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### What lessons have you learned through producing virtual trade events?

By Dorothy Crouch Managing Editor

After months of developing methods to bring the industry together during the COVID-19 pandemic, many apparel-trade-show producers invested in digital-platform virtual shows, while others waited to safely produce onsite events. As the industry continues to work through challenges, we asked trade-show producers: What lessons have you learned through producing virtual trade events, and what formula do you feel would be best to combine digital and onsite shows?

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

During these times, utilizing digital technology ensures that industries continue to be connected to their audience. For Texworld and Apparel Sourcing New York City, our virtual platform allows our international exhibitors to remain relevant in the marketplace through significant matchmaking and product displays, while this same virtual option expands our buyer market past local borders to visitors traditionally unable to attend the three-day event. Our greatest lesson learned encompasses

what we have always known—face-to-face encounters are critical to business and, even more so, in the apparel industry. These events strengthen communities and offer opportunities to network and exchange ideas. We are hopeful and excited to bring in-person trade shows back to the market. No matter the model, providing a platform encouraging meaningful interactions and engaging education remains our goal.

**Tricia Barglof,** Executive Director Offprice Show offpriceshow.com

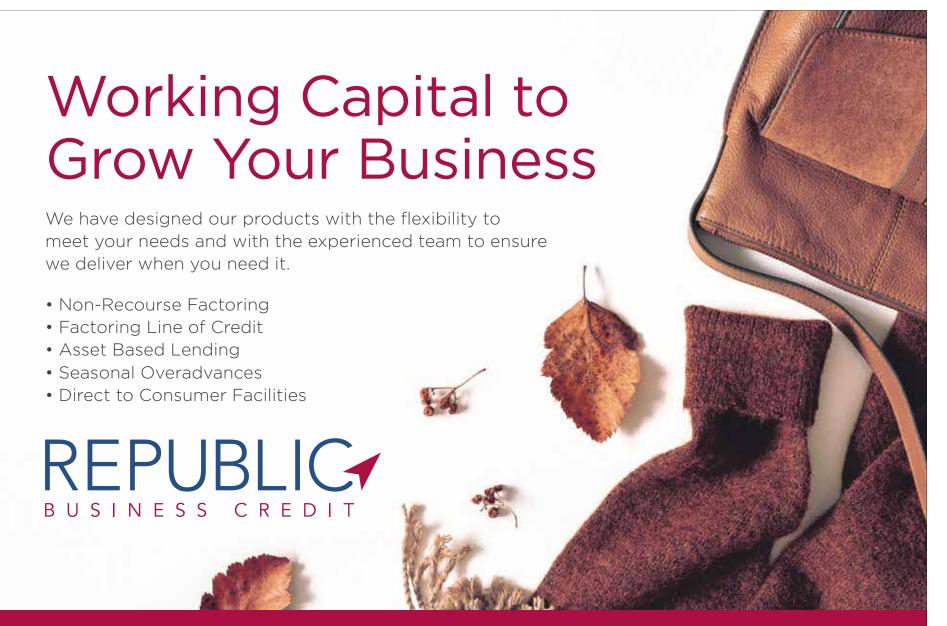
The Offprice Show has had an online marketplace called Offprice365 for the past couple of years, and we have learned a lot from that experience. We took that knowledge and added a variety of features to our new digital event this fall, Offprice Online. That included digital showrooms, AI matchmaking technology and video meetings. The apparel industry relies on the touch and feel of the merchandise they are buying, so I think it's safe to say that in-person events won't go away. But there are digital features that can be combined with a physical show to improve the overall retailer's experience. By adding some components like digital showrooms or on-demand education and video sessions, you can extend the shelf life of your event beyond four days for those can't-miss opportunities.

**Kirsten Griffin,** Visitor Promotions Director Curve *curve-newyork.com* 

The flexibility to work 24/7 on their own terms was especially important as many retailers are working with a reduced workforce and need to spend more time on the selling floor. As a result of Curve Connect, our global audience of retailers has grown. Working with our Paris office, we will connect with more European brands to widen our assortment of exhibitors at our digital show in 2021. In February, we will launch the second edition of Curve Connect with 10 days of special events, webinars and roundtable discussions on key topics. The platform will be a subscription service open all year long for making connections and setting up video meetings. We expect to be able to offer physical events in New York, Los Angeles and Montreal in 2021 with our first show occurring during L.A. Market Week in March.

**Issa Jouaneh**, CEO Agenda Show (AZTQ Corporation) *Agendashow.com* 

Evidence to date suggests that virtual shows have not generated enough value for most exhibitors to warrant only virtu-









**Bob Maricich** 

Cindy Morris

Marisa Nicholson

al events. At AZTQ Corporation, and specifically the Agenda Show, we believe strongly that live events are here to stay. We are very much on track to have a live event in Las Vegas in February. While there is a percentage of the population that may not be ready to meet face to face, we are hearing from the majority in our community that it's time to meet again. Over the last eight months we have provided our exhibiting brands and buyers a no-cost solution to participate in a virtual marketplace and will continue to provide access to this solution well into 2021 in parallel to our live event in Las Vegas.

### **Thierry Langlais,** Vice President of Operations Première Vision

Premierevision.com

Première Vision believes that the future of our industry is built around the combination of physical and digital since it is no longer a matter of complementarity between the two. We define our future strategy leveraging on both to create a unique experience for the fashion-professional community. The COVID-19 crisis is a huge opportunity to speed up the change and define a winning format in the market as we set in September with our Marketplace & Digital Show, which welcomed more than 19,000 people over two days. Once more, Première Vision was a precursor anticipating market behavior.

# **Ed Mandelbaum,** President Designers & Agents *Designersandagents.com*

Designers & Agents launched d&a digital for the Spring '21 season in order to provide an essential point of connection between the D&A exhibitors and retail audience. D&A has partnered with Ordre, a leading, cutting-edge technology wholesale platform that encompasses the sensibility of D&A and its exhibitors and will continue to do so going forward. We view the digital platform and physical trade show as separate but complimentary entities. d&a digital is a collective of virtual showrooms and serves as an enhancement to exhibitors and offers retailers even more streamlined capabilities to merchandise and purchase collections, pre-, during and post-market. When we return to the in-person trade-show model, D&A will continue to offer the d&a digital platform to our exhibitors as a useful tool to stay connected.

#### **Bob Maricich,** CEO International Market Centers Atlanta Apparel *Atlanta-Apparel.com*

Successfully presenting five Atlanta Apparel markets during this pandemic has provided us firsthand experience in best practices for concurrent, robust in-person and virtual events. A major component of an omni-channel market is a comprehensive discovery and sourcing tool, which International Market Centers plans to launch in the first quarter of 2021. Juniper-Market is a new multi-line B2B e-commerce platform that will optimize the Atlanta Apparel Market experience by allowing buyers to easily reorder bestsellers, discover new products and transact with fashion vendors as a complement

to in-person, on-the-road, and at-market sourcing and shopping. With Juniper and its eight apparel markets, IMC will become the premier omni-channel product-sourcing resource for the industry.

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

We've not only held successful in-person events but also quickly become the national marketplace showcasing brands to more buyers from across the country. Beginning in June, we welcomed back our loyal buyers as well as an increasing number of new buyers from 47 states. Business is good in this part of the country, and our momentum has continued to such a degree that we are expanding our temps marketplace for January and have reallocated personnel to handle the new buyer applications, travel arrangements and tours for 2021. On the digital front, we announced a partnership with a respected, experienced software company, MarketTime, to extend its business-management and e-commerce solutions to more brands and buyers.

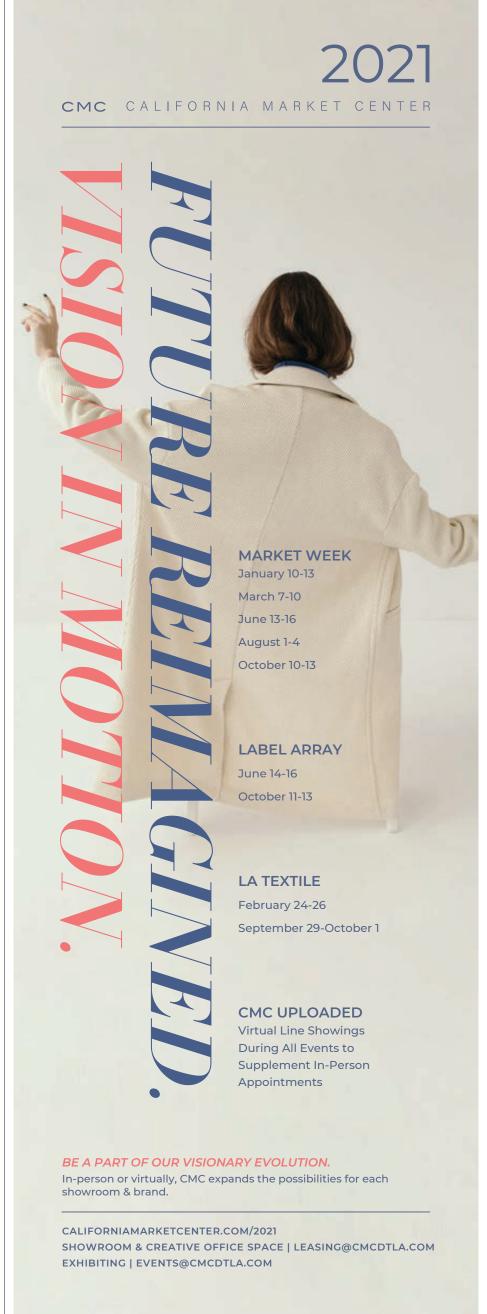
#### Marisa Nicholson, Senior Vice President and Show Director Outdoor Retailer outdoorretailer.com

We're currently in the process of shifting a second Outdoor Retailer show to digital. This past summer we launched our very first all-virtual marketplace at a time when so much was rapidly changing. In going online, a show is no longer compressed into three days; appointments, product discovery and education can span months. Additionally, it opened the opportunity for more people to attend who may not be able to in-person. As we prepare to open Winter Online in January, we have the advantage of having gone through this process once before. While our goals remain the same—we want to give the outdoor industry a place to connect, learn, discover and do business during these times—the circumstances have evolved. When we can meet in-person again, what we're learning and developing now will be integrated into future shows to enhance the overall experience.

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

Because of the pandemic beginning in March, our event, APSS2020, had to be canceled, and we did not engage in a virtual show. In our industry, networking, visualization, being able to handle the material, feel the fabric, watch machinery up and running, and all the benefits that you get when having a physical show are gone in a virtual event. I think virtual and digital have come to change us, but it will not replace physical events. So, for our event, I think the combination of virtual and physical is a must. With virtual, you can have a broader audience and help the ones that cannot travel to the event have business meetings, but it does not replace the sensation of being in a factory, for example.

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Jason Prescott, CEO

Apparel Textile Sourcing Trade Shows
JP Communications LLC

appareltextilesourcing.com

The Apparel Textile Sourcing Trade Shows

were among the first producers to go virtual, beginning with our first virtual fair in May. We held our second fair, ATSV Phase 1, in October tailored to the Canadian market and will host Phase 2 next week tailored to the U.S.A. market. Supplementing physical is hard enough, but overcoming the digital chal-

lenges internationally to produce global sourcing fairs is no small feat. Recently, we integrated live matchmaking, live meeting rooms and live streaming. The bright spot for virtual will remain seminars and conferences—but physical is needed when it comes to international sourcing of textiles and apparel.

**Moriah Robinson,** Event Director California Market Center californiamarketcenter.com

The California Market Center launched our own virtual event series, CMC Uploaded. On CMC Uploaded, our showrooms and ex-

hibitors share their latest product lines, chat about current trends and respond to viewer questions as they engage in a relaxed interview with our Buyer Relations Manager, Matthew Mathiasen. Matthew is well known around the California Market Center by both showrooms and buyers, so having him host our series is an organic and natural way to connect and create familiarity and comfort during a time of uncertainty. Starting in January 2021, we will produce CMC Uploaded prior to L.A. Fashion Market instead of during. We believe this simple shift will be the first step of many toward creating a new 360-degree approach to the events and trade-show industry.

#### Flavia Santoro, President ProColombia Procolombia.co

Our business Matchmaking Forum of the Americas, which combines an onsite inauguration day with online business meetings, is of enormous significance for Colombia and the region. We are convinced that this semi-virtual summit, held Nov. 3-13, will spearhead the recovery of the dynamic of our non-mining exports. We have the participation of about 1,200 Colombian exporting companies and around 500 buyers from the 35 countries of the continent, among which the United States stands out in the fashion-and-apparel industry with Walmart, Nordstrom, Outerstuff, Goldmedal International and 25 other companies. E-commerce is no longer a luxury, as it has become an essential factor for the success of businesses, which has led to strengthening our Colombia One Click Away service line. Since its inception, more than 2,000 Colombian businesspeople and entrepreneurs have received training in virtual commerce.

#### **Judy Stein,** Executive Director Swimwear Association of Florida *swimshow.com*

Our SwimShow platform has been very successful and will continue along that path as our virtual marketplace will be active through the end of the year. We continuously update our vendors' profiles as they send us new collateral and we announce that to the retail community via outreaches. Our industry is resourceful, and we all shifted as needed in order to do what we



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Nancy Walsh

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do best-provide a forum for retailers and manufacturers to connect and conduct business. Nothing will ever take the place of a live, in-person trade show where retailers can see the new collections up close and personal, touch the garments, feel the fabrics, see the construction and details and most importantly

view it on the body, but there is great value to a virtual marketplace to enhance the buying experience though never to replace it.

#### Mary Taft, Executive Director **Fashion Market Northern California** fashionmarketnorcal.com

FMNC canceled three of the five shows scheduled this year. bypassing digital during April, June and August. We did step out of the box in October and hosted an open-air market on the San Mateo County Event Center property. Buyers and exhibitors were incredibly grateful for the opportunity to work with their customers face to face and to have the products available to see and touch. FMNC's marketing and social-media committee reached out consistently to reps and buyers throughout the past seven months, with our Tipsy Tuesday campaign giving helpful tips on how to use social media to keep in touch with customers. We will continue a positive path to 2021 with our first show of the year in January at the Embassy Suites in South San Francisco. Our hope is to be back inside the event center for our April show.

#### **Bryanna Timney,** Event Director WomensWear in Nevada wwinshow.com

When we launched Womens-Wear in Nevada's virtual platform, WWINdow Shopping, in July, our intent was to provide a onestop shop where the community could come together to showcase, explore and discover; connect and meet face to face; and learn through our digital-education series. While the platform has been successful, we've learned a few things. Time is a challenge—it is a powerful benefit to be able to access virtual platforms 24/7; however, not everyone is running on the same schedule and people are (thankfully!) busy. We've seen higher engagement on our on-demand and more-time-flexible features. Virtual will continue to be a core part of our business moving forward, providing a complement and adding value to our in-person offerings. As we prepare to launch our second season of WWINdow Shopping in December, we see this fitting perfectly alongside our live events.

Nancy Walsh, President-North America Informa Markets Informa.com magicfashionevents.com

Since we had been working on introducing a digital-event offering to our portfolio since

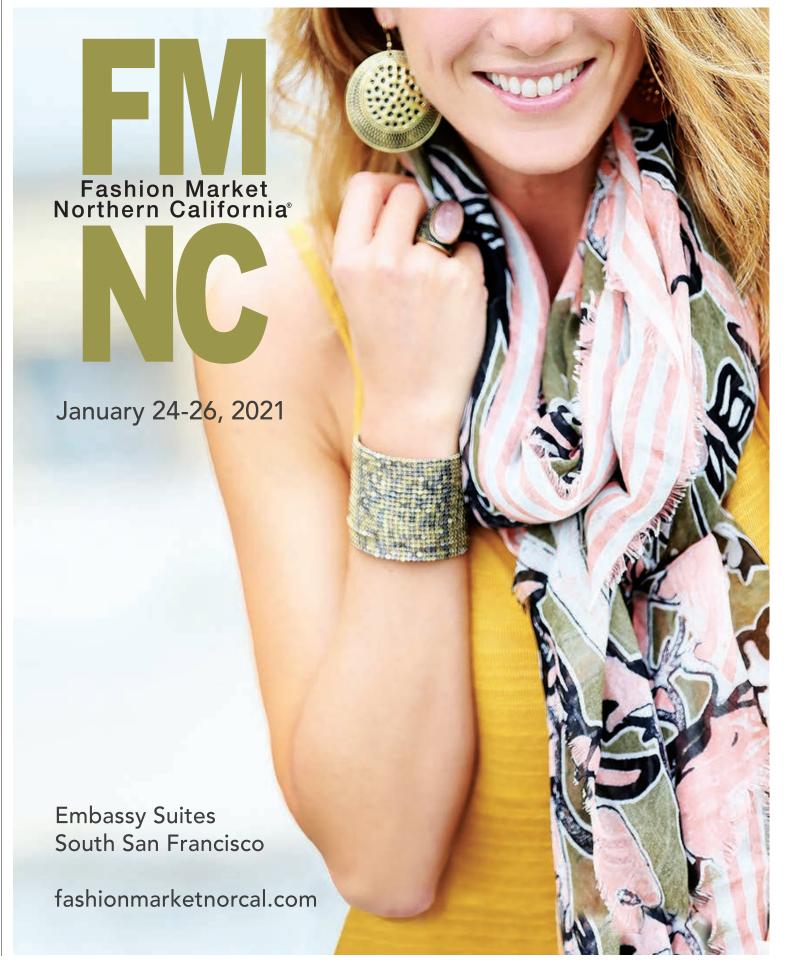
the beginning of 2020, we were able to pivot toward a quicker execution. Our initial data show an eagerness to connect and willingness for our community to expand into this newer way of conducting business. While the fashion industry has been focused on digitization in many areas, wholesale has lagged, so there's an expectation of a ramp-up period as widespread adoption happens over time. Dovetailing off of this, we will be continuing forward with our digital offering in 2021. We are also exploring smaller micro-events in select cities within the U.S. in order to bring our ultimate goal, a hybrid model of live and digital platforms that encourage connections and align with our customers' needs, while actively exploring how and when to bring large-scale events back safely in 2021.

#### **Marco Weichert**, Founder and General Manager **Performance Days**

Performancedays.com

Over the past eight months, countless virtual trade events have been created. From web inars to websites that resemble video games, many solutions were offered. The lesson we learned is that each event, no matter if onsite or digital, needs time to be prepared. Luckily, Performance Days had already invested early enough in a digital database of exhibitors, visitors and products. Nonetheless, the team needed to develop concepts, layouts and IT solutions together with specialized service providers. Once the world returns to face-to-face on-site meetings for apparel-industry expositions, the digital infrastructure of today will still be in place. Therefore, all onsite trade fairs of the future will probably be hybrid thanks to the technical solutions. Onsite apparel-industry expositions are even more difficult to replace as textiles require being experienced with all senses.

\*Responses have been condensed for space.



# **International Trade-Show Calendar**

**Apparel Textile Sourcing Virtual** Online, through Nov. 20 **HKTDC Autumn Sourcing Week** Online

Nov. 17

**Printsource Virtual Print Show** Online, through Nov. 19

Nov. 18

Moda Makers Digital Online, through Nov. 30

The NBM Show Virtual Decorated

Nov. 19

International Jewelry and Merchandise Show

Nov. 27

Première Vision @ Fashion Source **Shenzhen** Shenzhen, China, through Nov. 29

Nov. 30 **WWSRA Rocky Mountain** 



in the Bay area, **Fashion Market Northern California** remains strong. Our goal is to be there for our community of buy-ers and reps, and this year forced us to get creative. Our outdoor "open-air market" show in October was a great success, proving our ability to adjust and strive to bring buyers to the exhibitors and product! In 2021, we will continue to explore creative ways to expand categories offered, with possible additions of makers, gift, and emerging brands — all to be show cased in our open booth format when possible. Follow us on social media @ fashionmarketnorcal\_fmnc! Denver, through Dec. 3
New York Shoe Expo, FFANY Market Week New York, through Dec. 4

Dec. 1

**WWSRA Montana December Show Garment Technology Virtual Expo** 

Art Basel "OVR: Miami Beach" Online, through Dec. 6

Jewelry, Fashion & Accessories Show

GTS Raleigh Gift & Jewelry Show

Dec. 7

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**WWSRA** Intermountain December Show Salt Lake City, through Dec. 10

**WWSRA Northwest December** Tigard, Ore., through Dec. 10

Dec. 9

Performance Days—Functional Fabric Fair—Digital Edition
Online-through Dec. 10 HKTDC Asian E-tailing Summit Hong Kong, through Dec. 11

Dec. 11

Helen Brett Holiday Market

Jan. 4

**ASI Show Orlando** Orlando, Fla., through Jan. 6

**WWSRA Northwest January Show WWSRA Rocky Mountain January** 

nver, through Jan. 7

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Surf Expo, Bluewater at Surf Expo **Dallas Total Home & Gift Market** 

Jan. 9

**London Fashion Week** 

Jan. 10

**Cobb Trade Show Travelers Show Philadelphia** Plymouth Meeting, Pa., through Jan. 11

Trendz alm Beach, Fla., through Jan. 12 **CMC Uploaded—LA Market Edition** Online, through Jan. 13

LA Kids' Market **LA Market Week** 

Jan. 11

Couromoda São Paulo, Brazil, through Jan. 13 Gift & Home Spring Market LA Los Angeles, through Jan. 15

PPAI Expo Direct-2-You

**WWSRA Southern California** 

WWSRA Southern California
January Show
Costa Mesa, Calif., through Jan. 13
Apparel Sourcing USA Virtual
Online, through Jan. 14
Pitti Immagine Uomo
Florence, Italy, through Jan. 14
Texworld USA Virtual
Obliga through Jan. 14

Online, through Jan. 14

WWSRA Intermountain January

**Show** Salt Lake City, through Jan. 14 WWSRA Northern California **January Show** Roseville, Calif., through Jan. 14

Atlanta Market Atlanta, through Jan. 19 Virtual Retail's BIG Show, NRF's Annual Convention

Jan. 13

Fashion Industry Gallery (FIG) **Spring 2/Summer** Dallas, through Jan. 15

**Dallas Apparel & Accessories** Market Dallas, through Jan. 16

Kidsworld Market

Online, through Jan. 22



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ISPO Beijing

through Jan. 16 WESA Western/English Apparel & Equipment

Jan. 15

Milan Fashion Week

Jan. 17

**Travelers Show Baltimore ASI Show Virtual Expo** 

Gift & Home Winter Market LA

Los Angeles, through Jan. 22 **Preface Experience Kit East Coast** 

Jan. 19

Première Vision New York New York, through Jan. 20 Neonyt Winter Berlin, through Jan. 21

**Denver Apparel & Accessories** Market

Denver, through Jan. 22 Intermoda

Guadalaiara, Mexico, through Jan. 22 Paris Fashion Week Men

Jan. 20

**Sports Licensing and Tailgate** Las Vegas, through Jan. 21

Jan. 22

Northwest Shoe Travelers Market St. Paul, Minn., through Jan. 24

Jan. 23

Interfilière Paris Paris, through Jan. 25

Salon International de la Lingerie

Paris Paris, through Jan. 25 **Playtime Paris** 

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Jan. 24

**Northstar Fashion Exhibitors** Fashion Market Northern California South San Francisco, Calif., through Jan. 26

Jan. 25

ColombiaTex Medellín, Colombia, through Jan. 28 Munich Fabric Start, Bluezone **Paris Fashion Week Haute** 

Paris, through Jan. 28 Preface Experience Kit West Coast

View Fabric Days

Jan. 26

Couture

**Fashion London SVP** London, through Jan. 27 **ITA Showtime** Mahwah, N.J., through Jan. 27 PGA Show Virtual Experieince &

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Jan. 27

Spinexpo Hong Kong **Outdoor Retailer Winter Market** SIA Snow Show & Sourcing Show Denver, through Jan. 29 Mercedes-Benz Fashion Week Madrid

Madrid, through Feb. 1

Jan. 28

Playtime Shanghai Billings Market Association Billings, Mont., through Jan. 30

Jan. 29

Supreme Kids Munich, through Jan. 31

Supreme Women & Men seldorf, Germany, through Feb. 1 Minneapolis Mart Gift, Home, Apparel, & Accessory Show Minneapolis, Minn., through Feb. 2

Jan. 30 **Andydote Fashion Fair** Athens, Greece, through Gallery Düsseldorf Trend Seattle

Bellevue, Wash., through Feb. 1

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Jan. 31

Michigan Shoe Market **Travelers Show Pittsburgh** Moon Township, Pa., through F **Dallas Men's Show** Dallas, through Feb. 2 **Stylemax** Chicago, through Feb. 2

**January TBA Accessorie Circuit** ASFW (Texworld, Apparel

Sourcing, Texprocess)
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, **Brand Assembly** CALA Denver

CALA San Francisco China Fashion Week

CIFF Paris **Designer Forum NY** 

Fame Impressions Connect. A Virtual Trade Show Experience

India International Garment Fair Intermezzo

LA Men's Market

Lineapelle London

Lineapelle New York

Moda

New England Apparel Club Signature Show Nova by DFO & Tranoi

02 Virtual Show

The Trends Show

Virtual Liberty Fashion Fairs Las

Feb. 1

**Apparel Sourcing Paris** Paris, through Feb. 4 Avantex Paris, Leatherworld Paris

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Texworld Paris, Texworld Denim New York Shoe Expo. FFANY Market Week New York, through Feb. 5 **Digital Materials Show** Cabana Virtual Marketplace

Feb. 2

Luxe Pack Los Angeles International Collegiate Licensing **Association Winter Symposium** Milano Unica

**Edmonton Footwear & Accessory Buying Market** Edmonton, Alberta, through Feb. 5 February Atlanta Apparel

Feb. 3 **WWSRA Northwest Demo** WWSRA Rocky Mountain Demo

Copenhagen International Fashion Fair (CIFF) shows—Raven, Runway, Kids, Shoes Copenhagen, Denmark, through Feb. 5 Revolver Copenhagen International Fashion Trade Show

Copenhagen, Denmark, through Feb. 5

Feb. 4

**Momad Shoes Bisutex, Madridjoya** Madrid, through Feb. 7 **NY Now Digital Market** 

Feb. 5 Mid-South Jewelry and Accessories Fair Memphis, Tenn., through Feb. 7

**Supreme Body & Beach** Munich, through Feb. 8

Feb. 7 **NY Now Winter Market** 

Feb. 8 Preface Experience Kit Webinar



**Atlanta Apparel** is the largest apparel market on the East Coast, offering thousands of contemporary and ready-to-wear women's, children's, and accessories lines all together in one location at one time. As the apparel and accessories collection of AmericasMart® Atlanta, it features an expansive—and growing—prod-uct mix, including contemporary, ready-to-wear, young contemporary, social occasion, bridal, activewear, resortwear, swim, lingerie, fashion jewelry, fine jewelry, shoes, handbags, and more showcased in permanent showrooms and temporary exhibition booths. Trend-driven juried temporary collections include Première (women's premium high-end/ contemporary apparel, denim, and accessories) and Resort (high-quality lifestyle apparel and accessories). Atlanta Apparel presents five apparel markets and three specialty markets: World of Prom (prom, pageant, quinceañera, social occasion) each year and Vow I New World of Bridal twice each year. www.AmericasMart.

Feb. 9

WWSRA California Onsite Demo **WWSRA Intermountain Demo** Trendz West Palmetto, Fla., through Feb. 11

Feb. 11 New York Fashion Week Powered by The Society
New York, through Feb. 14

Feb. 13

West Coast Trend Show

Feb. 14

Jacket Required London Pure London, Pure Origin London, through Feb. 16 Scoop International Fashion Shows

IFJAG Las Vegas

Feb. 15

Las Vegas, through Feb. 18

Feb. 17

**Agenda Las Vegas** Las Vegas, through Feb. 18

Feb. 19

Vancouver Footwear & Accessory Buying Market British Columbia, through Feb. 21

Feb. 20

Atlanta Shoe Market

Feb. 21

**Playtime New York** Milano Micam

Milan, through Feb. 24 The One Milano-Mifur Mipap

Feb. 23

Moda London, Fashion Together Virtual Forum

Feb. 24

Filo Milan, through Feb. 25



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LA Textile

Los Angeles, through Feb. 26 Lineapelle Milan Milan, through Feb. 26

Dhaka International Denim Show Dhaka, Bangladesh, through Feb. 27 Hong Kong International Fur & Hong Kong, through Feb. 27

Feb. 25

White Show—Man & Woman Milan, through Feb. 26 Denver Apparel & Accessories Market

Denver, through Feb. 28 Vancouver Footwear & Accessory

Feb. 28

**Travelers Show Philadelphia** Plymouth Meeting, Pa., through March 1 ASD MRket Week, SourceDirect at ASD Las Vegas, through March 3 Store Point Fashion

February TBA

Association of Footwear+Apparel Canada **Boston Collective** 

Cabana & Capsule Womens New York **Chicago Collective** 

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### Goodbye 2020. Hello 2021!

We think it's safe to say we are all ready for a fresh new year to reset, to rebuild, and reconnect. We can't wait to welcome you back safely in 2021 for an amazing new Market season. Mark your calendars today!

#### Future 2021 Dates

#### February Atlanta Apparel

SHOWROOMS: Tue, February 2 - Sat, February 6, 2021 TEMPORARIES: Wed, February 3 - Fri, February 5, 2021

#### April Atlanta Apparel

SHOWROOMS: Tue, April 13 - Sat, April 17, 2021 TEMPORARIES: Wed, April 14 - Fri, April 16, 2021

#### June Atlanta Apparel

SHOWROOMS: Wed, June 9 - Sat, June 12, 2021 TEMPORARIES: Wed, June 9 - Fri, June 11, 2021

#### August Atlanta Apparel

SHOWROOMS: Tuesday, August 3 - Saturday, August 7, 2021 TEMPORARIES: Wednesday, August 4 - Friday, August 6, 2021

#### October Atlanta Apparel

SHOWROOMS: Tuesday October 12 - Saturday, October 16, 2021 TEMPORARIES: Wednesday, October 13 - Friday, October 15, 2021



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**Designers and Agents NY** 

Indianapolis Children's Show

Londonedge

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Las Vegas
Metro-Michigan Show

Midwest Gift & Lifestyle Show

Northern Michigan Show

OffPrice

Première Vision Paris

Project NY, MARket, The Tents, The Foundry, DenimRoom, ProjectSole, Brits in NY

SMOTA Miami Super

Surtex The NBM Show

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#### March 1

MosShoes Moscow, through March 3 East China Fair Shanghai Russian Textile Week: Inlegmash, Legpromforum, Interfabric, Industry Conference Paris Fashion Week Women

March 2

**WWSRA Northern Post Show** Reno, Nev., through March 4
Spring Seasons Fashion, Jewellery and Accessories Fair Hong Kong, through March 5

#### March 3

Travelers Show Ocean City Ocean City, Md., through March 4 LA Textile Los Angeles, through March 5 Spring Mini Market Atlanta Atlanta, through March 5

March 4

**Trends The Apparel Show** 

#### March 5

Aberdeen Fashion Week Première Classe Gallery Shoes & Fashion, **Showroom Concepts**Düsseldorf, Germany, through March 9

#### March 6

I.L.M. International Leather Goods Fair Offenbach, Germany, through March 8

#### March 7

**Travelers Show Baltimore** Baltimore, through March 8 Gallery Shoes & Fashion
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#### March 10

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March 11

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#### March 12

Western Imprint Canada Show Calgary, Alberta, through March 13

#### March 14

**Travelers Show Pittsburgh** Moon Township, Pa., through March 15 **National Bridal Market Chicago** Northstar Fashion Exhibitors St. Paul, Minn., through March 16

#### March 23 Dallas Apparel & Accessories

Market Dallas, through March 26 **Dallas Total Home & Gift Market** 

#### March 24 Fashion Industry Gallery (FIG)

Dallas, through March 26



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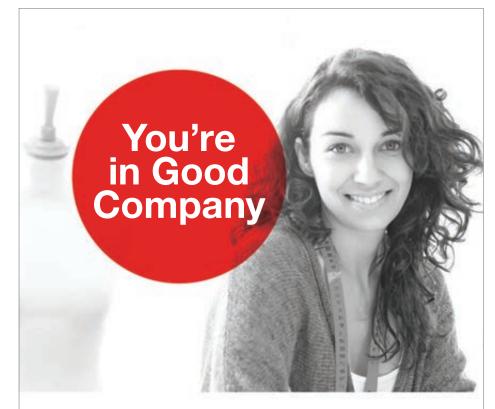
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### Trinidad3 Drops Holiday 2020 Collection on Veterans Day

Following the well-received collection of New American Selvedge jeans that it launched on July 4 through a partnership with Louisiana textile maker **Vidalia Mills**, Los Angeles—made denim label **Trinidad3** is once again nodding to the roots of its founder, former **United States Marine Corps** sergeant Trinidad Garcia III, by incorporating love for the men and women who serve the country. Its Holiday 2020 collection, the largest in the brand's history, launched on Veterans Day, Nov. 11, along with news of celebrity ambassadors and partnerships with retailers.

"We're so grateful to be able to show why we're doing this and even more so now with the addition of more-comfortable and athletic stretch styles going out the door faster than we can craft them! It's pretty crazy, to be honest," Garcia III said. "Add on our holiday-only jackets and the upcoming collaborations with "Mayans" on FX star Vincent Vargas' Beteran.com and the chance to debut on Nordstrom.com this season, I cannot wait to see what the rest of this season holds."

After debuting its Fall 2020 collection at the **Dallas Market Center** in August, Trinidad3 built off the momentum from the show. Joe Lafko, Trinidad3's managing partner and a USMC veteran, was touched by the enthusiasm of retailers to work with the brand, as its goods sold out at one point as demand skyrocketed.

"It's been pretty humbling and exciting to see retailers grasp on to our mission of supporting our vets and run with it," Lafko said. "Now, more than ever, I am glad they've had the chance to have something special and exclusive to be able to offer their customers."

The collection includes jeans and T-shirts in new colors for Holiday, in addition to the new Luke Mother Trucker Jacket, available in black-rinse, steel-wash, raw, dark-wash and



Former Green Beret and Seattle Seahawks player Nate Boyer in Trinindad3's largest collection to date.

vintage-wash selvedge. Another facet of the collection is its more-sustainable approach to denim production, as Trinidad3 applies lessons Garcia III learned during his time spent serving in the armed forces.

"It's something we've heard talked a lot about, so we felt it was time to show just how we're able to achieve it with aligned sourcing, minimal waste and a consolidated supply chain," Garcia III explained. "We had a general rule while I was on active duty and that was, 'Leave everywhere you go better than it was before you got there,' and I feel this is carrying over to our design and production process. It also reminds us of how sustaining the lives of our veterans is a pillar of our own mission in sustainability as the human element shouldn't be ignored."

—Dorothy Crouch

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#### FREIGHT AND LOGISTICS

### Moving Toward Greener Freight and Logistics, Flexport Seeks to Offset Carbon

For technology-focused freight forwarder **Flexport**, creating a more streamlined approach to global trade has been the company's goal since the introduction of its cloud software and data-analytics platform in 2013. While the San Francisco–headquartered company has often been part of the discussion regarding how to clean up cargo to benefit the environment, it recently announced new steps it will be taking to offset carbon emissions by implementing Stripe Climate, a tool that allows online businesses to dedicate financial support to CO2-removal technologies.

Developed by the economic-infrastructure technology company **Stripe Climate**, the technology is available to the firm's clients, 25 of whom during beta testing have contributed hundreds of thousands of dollars per year to carbon removal, according to a statement from the brand, which is also based in San Francisco.

"As 90 percent of the goods we buy, eat, wear and consume are shipped across the sea, shipping is a significant part of this problem," Susy Schöneberg, Flexport's vice president of impact and general manager, said in a statement. "In fact, if the shipping industry were a country, it would be the world's sixthlargest polluter of greenhouse gases. Left unaddressed, emissions from the shipping industry will increase four times over the next 30 years."

In an effort to help limit the increase of the planet's temperature to 1.5 degrees Celsius



Flexport is working with Stripe Climate to support its carbon-removal technologies.

over pre-industrial levels, Flexport will commit a portion of its revenue to support the development of carbon-removal technologies, which are often overlooked in terms of funding. One hundred percent of the contributions toward Stripe Climate will be dedicated to carbon-removal technologies, and, for its part, Stripe is not charging fees on the funds that are dedicated to the initiative, which the company hopes will ease the process for its partners to support the cleanup and protection of the planet.

"Many of our users have told us they want to take climate action but don't because figuring out what to do can be time-intensive and complicated," Nan Ransohoff, head of climate at Stripe, said in a press release. "Stripe Climate makes it easy for businesses of any size to help tackle climate change by funding frontier carbon removal."—D.C.

