizable. Producers have launched virtual shows, engaged in digital and social media-based programming, and leveraged video communications. While *California Apparel News* hopes everyone is remaining safe and out of harm's way, we reached out to event producers to discuss the methods by which they are utilizing virtual tools and the ways these options will be incorporated into the on-site trade-show model once stayat-home orders are completely lifted around the world.

> We put together an online directory of PPE products made by independent designers. And now we're getting ready to announce a new and exciting virtual product and virtual event for our June 15–17 show that will bring the spirit and energy of our physical trade shows to life in a new digital format. So stav tuned!

#### Veronica Gruneberg

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from a live event for training and other purposes.

We do not foresee that virtual tools will replace face-toface events. For many of us, virtual tools have been our only option to reach our customers and partners, and that necessity has collectively helped drive more innovations, a broader solution set and new capabilities in virtual tools.

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> -Tricia Barglof, Offprice

#### **Desiree Hanson**

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Though the last several months have been challenging and we are disappointed that we are unable to be together in August, we are committed to providing our customers with tools to connect and rebuild their businesses. We've seen the WWIN community adapt to these changing conditions over the last several months, and it's vital that as trade-show orga-**Q & A** page 4

All the things that make our industry great are still with us today.

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The health and safety of our employees, customers, partners and our industry as a whole is our top priority. We're all in this together, and our community and the relationships we've built **will outlast this difficult time**. We look forward to welcoming you back in person soon. Stay connected at AmericasMart.com and @atlantaapparel for the latest updates.

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our brands and retailers. Our team has been working tirelessly on ways we can help brands showcase products, help retailers source those products, and help buyers and brands meet and experience the WWIN-show elements they have come to

know and love. We are thrilled to introduce WWINdow Shopping, an interactive and easy-to-use platform connecting buyers and suppliers to conduct business similar to meeting in person. Launching July 13 and running through October, WWINdow Shopping is a one-stop shop for retailers and brands to connect 24/7 from the comfort and safety of their own homes. While WWINdow Shopping does not replace the experience of connecting face to face at our live events, we believe this is a robust alternative, offering numerous ways to connect, showcase products, learn, network and achieve business goals.

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—Steve McCullough, Functional Fabric Fair

Looking ahead, we do see our virtual tools continuing to support our face-to-face events. Matchmaking and appointment setting through our MATCH! Program and CONNECT Platform have served as important and customer-valued aspects of our traditional events for the last several editions. WWINdow Shopping is an extension of these programs and will be the platform to help introduce, develop and strengthen relationships made either face to face or online throughout the year.

Kelly Helfman President WWDMAGIC Project Womens Micam Americas Sourcing at MAGIC magicfashionevents.com

Informa Markets has completely transitioned to a virtual-meeting model using Microsoft Teams. Sharing our screens to reference presentations, platforms and floor plans internally has been key as we discuss the next steps for MAGIC, Project and Coterie.

Teams has also empowered us to connect

more authentically with our audience. Now that we meet on video, we see our customers more than ever, and our brands, bosses, buyers and colleagues get a glimpse into our real lives. They see my kids in the background, my face with less makeup, my home. It's been nice to interact with people more personally as opposed to just seeing everyone's "work" selves.

As we reinvent our fashion events for 2020 and beyond, we are increasing digital tools for our customers as well. While the way we communicate has changed both personally and professionally, virtual technology has allowed us to find new and imaginative ways to create better, authentic relationships—and that's something we're all grateful for.

#### **Bob Maricich** Chairman and CEO International Market Centers Atlanta Apparel

#### AmericasMart.com/Apparel

In January 2020, we announced our formation of a wholly owned, stand-alone B2B e-commerce division, IMC Digital Innovations (IMC\_di), with the goal to enhance and extend our physical markets and open new business opportunities for customers. This fall, IMC\_di will launch a seamlessly integrated omni-channel B2B e-commerce platform for the apparel, gift and home-furnishings industries served by IMC's physical markets.

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---Sharifa Murdock, Liberty Fashion & Lifestyle Fairs

In addition to the development of a new B2B platform, we currently offer two other digital product streams to manufacturers and representative groups. Our sales-and-marketing software modules include sales scanning apps, product management and email tools; CRM systems and e-commerce websites; and market tools, such as badge scanning, data capture and sales tools, which are designed to enhance the at-market experience as well as post-market followup.

The COVID-19 crisis has created some unique opportunities to support our brands and buyers with interim digital solutions. For example, when the crisis caused the cancellation of our Spring apparel markets, we offered IMC customers free use of ShopZio, a fully transactional e-commerce platform ac-**Q & A** page 6

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quired as part of our IMC\_di launch.

A need now exists for enhanced online resources to provide both content and community for our industry. In line with this, we quickly launched a new remote resource page featuring webinars produced by IMC and other industry thought leaders, news digests and other key information. We will continue to maintain this market portal while physical markets are disrupted.

Our recent survey of IMC's apparel buyers shows that digital platforms will not replace physical markets but are a key element for market preparation, product discovery and, increasingly during times of social distancing, for order processing. As our industry begins to reopen after the COVID-19 disruption, virtual tools will become even more important for at-market preparation, facilitating both social distancing and efficient product discovery at physical markets.

We're very excited about the coming launch of a new Atlanta Apparel website exclusively dedicated to wholesale fashion—with look books, product galleries, market information and a highly improved brand-and-product search. Ultimately, when IMC\_di launches our new B2B platform this fall, the Atlanta Apparel website also will enable e-commerce sales, offering buyers the opportunity to seamlessly connect between markets.

This COVID-19 crisis will come to an end. As retailers reopen for business and begin to restock, our virtual market tools will have established a pipeline to jump-start much-needed economic recovery for the apparel industry, but we know that they will never replace the physical market experience. As we have seen the growth of B2B e-commerce and digital product-sourcing tools during this crisis, we antici-



Cindy Morris

pate that they will continue to be an important part of the fashion buying process from now on. We are planning to resume our physical markets with appropriate safety precautions—and





Sharifa Murdock

with new digital channels—soon. We are all so looking forward to seeing the apparel industry in Atlanta when we can gather again.



Functional Fabric Fair is devoting resources to further develop additional channels beyond the physical show floor to connect the industry and support attendees, exhibitors, associations and partners year-round. In lieu of the July event, which has been postponed to January 2021, we will host informative webinars-aligned with this year's focus topic, "Inspired by Nature: From Fibers to Green Treatments"-presented in partnership with Munich's Performance Days, the Hohenstein Institute, AATCC and a host of global experts. Additionally. Functional Fabric Fair will launch a digital platform to assist sourcing professionals who are eager to begin connecting businesses

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> ---Marion Pradier-Sentucq, Curve

and collaborating with suppliers.

It has always been our goal to provide the utmost value to our customers, whether it is in face-toface communication or through a platform that allows us to collaborate throughout the year. Situations like this can spark innovation and new solutions, and this economic pause has given us the opportunity to fast track our digital-platforms development to complement our in-person events. Virtual enhancements are not a replacement for our physical events but an exciting opportunity to add value in how our industry connects and conducts business. We remain optimistic that in-person events will return. We are still scheduled for Nov. 18-19, 2020, in Portland, Ore., and our team is working diligently to plan and prepare based on the latest health and safety standards.



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Marisa Nicholson

**Cindy Morris** President, CEO **Dallas Market Center** dallasmarketcenter.com

We're in a different stage than many states and regions, so in several ways we are helping lead manufacturers, reps and retailers back to business-with care and caution. Texas retail has reopened, and, to support the industry, we reopened our doors on May 4 and welcomed several hundred buyers during the first week to visit showrooms by appointment. But prior to the governor's order, we were already making plans and putting in place strict safeguards to support a healthy, secure and socially distant marketplace.

We realize that we must balance good health and good business for this plan to work effectively and that includes enhancing our digital and virtual tools, which have become critical during the pandemic. As you might expect, social media became our primary channel of communication, but we recalibrated the content away from products and trade events toward business tools, advice, inspiration and even in-stock merchandise available from exhibitors.

"We have seen an immense increase in developing platforms to put in contact each end of the supply chain and integrating the supply chain even more."

> -Lucía Palacios, **Apparel Sourcing** Show

As we neared reopening, we encouraged buyers to use social media and our app to contact showrooms and make appointments. And as we plan ahead for a summer schedule of trade events that begin in June, we are going to roll out new programs that combine the in-person experience with the virtual so that retailers unable to come to Dallas may see the trends and merchandise on display and retailers attending the show may share their discoveries with customers back home more easily in real time.

We have learned a tremendous amount in a short amount of time.



Marion Pradier-Sentucq

I heard a business analyst this week use the phrase "accelerating the inevitable" to describe the challenges facing many retailers, but I have encouraged our team to embrace this phrase's positive meaning. We have accelerated new connections via digital tools that may reach us at a distance but can result in authentic close relationships and better business.

#### Sharifa Murdock

Co-founder Liberty Fashion & Lifestyle Fairs libertyfairs.com

Before the COVID-19 pandemic, we already knew the power that the digital world had on all industries. Now more than ever we are utilizing our digital tools to emphasize productivity and connectivity internally and externally.

In a time where uncertainty is present, we are connecting with our community through surveys, webinars, fireside chats and socialmedia lives. Our mission is to always support our communities throughout this time

as well as develop tools that even after the social-distancing bans have been lifted to be able to effectively run their businesses successfully. As an event company, we still believe in the importance of in-person events but will be offering a digital space as well to balance out both needs. Times like this will only make our industry stronger and work better together.

#### **Marisa Nicholson**

#### Senior Vice President and Show Director **Outdoor Retailer** outdoorretailer.com

Our shows are driven by community and relationships. Now, to keep our industry connected through these times, we're actively taking what we do at the in-person events and providing it in a digital platform.

We have shifted education sessions on-➡ **Q & A** page 8

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line, we've taken the in-show magazine and transformed it to a weekly digital publication, and we'll have more rolling out soon in order to provide the industry a place to do business and maintain those relationships. We are working to support our industry through the changes and challenges facing everyone's business, and we will continue to adapt as we look forward to the community coming together again at the winter show in January.

#### Lucía Palacios

#### Executive Director Apparel Sourcing Show Guatemala Apparel & Textile Association *vestex.com.gt/apparel/*

We have been overwhelmed with support from our audience, who we believe are enjoying our change in direction due to its authentic, inspiring and relatable nature. We plan to continue these efforts as a way to better connect and grow alongside our tenants, brands, retailers and followers.

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> —Moriah Robinson, California Market Center

As fast communication and response take a place unimaginable in this world nowadays, interaction was not common in this industry through social media or certain platforms already existing or starting [to develop]. We have seen an immense increase in developing platforms to put in contact each end of the supply chain and integrating the supply chain even more.

The importance of the use of technology is to have quicker answers and have all the information at your hands. Customers expect to find information with a few clicks as everything is now ready to read or connect to. The need for the use of certain tools is indeed necessary to continue to promote the industry either in trade shows, placing orders, buying online, but we must focus the right platform for the right market and the right offer-that way we are able to get the results we want and not just jump into an all-market platform. More-specific and personalized tools are the right way to start approaching the new trends of consumption and marketing in this upcoming release after COVID-19.

#### Marion Pradier-Sentucq Sales and Marketing Director Curve

#### Curvexpo.com

The first thing we did in March was pick up our phones to make sure our clients and partners were healthy and safe. Naturally, the need for unity and increased communication within the lingerie community came up in our conversations, which led to the launch of Curve's webinar series. Most of Curve's attendees are specialty

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Moriah RobinsonMary Taftstores coming from all over North America.The last thing we wanted was for them tofeel forgotten and alone in their stores withno support or guidance on what to do next.The first topic addressed in the weekly se-ries was "Managing Your Business WhenYour Front Door Is Closed" to give somepointers on how to manage this period. After

being met with overwhelming positive feedback, we have continued to host these digital seminars to provide a platform to explore the most important topics to our industry at all levels, from manufacturing and design to retail and e-commerce. We would like to sincerely thank all of the hosts and experts that we have worked with on these for sharing their knowledge and enthusiasm with the Curve community.

These webinars have been a very successful way to keep the community connected beyond the Curve show floor, and this is definitely an avenue we will continue to build on. Curve is becoming "phygital" and moving more into a hybrid of a physical and digital business platform for the industry. As we continue to plan our physical events for fall 2020, we are also in the process of hosting a virtual event to allow brands and attendees that cannot join us in person to still play an active part in Curve's business. More information will follow as we fine-tune these exciting new plans.

#### **Moriah Robinson**

#### Director of Events California Market Center

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Our team took a phased approach to analyze and understand what was transpiring in our industry from all angles.

First, we connected with our tenants, brands and retailers. We did this not only to understand what was happening specifically within their individual communities but also

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> —Mary Taft, Fashion Market Northern California



Juliana Villegas

to help us strategize how we could help. Second, we connected with our trade-show and fashion-district peers. Our team has long

and fashion-district peers. Our team has long followed the guidelines of collaboration over competition, so it's very important to us that we all stay aligned and share our learnings.

From this, our team strategically pivoted into the digital landscape and increased our frequencies across social media, our blog and newsletter efforts.

Previously, our focus on these channels was heavily centered on communicating updates and changes. It was our platform to inform.

With the industry in a heavy state, we decided as a team to shift our focus onto inspiration, comfort and collaboration. We have since moved on to provide uplifting content and storytelling on these channels to help inspire and motivate through this challenging time.

A few examples include interviewing longtime partner Peclers Paris, who summarized a Sustainability Trend Forecast for the fashion industry, providing our recommendations for Creative Online Learnings and Virtual Fun, promoting local restaurants and grocers in the fashion district that are open to encourage the support of small businesses and even curating a #WFH Podcasts and Playlists guide. Our goal has been to create light in a time of darkness.

We are also continuously offering promotional support to our retailers by featuring them in blog interviews, spotlighting those who have pivoted to an online shopping platform, and highlighting their products and specials in curated shopping and style guides, like our most recent one for creative Mother's Day gift ideas.

Additionally, we are showcasing our tenants through blog post interviews and, most recently, offering our showrooms the opportunity for Instagram take-overs that will allow them to directly share their brand offerings.

#### **Mary Taft**

Executive Director Fashion Market Northern California fashionmarketnorcal.com Facebook @FashionMarketNorCal Instagram @fashionmarketnorcal\_fmnc

FMNC is lucky to have a highly active and motivated social-media committee. We, as a team, are jumping head-on into improving our presence on the Internet in all ways. We recently updated our website to an easyto-navigate site that provides all the information necessary for our buyers as well as exhibitors.

When the shelter-at-home order was required, we quickly pulled together ideas to keep in touch with our peers. First, we started a biweekly "Tipsy Tuesday Constant Contact" with tips and instructions on how to tackle a task on Facebook, Instagram or both. Prior to COVID-19, many buyers didn't have the need or time to utilize the Internet to garner more business, so offering tips on how to make a group on Facebook or educate them about geo-tags is one way we are helping our buyers navigate this new territory. Our weekly emails have been very well received with many thanking us for the simple instructions. Since it has been so popular, we have decided to bring it to our show, live, when able. We will ask store owners who have a successful social-media presence to share their best tips on taking photographs, how to engage shoppers with a limited number of characters, and hashtags that work.

Up next, we will ask buyers questions about FMNC that they will answer via video. These clips will be posted on our site as another way to stay committed to our community by engaging buyers and exhibitors.

The world will be a different place moving forward, but we know that our buyers and exhibitors are looking forward to interacting face to face as soon as it is safe and possible.

#### Juliana Villegas

#### Vice President of Exports ProColombia procolombia.co

Without a doubt, technology will continue to be a key ally for all our promotional activities. One clear example was our Macro Business Matchmaking Forum, an event that had to be shifted to a virtual format, and it was a success. For two weeks, ProColombia's 80th Macro Business Matchmaking Forum brought together approximately 1,300 business representatives via digital platforms.

This virtual forum provided great lessons and, as long as our purpose at ProColombia is to work for our country, we will always find a way to get closer to our national suppliers with the international demand, no matter how uncertain the conditions are.

"Once stay-at-home orders are completely lifted around the world, we definitely will continue to get support from technology and virtual tools to maximize our work promoting our exports."

> —Juliana Villegas, ProColombia

Another virtual tool that we are using in the midst of the pandemic is, of course, the webinars supported by Microsoft Teams platform, an easy way to connect and deliver our messages to the apparel industry that helped us to improve our teamwork between areas in a comprehensive and interdisciplinary way. Also, I would like to highlight our virtual showroom, which was tested on our Macro Business Matchmaking Forum with more than 4,800 visits.

Last but not least, additional virtual tools that we are using in a very active way nowadays are the social-media platforms. For example, we have participated in a few Instagram live sessions where we connected with key players in the industry and interacted in real time to discuss a whole variety of topics from new trends, sustainability practices and how U.S. buyers can benefit from the free-trade agreement between the United States and Colombia among many other fascinating topics.

Once stay-at-home orders are completely lifted around the world, we definitely will continue to get support from technology and virtual tools to maximize our work promoting our exports.



From top left, Lucie Brigham, Andrew Olah and Kerry Bannigan during Kingpins24

Jenifer Giraldo, a Colombian exporter from Fiber Tex Corporation Co'Coon, speaks with United Statesbased buyer Victor Cortes, senior vice president of operations at SUUCHI Inc. during ProColombia's Business Matchmaking Forum.

# Venturing Into the Virtual-Trade-Show Space

By Dorothy Crouch Managing Editor

Since the onset of the COVID-19 shutdowns, much of the globe's businesses deemed nonessential have strategized to conduct meetings, engage in commerce and reach consumers in ways executives could never have imagined. While trade shows across industries have increased their digital platforms over the last few years to ease attendee navigation of event layouts and facilitate meetings between exhibitors and visitors, new event strategies have led the apparel segment to go virtual. Some show producers are in the midst of planning their events through meeting applications such as **Zoom** and **Skype**, yet others have made it through to the other side after hosting their inaugural virtual events.

#### **Beyond business as usual**

During its **Business Matchmaking Forum** hosted in Medellín, Colombia, March 15–19, the trade group **ProColombia** shifted its model for its 80th edition from an international event with a large number of international visitors to a virtual model over applications such as **Microsoft Teams**, **Skype for Business** and **WhatsApp**, bringing together 1,300 professionals, including 400 buyers hailing from 44 countries, according to the group's vice president of exports of ProColombia, Juliana Villegas.

"It was a different format, so we expected to have different results," she said. "On the one hand, there was more time for negotiating when compared to face-to-face meetings. In this occasion, we were able to have 40 minutes for the appointments—longer than the usual 25 minutes which allowed entrepreneurs to get to know each other better and therefore have more business possibilities."

Within an industry such as apparel, which re-

lies on tactile experiences for trade-show attendees, Villegas noted that establishing methods of sharing samples remotely was another consideration for her team and partners around the globe. A reported USD\$4.5 million in business deals were established during the meetings, and the ProColombia team continues its post-event work to ensure those relationships remain strong.

"We were able to form partnerships with **UPS** to mail samples with discounts of up to 80 percent compared to regular rates to enable buyers to see and touch products before purchasing," Villegas said. "We also have the collaboration and teamwork of the Colombian embassies in the world through the **COnectados** program."

#### Holding court for denim royalty

Following the successful inaugural run April 22–23 of its virtual show **Kingpins24**, denim-event brand **Kingpins** announced that it was investing resources in additional online offerings for May and June. Adhering to the same dates and time zone of its highly anticipated spring Kingpins edition in Amsterdam, Kingpins founder Andrew Olah and the show's managing director, Vivian Wang, served as hosts during the Zoom-based event.

For this initial run, the Kingpins team offered a majority

of its event through prerecorded content, including exhibitor presentations, trend forecasting and expert panels. While a typical Amsterdam edition of Kingpins draws approximately 2,000 people on-site, Olah reported Kingpins24 attendance at around 3,500 during the virtual event's livestream. In addition to this figure, the event attracted 10,000 website visitors and nearly 29,000 on-demand content views. During the show and throughout the week that followed, views surpassed 13,000.

"At the end of the day, a show is a tool for the industry to learn what is going on and to educate and share bright ideas. Those things can be done digitally as well as in connection with a physical show," Olah said. "There were enough there that people appreciated what we did."



Jordana Guimarães speaks during Fashinnovation's Worldwide Talks 2020

In addition to its physical Amsterdam edition, Kingpins canceled its Hong Kong show, scheduled for May 13–14, and its New York event, which was on the calendar for June 2–3. Webinars have been added to the mix, but the brand's Kingpins24 model received such a strong response that Kingpins recently announced a second edition scheduled to take place June 23–24 Eastern Standard Time. Similar to the April event, attendance for June's Kingpins24 edition will be complimentary, with a \$35 fee per viewer to access the "Kingpins Trend x Denim Dudes FW 2021" denim-trend-forecast film.

Olah did mention that there would be a few changes to the event. "The vast majority will be live," Olah said. "We would probably make it shorter, and it would be more curated. We would have higher criteria regarding what gets to be aired. But we would improve the range of content."

#### Innovation in the new fashion event

Offering a roster of more than 80 speakers representing some of fashion's finest and most influential, **Fashinnovation**'s **Worldwide Talks 2020** brought together an array of notable names during its April 20–21 edition at the beginning of **Fashion Revolution Week**. A group comprising designers, global intergovernmental organizations, apparel brands, entrepreneurs, textile manufacturers and educational institutions attracted an audience that found hope within the event, which shifted to a virtual model during this uncertain time, according to Fashinnovation co-founder Jordana Guimarães.

"I never expected this type of engagement and return. They aren't the usual emails saying, 'Oh, it was a great event, let me know when the next one is.' It's more along the lines of, 'You invoked hope in me again. I was losing hope, but this has kept me going," she said. "It's been this type of feedback—even from speakers and partners. Everybody is so emotional after it all. It's a very raw thing."

In addition to increasing transparency within the industry and simply being more mindful, sustainability was a large topic of discussion during the event. With her next edition of Worldwide Talks 2020 slated for June 5–8 on-

line, Guimarães sees great potential for a moresustainable model with greater reach, as she reflected on the 106,000 viewers around the globe who viewed the virtual event.

"We could never have that type of engagement internationally at a live event," she said. "If we did, it would take years of planning and carbon footprint, which isn't good for the environment."

# Reenergizing—not replacing—the trade show

Following their experiences, these trade-show producers agree that there is space in their futures for virtual-event components but look forward to using this model as a complement—not a replacement—to on-site events.

"I am fearless about trade shows. They will not ever be replaced, particularly in our industry. In our business, we are a tactile industry," Olah said. "Let's say you decided to go completely online and your competitor doesn't. Your competi-

tor will always have things first and better because they can touch them and find the attributes from products faster than you can."

For now, offering accessibility through this virtual model is important to Guimarães. While she notes that challenges exist for event brands that choose this route, she sees opportunity.

"We usually monetize on sponsorships at live events. Due to what is happening, we don't feel right making money. Even though we are only 2 years old, we decided to say, 'Whatever is going to happen will happen'," Guimarães said. "For me, this is a time for innovation and opportunities. Giving back has to be a component to what that person wants to do."

One of the most important considerations for trade-show organizers that are entering into the virtual space is to clearly define team objectives. Though trade-show producers might not have as much time to plan a virtual show as is typical when mapping an on-site event, identifying a path is crucial.

"The most important lesson is that, beyond technology, what is valuable is the team and the talent behind it making decisions day after day and adapting without assuming," Villegas said. "And to migrate to virtual events, you must have a clear roadmap to achieve the established objectives with the help of technology allies. If the purpose is clear, it doesn't matter how much uncertainty there is."

# **International Trade-Show Calendar**

May 15 Fashion Week San Diego FWSD Virtual Event

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Through June 13

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June 12 Digital London Fashion Week Through June 15

June 14 The Deerfield Show-Midwest Apparel Trade Shows Through June 15 igh June 17 LA Market Week Los Angeles Through June 17 Label Array Los Angeles Through June 17

June 15 Brand Assembly Los Angeles Through June 17 Designers and Agents LA Fall II Los Angeles Through June 17 02 Show Los Angeles Through June 17 Licensing Week Virtual Through June 19

June 18 Istanbul International Jewelry, Watch & Equipment Fair Istanbul Through June 21

June 22 WWSRA Northwest Summer Show Portland, Ore. Through June 24

June 23 Asia Apparel Expo Berlin Berlin Through June 25

Dallas Apparel & Accessories Market Dallas Through June 26

June 24 Kidsworld Dallas Total Home & Gift Market Dallas Through June 30 Fashion Industry Gallery (FIG) Fall 2-Winter Dallas Through June 5

June 25 Hong Kong Jewellery & Gem Fair Hong Kong Through June 28



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June 30 LA Men's Market Los Angeles Through July 1

July 2 ISPO Shanghai Shanghai Through July 4

July 7 WWSRA Intermountain Summer Show Salt Lake City Through July 9

July 8 Denimsandjeans India Bengaluru, India Through July 9

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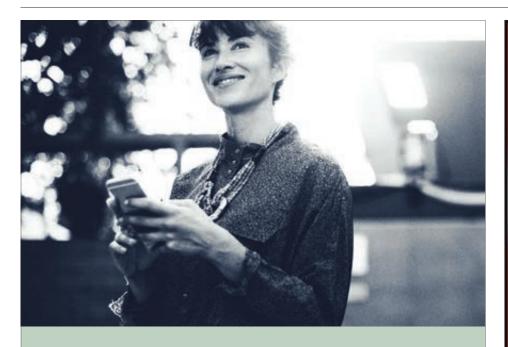
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July 23 Jewelry, Fashion & Accessories Show Rosemont, III. Through July 26



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July 25 Dallas Men's Show Dallas Through July 27 Fashion Hong Kong at New York Fashion Week New York Through July 28 Hong Kong Fashion Week Hong Kong Through July 28 Hong Kong Gifts & Premium Fair Hong Kong Through July 28 Hong Kong International Home Textiles and Furnishings Fair Hong Kong Through July 28

July 26 Kentucky Bluegrass Buyer's Market Lexington, Ky, Through July 27 Philadelphia Fabric Show Philadelphia Ihrough July 27

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Aug. 8 Deerfield Children's Show Deerfield, III. Through Aug. 10 Wasche Und Mehr (Laundry and More) Kohn, Germany Through Aug. 10

Aug. 9 Travelers Show Philadelphia Plymouth Meeting, Pa. Through Aug. 10 Stylemax Chicago Through Aug. 11 JA New York Summer New York Through Aug. 12

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Aug. 15 IFJAG Las Vegas Las Vegas Through Aug. 18 OffPrice Las Vegas Through Aug. 18

Aug. 16 Toronto Shoe Show Toronto Through Aug. 18 Footwear Sourcing at MAGIC Las Vegas Through Aug. 19 Sourcing at MAGIC Las Vegas Through Aug. 19

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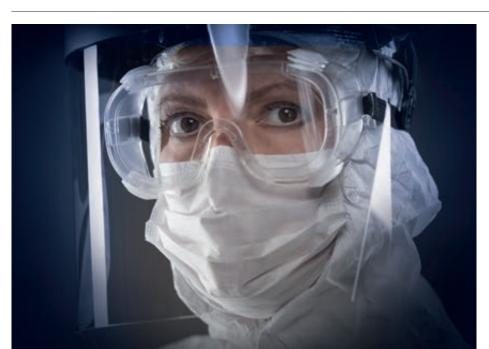
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Aug. 21 Apparel Textile Sourcing Montreal Montreal Gartex Texprocess India New Delhi Through Aug. 23 Vancouver Footwear & Accessory Buying Market Richman, British Columbia Through Aug. 23

Aug. 22 Atlanta Shoe Market Atlanta Through Aug. 24 **Michigan Shoe Market** Livonia, Mich. Through Aug. 24 **STYL/KABO** Brno, Czech Republic Through Aug. 24

Aug. 23 Travelers Show Baltimore Baltimore Through Aug. 24 **Fashion Market Northern** California San Mateo, Calif. Through Aug. 25 National Bridal Market Chicago Chicago Through Aug. 25

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Aug. 29 Trend Seattle Bellevue, Wash. Through Aug. 31 Trendz Palm Beach, Fla, Through Aug. 31

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Sept. 5 Interfilière Paris Paris Through Sept. 7 I.L.M. International Leather Goods Fair Offenbach, Germany Through Sept. 7 Luxe Pack Monaco Monaco Through Sept. 7 Riviera Paris Through Sept. 7

Sept. 6 London London Through Sept. 7

Sept. 7 Bodyfashion Days Sports Achat Summer Lyon, France Through Sept. 8 Milano Unica Milan Through Sept. 9 Preview in Seoul, International Textile Fair Seoul, South Korea Through Sept. 9

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Sept. 10 Fashion Supply Chain Summit Frankfurt, Germany Indianapolis Children's Show Through Sept. 11 Impressions Expo Orlando Orlando, Fla. Through Sept. 12 Surf Expo, Bluewater at Surf Expo Orlando, Fla. Through Sept. 12 New York Fashion Week New York Through Sept. 13 Trends The Apparel Show Edmonton, Alberta Through Sept. 13

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Milan Fashion Week Through Sept. 28

Sept. 23 **Digital Marketing Expo &** Cologne, Germany Through Sept. 24 Dallas Total Home & Gift Market Dallas Through Sept. 25 Intertextile Shanghai Apparel Fabrics Shanghai Through Sept. 25 Lineapelle Milan Through Sept. 25 Yarnexpo Shanghai Through Sept. 25

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Sent. 25 Lexus Charleston Fashion Week Fall Fall Charleston, S.C. Through Sept. 26 The NBM Show Cleveland Cleveland Through Sept. 26 Western Imprint Canada Show Calgary, Alberta Through Sept. 26 Milano Unica Shanghai Shanghai Through Sept. 27

Sept. 27 The Deerfield Show-Midwest Apparel Trade Shows Deerfield, III. Through Sept. 28

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Oct. 29 Uzhekistan Textile Expo Tashkent, Uzbeki Through Oct. 31

Oct. 31 Northstar Fashion Exhibitors St. Paul, Minn. ugh Nov. 2 ASFW (Texworld, ApparelSourcing, Texprocess) Addis Ababa, Ethiopia Through Nov. 3

**October TBA** China Fashion Week Beijing Cobb Trade Show Atlanta ComplexCon Long Beach, Cali Curve LA Interfilière New York New York LA Men's Market Los Angeles Fashion Week powered by The Society Los Angeles Modama Guadalaiara. Mexico **Rakuten Fashion Week Tokyo** 

Nov. 2 Art & Separations for Screen Printed Apparel Fairfax, Va. Through Nov. 3

Vegan Fashion Week

Nov. 3 New England Apparel Club Hyannis, Mass. Through Nov. 4 Atlanta Fall Immediate Delivery Show Atlanta Through Nov. 5

Nov. 4 Dye+Chem Morocco International Expo Casablanca, Morocco Through Nov. 7 Morocco International Yarn & Fabric Sourcing Show Casablanca, Morocco Through Nov. 7 Textech International Expo Morocco Casablanca, Morocco Through Nov. 7

Nov. 5 The NBM Show Charlotte Charlotte, N.C Through Nov. **New York Licensing Leadership** Summit New York Through Nov. 6

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Nov. 6 Mid-South Jewelry and Accessories Fair Memphis, Tenn Through Nov. 8

Nov. 8 Michigan Women's Wear Market Livonia, Mich. Livonia, Mich. Through Nov. 9

Nov. 10 New England Apparel Club Portland Portland, Maine Through Nov. 11

Nov. 11 Apparel Textile Sourcing Miami Through Nov. 13

Nov. 13 Hawaii Market Merchandise Expo Nov. 15 Through Nov. Milan Through Nov. 16

Nov. 15 ITA Showtime High Point, N.C. Through Nov. 18

Nov. 17 Kingpins New York New York Through Nov. 18 **Retail Asia Conference & Expo** Hong Kong Through Nov. 19

Nov. 18 Functional Fabric Fair powered by Performance Days ortland, Ore. Trough Nov. 19 **Intex South Asia** Colombo, Sri Lanka Through Nov. 20

Nov. 19 International Jewelry and Merchandise Show New Orleans Through Nov. 22

Nov. 24 Denim Première Vision Through Nov. 25

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Nov. 27 Poznan Fit Expo Poznan, Poland Through Nov. 29 Première Vision @ Fashion Source Shenzhen Shenzhen, China Through Nov. 29

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