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# Event Producers Are Recharged, Ready to Go for Trade Shows in 2024

By Dorothy Crouch Contributing Writer

Trade-show producers have recovered from the hurdles of the last few years with many lessons learned during the COVID-19 pandemic. While the fashion industry continues to face challenges, trade-show producers are emphasizing their roles as partners and invaluable resources.

The upcoming 2024 trade-show calendar features many of the industry's most trusted events, but these productions are taking fresh steps to accommodate visitors

and exhibitors with a variety of needs. Tactile trade-show experiences remain crucial to buyers, yet there's still a need for virtual offerings. Buyers also want to engage with their peers, industry experts and brands to build relationships, explore sustainability initiatives and cultivate agility in the business.

As the trade-show industry prepares for a fresh year, California Apparel News asked trade-show leaders: What is your priority as a trade-show producer as we move into 2024, and what is at the core of your decision-making when creating experiences for your guests?

# Jennifer Bacon Vice President of Fashion and Apparel Shows Messe Frankfurt, Inc. www.texworldnewyorkcity.com



Simply put, we serve as a platform for global sourcing, education and networking for the industry. We aim to create experiences that showcase cutting-edge innovations and sustainable solutions as well as facilitate

collaboration, growth and knowledge exchange within the textile and apparel sector.

Personalization is another key focal point for 2024. Our enhanced attendee relations look to offer guests a more tailored show experience, showcasing product categories, education and trends that resonate with and fulfill their unique needs.

# Tricia Barglof Executive Director OffPrice Show offpriceshow.com



As OffPrice moves into 2024, our priority is to address the evolving needs of retailers who are adapting to changing customer demographics and shopping habits in today's economic climate.

OffPrice plays a crucial role in helping retailers develop relationships with vendors who can meet these new demands by offering flexibility, quick turnaround and low-risk wholesale orders that buyers can't find elsewhere. We aim to be a year-round resource for buyers, continuously

showcasing the diverse range of unique opportunities available in this market.

We recognize that the shift in registration trends within the trade-show industry, as noted post-pandemic, requires us to be even more accommodating. We understand that retailers, especially small businesses, are still grappling with barriers like staffing shortages and inflation, which can make it harder for them to attend as many shows as they did in the past. Therefore, our decision-making revolves around ensuring that our trade-show experiences are accessible, accommodating and provide the necessary resources to address these challenges, allowing both buyers and vendors to connect and thrive in this changing landscape.

# Chantal Danguillaume Show Director Playtime New York iloveplaytime.com



Launched in 2010, Playtime New York quickly established itself as a major event for the kids' fashion and lifestyle industry in the United States. Committed from the start to meeting buyers' needs as closely as

possible, Playtime has continuously adapted to changes in the industry. When buyers began looking for a broader, more eclectic offering, the Playtime family grew to include Kid's Hub in August 2021. Providing a selection of brands targeted to the broader U.S. market, the Kid's Hub selection complements the offerings from Playtime, enabling buyers to find everything they're looking for at a single show.

With a curated blend of independent designers, well-established international labels and the best American brands, every sector of the kids' fashion and lifestyle market is represented. Featuring insightful seminars where

industry experts decode shifts and new trends in the children's market and trend spaces that immerse visitors in the must-haves for the upcoming season, Playtime and Kid's Hub provide space for developing businesses. With a complementary ordering platform and CRM tool, Orderwizz enables buyers and brands to connect before and after the show.

Playtime and Kid's Hub offer the most complete wholesale experience in the market. That is the motivation at the center of all that they do. By providing a space to place orders, grow business and develop partnerships, Playtime and Kid's Hub New York continue to build an international, professional community.

# Kirsten Griffin Visitor Promotions Director, Fashion Division Curve/Comexposium U.S. Curveexpo.com



Curve is evaluating the best opportunities available to make memorable experiences. We want to produce a personalized journey from the moment a brand or buyer walks onto the show floor. In particular, our re-

gional shows—Curve Los Angeles and Curve Montreal—offer the chance to organize an event that takes into account the lifestyle of the attendees.

For our upcoming Los Angeles show, this means a return to the Westdrift Manhattan Beach hotel, which is an incredible venue that has a Southern California vibe with indoor/outdoor spaces overlooking a golf course. The majority of our attendees and exhibitors stay at the hotel for the entire two-day event. At Curve, we call it a "showcation" because the lines are blurred between mixing business with pleasure. Shopping is the No. 1 priority for our buyers. However, we offer multiple

chances to connect and hopefully build lifelong relationships, whether it's on the show floor enjoying a gourmet buffet lunch, dancing at our VIP beach party, taking a morning yoga class together or attending a Fit workshop

The open floor plan of Curve LA allows a sense of discovery, gives equal exposure to our participating exhibitors and, most importantly, encourages interaction. The daily activities are centrally located on the outdoor terrace, which allows brands and buyers to meet up multiple times each day. Creating this Curve community with those special moments are what brings value to our shows and will be our focus in 2024.

# Kelly Helfman President Informa Markets Fashion magicfashionevents.com



Informa Markets Fashion events open the space for brands and buyers to do business, but there is much more to our shows. From the time attendees or exhibitors decide to participate, we want them to be immersed in the fash-

ion business and value we provide. We are a trusted industry resource, which supports our customers through our communications so that they are prepared and have the proper tools for a successful event experience. This includes providing engaging content both onsite and online that is timely and applicable to our audience.

Our goal is to keep the industry informed on relevant topics covering all aspects of business from sourcing to supply chain to the final point of sale. It is also about a seamless on-site experience that allows our customers to be able to discover new brands and buyers through a well-curated and merchandised

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show floor.

Moving into the new year, we are focused on sustainability and committed to continuously improving the way we approach this initiative. We recently introduced our Verified Sustainable program to all of our brands including MAGIC, Project, Coterie and Sourcing at MAGIC, and we have seen an increased demand and awareness in this category over the last year. This program celebrates brands and manufacturers who are highly achieving the sustainability goals set by the UN, which also helps our buyers to shop with purpose.

# Jim Iwasaki Founder and President Lisa Iwasaki Vice President of Operations OC Apparel Show ocapparelshow.com



The heart of our show and our mission is to provide both buyers and reps or vendors an incredible experience and exceptional service. The OC Apparel Show is in its fourth year, and we're excited to an-

nounce our new location at the Irvine Hyatt Regency.

We're constantly out in the marketplace searching for new and special merchandise to help set apart our show from others. We attend the top shows in the country to seek out special merchandise for stores with our signature California coastal flavor.

Part of our show's impeccable service is to provide our concierge service to match up buyers' needs and wants with vendors. This service is very labor intensive but also helps separate us from the competition.

# Tom Keefer General Manager Ben Eisenberg Properties/The New Mart *newmart.net*



The New Mart will continue to participate and support each of the five L.A. markets scheduled for 2024. The building management and our tenants are continually working to improve and enhance the buyer experience

with numerous amenities, including free parking, cappuccinos and lunches. For this past October market, and going forward for next year's markets, we'll set up champagne and

savories on each floor to put the icing on the cake in our luxury buyer environment.

It's important to emphasize that The New Mart's prestigious showrooms create the ideal location to make future-season line selections where buyers can see the entire range of every brand. In addition to the markets, our showrooms are open throughout the year.

### Anna Knight SVP Global Licensing Group Informa Markets informamarkets.com



Our No. 1 priority is providing value for our attending audiences through interactive experiences and exceptional quality return-onengagement for businesses. For the brands that exhibit with us, we focus on expanding across

verticals that are strategically aligned with our industry inclusively, providing a touchpoint for markets where there is opportunity to foster relationships, learn and grow by meeting in person. We aim to be the provider for that outlet.

This year, our show theme for Licensing Expo is "Brands at Play," so we are emphasizing all licensing businesses that touch universal entertaining moments, whether it's animation, toys, sports or other markets.

We strive to put our guests at the core of the show experience, and our decisions are fully centered on providing them the full value of connection.

# Ed Mandelbaum President Designers and Agents Designersandagents.com



While D&A is always reevaluating ways to improve the experience for both retailers and brands, the foundation of our model has remained consistent. The trade show is first and foremost a platform for the

discovery of new resources for retailers and the opportunity for both emerging and established brands to increase their bandwidth through exposure to the right audience.

D&A focuses on creating an atmosphere that supports the purpose and goal of all trade events and their participants, which is the business of fashion. The show space and hospitality all contribute to that end but moreso by curating the selected brands and providing retailers with a focused presentation that can be translated for their own retail environment.

The goal at D&A is to deliver those objectives in the best way possible, and through these efforts D&A has built a tremendous sense of community, which was very evident at the recent shows.

# Bob Maricich CEO ANDMORE Atlanta Apparel Formal Markets Las Vegas Apparel andmore.com



Creating markets that are efficient, effective and compelling is our top priority at ANDMORE and continues to be our focal point moving into 2024. To do this, we prioritize discovery of new brands, curate a wide range of re-

sources for buyers and provide value-added opportunities that enhance community and generate memorable market experiences.

In 2024, ANDMORE's Atlanta Apparel at AmericasMart Atlanta and Las Vegas Apparel at the World Market Center Las Vegas will present a breadth and depth of product offerings-from both well-established and best-selling brands alongside exciting new innovative and emerging brands. To further efficiency for buyers and suppliers, AND-MORE has synchronized the date patterns of its apparel markets, opening and closing temporary exhibits and permanent showrooms on the same days at each of our seven Atlanta markets. In doing so, we will create logistical consistency and provide a more streamlined sourcing experience. We are also updating our educational and event programming dynamically throughout the year to continue to provide value, as buyers need change.

# Matthew Mathiasen Event Director NY Now nynow.com



NY Now's priority, as the gift, home and accessories trade show turns 100 this year, is to create meaningful connections and foster an environment of education and growth. At the heart of our decision-making pro-

cess is a commitment to enhance the overall experience and value for attendees and exhibitors

We recognize the importance of fostering robust connections on the show floor and have simplified our layout and embraced strategic merchandising, ensuring efficient way-finding and effortless discovery for attendees. We introduced NY Now Online, a wholesale platform that allows buyers to connect with brands 24/7/365, transcending the confines of physical events to offer a continuous, holistic experience for networking and exploration.

We've established our Incubator Program to support emerging brands with the tools and knowledge to thrive in the competitive marketplace. By empowering new talent and ideas, we contribute to the industry's vitality and innovation

We reinvested in our event programming, carefully curating panels and workshops to offer a diverse range of insights, from trends and product knowledge to business strategies. By featuring expert speakers and thought leaders, we ensure that attendees leave with a wealth of actionable information and inspiration

Our mission is to provide value and a sense of purpose to our guests, ensuring that NY Now remains an essential destination for industry professionals. We are committed to the

ongoing evolution of NY NOW to meet the changing needs and expectations of our community, ultimately contributing to the growth and success of the gift, home and accessories industries.

# Melissa K. Montes Vice President, AXN and WWIN Clarion Events wwinshow.com



As a trade-show organizer, our unwavering commitment is to curate enriching and value-infused experiences for both our attendees and exhibitors. We actively seek and embrace feedback from our valued partners and

event participants, acknowledging the vital role of face-to-face interactions in today's dynamic landscape. With a keen focus on customer input and adaptability, we shape our events to not only meet but exceed the expectations of our diverse audience.

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Customer feedback serves as the cornerstone of our decision-making process, enabling us to refine our procedures and ensure a seamless and efficient order-writing experience. Our agility, a key element in our approach, empowers us to swiftly adjust our offerings to align with the ever-evolving needs of our audience. As WWIN approaches our 25th year of dedication to fostering relationships and delivering exceptional customer experiences, our forthcoming co-location at the Expo at World Market Center with Las Vegas Apparel stands as a testament to our enduring values. We remain committed to elevating the standard of our events and providing unparalleled value to all those who participate.

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



We have always been on the forefront of delivering the newest trends and exclusive brands to our guests in the most seamless fashion. When speaking about latest trends, you can't ignore the global trend that has

worked its way into every element of fashion, which is Western apparel and accessories. Dallas offers major brands such as Ariat, Wrangler and Lucchese.

In addition to our permanent Western showrooms, we host the biannual Western & English Sales Association trade show, which is the nation's largest event for the Western/equestrian industry. Thousands of Western buyers attend only the WESA shows each year, so for brands looking to open new retail accounts with Western stores, Dallas is the place to connect with them. WESA happens two times per year and welcomes brands and buyers to shop the 200,000 square feet of exhibit space, set up with the retailer in mind, so

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that they can educate and impress with new and exciting products and concepts, along with the time-tested favorites.

At the heart of every decision we've made since our doors first opened is curating the best brands in one place. When planning our markets, welcoming new tenants or hosting external events, our main objective is to add as much value as we can. We are meticulous about details that are critical to the positive buyer experience we pride ourselves on. As we go into the new year, we will continue to curate the best so our guests can have the best experience.

# Gerry Murtagh Owner and President CALA Shows Inc. calashows.com



CALA Trade Shows' core focus moving into 2024 is to continue to provide our exhibitors, retail partners and invited guests an interactive experience in an environment where good business is

done at an affordable price.

Familiarity and warmth are something we always strive for at CALA. It is a key element of our success in building sustainable relationships with each of our guests. I find it is the small stuff that truly makes a difference in business. From setup to breakdown, service is not something we just talk about—it defines every decision and goal.

As a father of five amazing young sons, I always wanted to teach and share with my boys something of great value from my years of dedication and hard work. I am learning as fast as our exhibitors and retail partners that in 2024 my boys are the future of CALA. Their innovation and spirit of constantly coming up with nuances are elevating CALA in ways that I never thought was possible. The adage "why fix it if it's not broken" to me is a cop-out. The one thing in life that is constantly changing is change itself, especially moving into 2024.

My true legacy for my sons is for them not to be like me but to be much better than me. With that said, CALA for 2024 is about family. That family is everyone who is a part of CALA Shows.

# Susan Power Founder and Show Producer The Fabric Shows TheFabricShows.com



At The Fabric Shows we're always thinking about tomorrow. What will our buyers be looking for and how can we make it easy for them to source with us.

For over a decade now, The

Fabric Shows has been providing a unique experience. Our curated group of fabric resources offers buyers an opportunity to meet with mills, converters and importers from the Americas plus agents for European mills.

We're the go-to shows when you are looking for low minimums, quick turnaround and domestic small-lot production made in the U.S.A. In addition to brands and privatelabel producers, retail fabric stores also find key resources to meet their needs.

Our exhibitors provide a friendly, nurturing environment for startups—they realize they're our future. They are carefully placed so as not to be near a competitor. We want buyers to feel comfortable exploring new resources, without being under a watchful eye. Exhibit spaces are assigned depending upon their product line, and then their preference as to location is considered. Some like to be upfront while others prefer a corner or middle aisle.

In 2024 and beyond, we will continue to work on creating a warm and welcoming environment for all, and The Fabric Shows will continue to promote and support partners that offer made-in-the-Americas products.

# Jason Prescott CEO Apparel Textile Sourcing appareItextilesourcing.com



As an international sourcing event producer, location, collaboration and timing are more important than ever. Having progressive communication dialogues within the entire ecosystem to foster convergence

naturally enhances the ability of our exhibitors and attendees to network properly. While enhancing the show experience on-site involves many factors, we believe much of that is ubiquitous and ongoing as an established event producer.

Our decision-making has become adaptive. For example, our 2022 Apparel Textile Sourcing Canada show dates were initially set for August, but two months prior to showtime and after much discussion within the industry, we moved the show to November, which took tremendous effort. All things must be open for discussion.

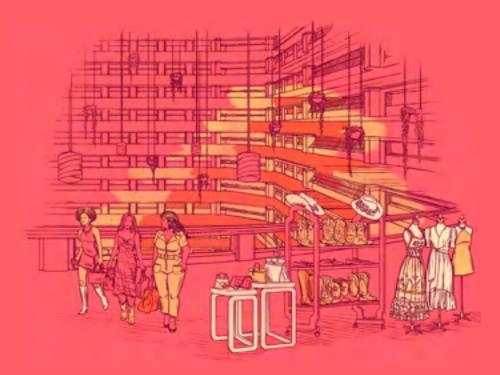
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Devon Ranger Show Director Collective Shows collectiveshows.com



Everything we do at Collective Shows is for our amazing community. Our priority is to ensure that our brands and retailers have a space to conduct business that complements the swim and active culture and

lifestyle, creating a platform for inspiration. Through several surveys conducted in 2023, as well as many direct conversations, we found that retailers and brands find value in the experiences, education and networking events hosted at our markets.

Collective Shows has become a home for the community to connect, share and inspire. As we head into 2024, we are cultivating new experiences for attendees through educational series, trend forecasting on the runway and hands-on activations to feel, see and try emerging products. The future of lifestyle B2B will be established at Collective Shows.

# Moriah Robinson Director CMC Events *californiamarketcenter.com*



Our priority at CMC for 2024 is to present meaningful trade events that contribute to establishing Los Angeles as an essential destination for fashion business. Our goal is to curate a compelling and comprehensive

variety of resources that meet the attendee's business needs and desire for inspiration. As an example, for our LA Textile show, that means creating a showcase of the highest-quality exhibitors for the product and service categories designers want most and delivering these companies from around the world for designers to discover in Los Angeles. For LA Market weeks, that means spotlighting notable brand collections at the CMC that stand out in the marketplace and that will appeal to a boutique's customer and business growth.

Combined with the fruitful business connections we hope to help facilitate through

LA Textile and LA Market, we believe it's important for our attendees to return home with a lasting and holistic event experience. From online preregistration to an attendee's exit out of our event space, we plan every detail of our trade events and markets to leave attendees feeling inspired, energized and excited about the next steps for their fashion business.

## Erik Rosete President Art Hearts Fashion artheartsfashion.com



Our main priority moving into 2024 is to focus on innovation and guest experience. With so many people going virtual, or shifting to different cites, it is important for us to stay at the forefront of everchanging trends in

the fashion industry. We strive to evolve with the industry and plan on expanding our unique approach to fashion-trade-show experiences to other cities.

# Olivia Schott Creative Operations Manager Preface prefaceshow.com



As a boutique trade show focused on textile innovation, our decision-making is deeply rooted in making the attendee experience educational, digestible and inspirational. Decision-making is a huge part of plan-

ning Preface—from the decision of which exhibitors we want to partner with to deciding which innovation stories feel most meaningful to us—and each season poses a unique set of challenges. The goal is to present suppliers who are focused on creating interesting and responsible products and to convey textile innovations in a compelling and intelligible way.

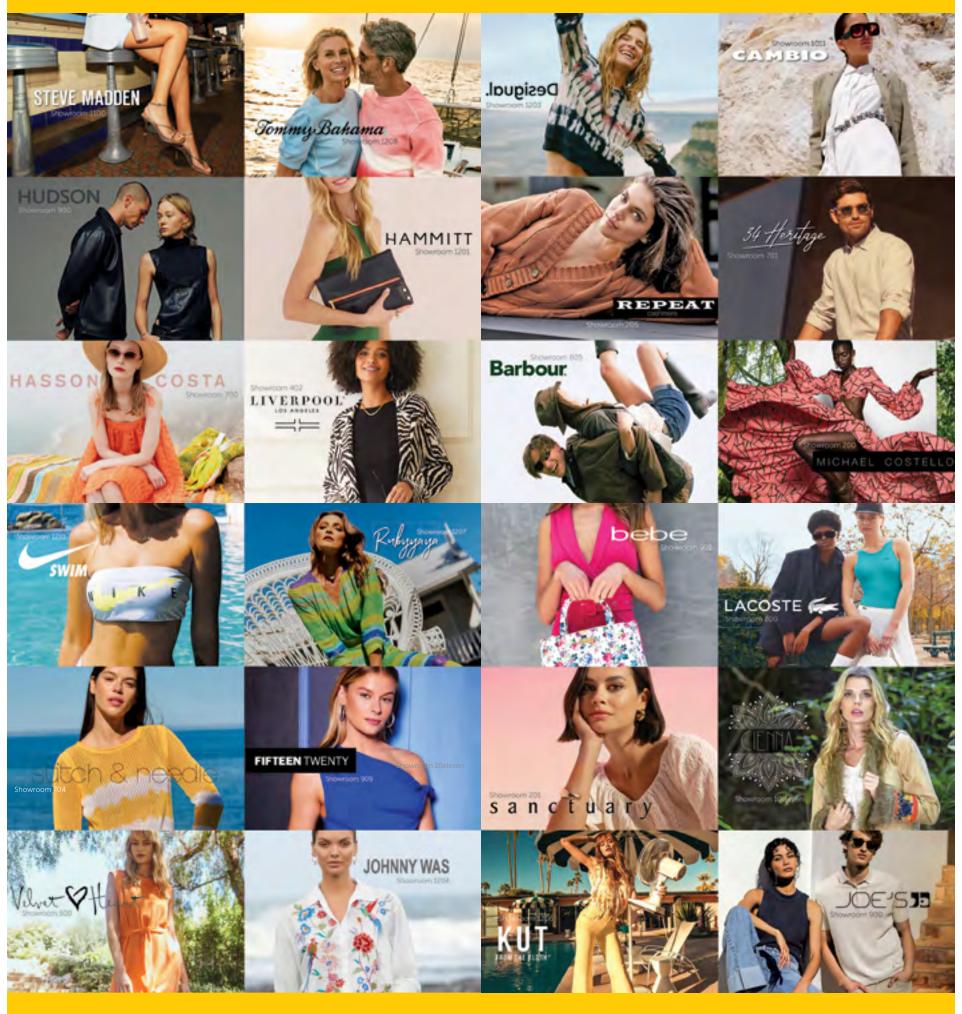
When choosing innovations to focus on for the season, we consider what we're personally excited by at the moment. It needs to offer a better alternative to conventional practices, and it must be accessible to brands. Our job is to tell the innovation story in a way that resonates.

With all the trade shows back up and running post-COVID, we recognize the importance of our attendees' time. It drives us to present a focused message with meaningful takeaways. It's a curated and immersive experience that we hope attendees walk away from feeling connected, informed and inspired.

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Sean Smith Show Director Outdoor Retailer outdoorretailer.com



At Outdoor Retailer, our goal is to support the outdoor industry through connections and commerce. We're focused on getting back to our roots of bringing brands and buyers together to both help build meaningful rela-

tionships and do business. And when we do that right, the greater outdoor community comes together and benefits from it.

Starting in 2024 we're introducing a fresh format that allows us to better make those connections happen, which includes expanded hosted buyer programs, new booth-space plans and a co-located new show, Outdoor Design + Innovation. These changes all stem from ongoing, industry-wide discussions and reflect our commitment to foster the right connections in the timeframes that best support product cycles and ultimately enhance business opportunities. As brands have told us, they're thinking differently about how to bring goods to market in this changing global economy, so it's imperative we offer options to meet current market conditions. It also creates more opportunities for emerging brands and startups.

# Judy Stein Executive Director SwimShow *swimshow.com*



SwimShow recently celebrated 41 years in the trade-show business specializing in swim, resort and vacation wear. Over the years, we've certainly been named the authority in bringing together the swim

industry in South Florida, originating as the Swimwear Association of Florida and more recently known as SwimShow, held at the Miami Beach Convention Center every summer

Our priority has always been the same goal—bring the industry's best buyers and brands together and have them connect under

one roof, over three days, in Miami Beach. They flock to SwimShow from all over the world: Latin America, Europe, Asia, Africa, Australia plus North America and, most recently, a fabulous influx of Colombian and Italian brands that come to Miami Beach for the market week.

Times are different than the pre–social media and digital era, but buyers still have to touch and feel product in order to place a buy with a brand. There is nothing like seeing something in person and connecting face-to-face during market week.

While the meetings between brands and buyers may stay the same as they have for years, we do always strive to elevate the experience for all. At our most recent edition, we collaborated with fashion photographer Mathew Sprout, who presented his swimfocused artwork, exhibition style, at our show entrance. Other advancements included branded directional signage, stylish décor, a panel discussion, a fashion presentation, a great DJ and other amazing partners, all of which play a part in providing a fun and exciting experience.

# Mark J. Subers President PRINTING United Expo printingunited.com



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United Expo features comprehensive offerings for the printing, packaging, apparel and graphic-arts industries. Each fall, the event is held across three days in which the industry gathers

to see the latest technology and experience education for all market segments through hands-on, classroom-style and thought-provoking panel discussions. They can also take part in significant opportunities for peer-to-peer networking engagements.

Moving into 2024, our priority as a tradeshow producer is to continue to provide a 360-degree opportunity in one central location for printers to investigate their core application offering, such as apparel decoration, as well as provide a wider breadth and depth of new areas of potential application diversification. The goal is to drive success for the attendees, exhibitors and the industry as a whole

For the apparel community at the expo, we have a dedicated Apparel Zone, Future State Theater, segment-focused Community Hubs with daily happy hours and tours. The event itself also has chances to have a bit of fun with peers with our opening-night party, golf simulator and other show-floor activities. Our commitment as PRINTING United Alliance, producer of the expo, is to continue to serve the industry as a mission-driven association to help elevate the industry by providing best-in-class programs, services and events.

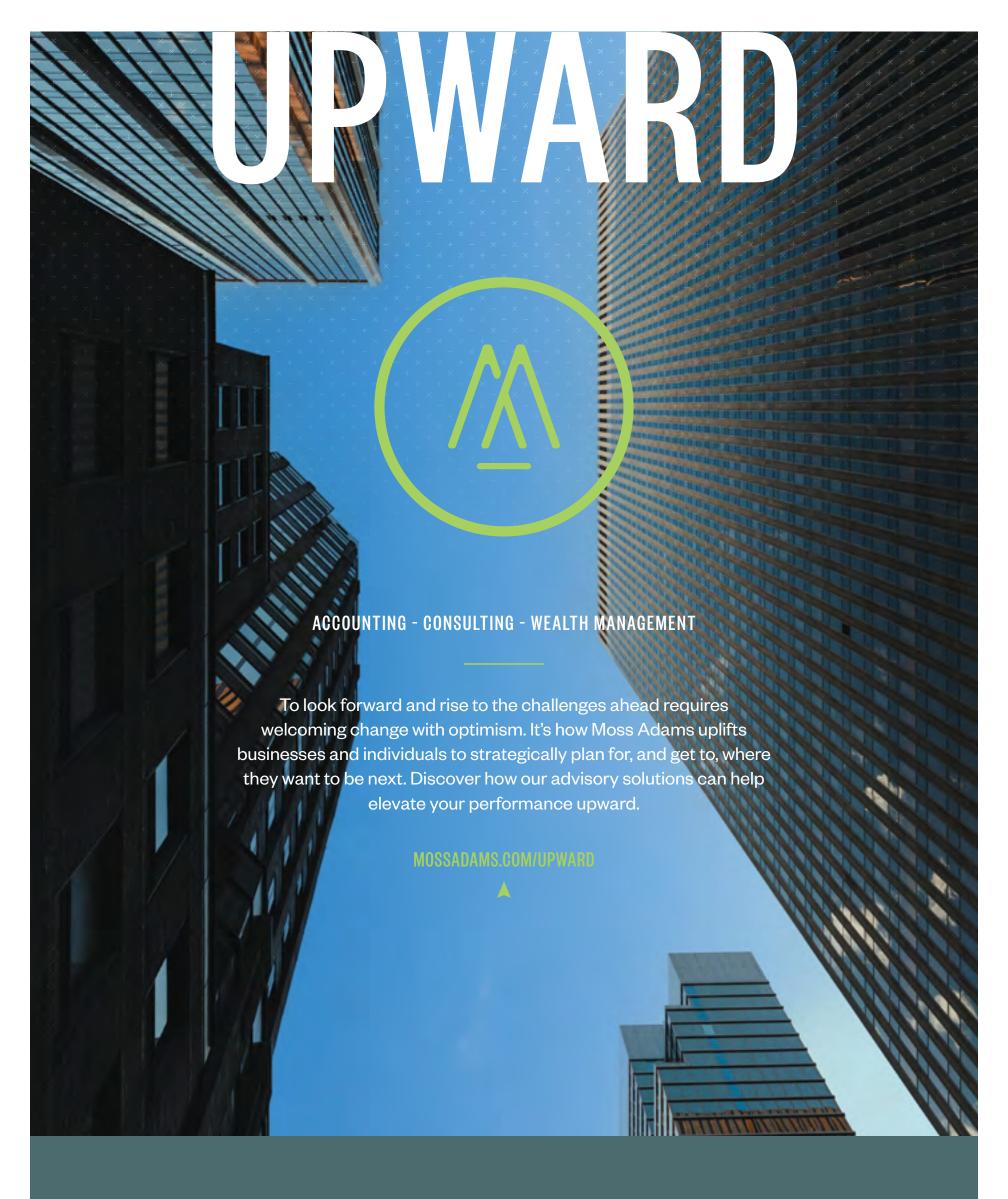
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# Mary Taft Executive Director Fashion Market Northern California fashionmarketnorcal.com



Our top priority is to offer easy access to retailers to buy the top hot and desirable brands. We offer a convenient marketplace for our stores to meet up with the reps and manufacturers to view their collections.

We entice buyers to our show with exciting giveaways and daily events as we know that it is difficult for buyers to leave their stores, so we do want to make the experience at FMNC easy and comfortable. We begin with complimentary valet parking. We provide food and treats throughout the day, so a buyer does not feel in need of anything during a visit.

We strive to make buyers and exhibitors feel welcome and appreciated when creating experiences. We will continue to offer buyers that have not attended our show in the past few years, or at all, a free night at the hotel. It's a great incentive, and many buyers do Stay & Shop with us—especially on Sunday night, when we have music.

We have always given a bag away at our January show and will continue to. We will offer exciting events on each floor, on each day, so that buyers can break up their day with some kind of treat.

We will continue to offer great rates and an affordable show to exhibitors and a pleasant, friendly shopping experience for buyers with wonderful clothing, accessories, shoes and gift brands.

# Roy Turner Show Director, Surf Expo Senior Vice President, Emerald surfexpo.com emeraldx.com



Heading into our January 2024 Surf Expo, we are focused on key areas in order to provide the best experience for our exhibiting brands and attending retail buyers.

The show is the marketplace for surf and beach life-

style retailers to find the next new. As new products continue to be the top reason our buyers attend our event, we want to facilitate connections between buyers, sellers and media professionals to discover the latest trends and new products at the show. One of the tools we will be utilizing to connect buyers and sellers before, during and after the show is our Connect matchmaking tool. In addition to that, we will also offer free lead-retrieval technology to our exhibitors so they can capture data on leads during the show.

The show is known for its energy, culture and upbeat vibe, which can be felt across the show floor. On-site, we curate a fun and engaging atmosphere for both brands and buyers by hosting industry parties, happy hours, daily fashion shows, industry award shows and the annual surfboard-shaping contest. We know our retail buyers come to mix business and pleasure, and our on-site amenities should make them feel welcome and relaxed.

The show will also offer relevant free retail educational sessions and informative opportunities. Surf Expo is more than just a place to buy and sell products. It is also a place to learn about the latest trends happening in the surf and resort industry and to learn from experts in the field.

# Vivian Wang Managing Director and Global Sales Manager Kingpins Show



Kingpins is not just a trade show. We see ourselves as a platform for the global denim community. We want to help our community thrive financially as well as spiritually. With that in mind, we strive to create

unique, inspiring and educational experiences for our exhibitors and guests.

That is the thinking behind The Boxes, a recent addition to our show, which celebrates creative collaborations between mills and artisans

We also started hosting a panel discussion titled "Key Pieces From Inspiring Wardrobes Around the World," which is an opportunity for people from our community to share and discuss favorite pieces from their own wardrobes.

Discovering and promoting sustainable and responsible materials and manufacturing is also central to everything we do at Kingpins. We have recently expanded two of our initiatives that are related to this endeavor: Most Sustainable Product (MSP) and One Doning

MSP is an opportunity for our team to scout the show floor to find innovative and sustainable products and processes and then share that information with our community. We created an MSP collection to showcase these developments. This season, we introduced touchscreens on the show floor, where attendees could dive into the details of the collection and the initiative.

One Denim was created to address waste in our industry. The concept is to show the breadth of creativity that can be created using just one base fabric. With sustainability targets fast approaching, we will continue to prioritize developing and sharing information like this with our community.

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# With the Co-location of Las Vegas Apparel and Womenswear In Nevada— There's a New Game in Town



The Expo at World Market Center Las Vegas

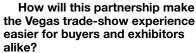
n a town where everything is a gamble, Las Vegas finally has one sure winner: the inaugural co-located Las Vegas Apparel (LVA) and Womenswear in Nevada (WWIN) show, taking place February 13–15 at The Expo at World Market Center Las Vegas. Over 500 brands will exhibit their latest creations and the fashion industry will enjoy a trade-show experience at a whole new level.

This industry-shaking new partnership is a veritable jackpot for an industry

increasingly facing time and budget constraints. LVA x WWIN will offer an array of amenities aimed at facilitating order writing in a seamless event space located in a part of Las Vegas where old-school cool meets a burgeoning and trendy arts and restaurant scene, all located just 10 minutes from the Las Vegas Convention Center.

And with an unparalleled roster of exhibitors scheduled, the entire experience promises to be the ultimate in tradition with a twist.

Caron Stover, Senior Vice President of Apparel for Las Vegas Apparel, and Melissa K. Montes, Vice President of Womenswear in Nevada, explained how this dream partnership came about and how it will transform the trade-show landscape of Las Vegas.





Melissa K. Montes and Caron Stover

MKM: For WWIN, we'll be much closer to the other shows now than when we were on the Strip, which will help give buyers the best possible show experience with the amount of time they have. WWIN has always prioritized efficiency and convenience for buyers. Las Vegas Apparel shares this philosophy. We will continue providing complimentary amenities such as breakfast, lunch, and afternoon refreshment breaks each day, allowing buyers to focus on order writing, which is very different from other shows—no need to hunt down a \$10 banana here! We have a great invitation-only Buyers Concierge program, allowing them to refresh throughout the day and keep them happy while they're on campus. In addition to being able—if they suddenly realize they need to shop more Resort collections, for example—to point them to 10 brands who meet their needs right away.

We use a lot of words like "curated" and "collaboration" because we've really handpicked what this experience will feel like. And for both buyers and exhibitors,



The Expo at World Market Center Las Vegas

the stress of those valet lines and the hustle and bustle of being on the Strip, we wanted to take all that away. And, frankly, the cost of Vegas has gone up, and this is a more cost-effective way to do business.

CS: We own this building, so we can be much more agile with the industry's needs, and we're able to manage costs so much better and pass that savings on to our customers. And you'll

be amazed when you see the ease of the building—a beautiful, and newer, one-floor expo in downtown with free parking!

Exhibitors and hosted buyers get a hotel room when they sign up with either of the shows, and that's so unique for the industry—for buyers we have lodging partners that are close to the facility and are astonishingly more affordable than the Strip. In addition to the vintage venues, there are brand-new places such as Circa, which is state-of-the-art resort, and The English, which is more of a boutique hotel.

# It's one thing to go to the trouble and expense of coming to Vegas and quite another to actually do business. What else have you done to help facilitate order writing?

**MKM:** From the moment you walk in, you'll see the show is very well merchandised on both sides so you can go exactly where you need to go. Our amenities mean you don't have to leave in the middle of a conversation, thanks to our white-glove concierge customer service. Buyers have told us that especially with this shortened market because of the Super Bowl, order writing is their priority.

**CS:** Our buyer-engagement team works very closely with both the exhibitor and buyer side of things and is available 24/7 to answer questions and help make connections.

There's Vegas business and then there's Vegas fun. Will the show be all work and no play?

CS: This part of town also has an amazing arts district, a brewery row, and a bit of a hipster vibe for a slice of Las Vegas that many people don't even know exists. It's both the old school as well as the newer



The Expo at World Market Center Las Vegas

and trendier part of town—and has some of the best restaurants.

**MKM:** We like to create a vibe and will have DJs, parties, hosted buyer events, and some amazing giveaways—but we don't want to reveal too much. Fremont Street is right here, and it is very exciting. They've done an amazing job with revitalizing what was considered the "Old Vegas." People can definitely expect a good time. On our scouting trip here, we've been having maybe a little too much fund.

# In these challenging times, what do you say to both buyers and exhibitors still sitting on the fence, unsure about attending?

**MKM:** I think it all comes down to trust in the ethos of both these businesses, WWIN and LVA, which is really why we decided to do business together. People should come and feel like they're joining something and becoming part of a partnership because that's how we're looking at everyone else. Collaboration over competition is our North Star.

**CS:** Absolutely. This is really going to be an experience unlike any other. This format is so comfortable and magical for doing business. It's so easy that if you're worried, "Oh no, another show," rest assured that you simply won't find this variety and depth in such an easy-to-shop format. It just doesn't exist in Vegas.

### This sounds like a match made in heaven. Who made the first move?

**CS:** It was really the customers who brought this up and made us say, "You know what, we need to start having these conversations."

**MKM:** It was a mutual courtship and really fun discovering that we run our businesses very similarly, with the same priorities and values. We want to extend our gratitude to those customers who said that combining shows would be a great idea, because they were right. They spoke, we listened, and now it's happening.

# LAS VEGAS APPAREL ANDM( )RE

For more information about LVA, please visit LasVegas-Apparel.com and @apparelmarkets on social media.



For more information about WWIN, please visit WWINshow.com and @wwinshow on social media.



# CURATED. COLLABORATIVE. CONVENIENT.

Starting this February, buyers can source from even more top brands and categories with the co-location of Womenswear In Nevada (WWIN) alongside Las Vegas Apparel (LVA) at The Expo at World Market Center. This collaboration will create a new buying destination, filled with world class amenities for buyers and an elevated and exciting environment for order writing every February and August.

Las Vegas Apparel (LVA) and Womenswear In Nevada (WWIN)

February 13-15, 2024

Come see what all the buzz is about! Mark your calendars for February 2024 and learn more by visiting <u>LasVegas-Apparel.com</u> and WWINshow.com.

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# Celebrating Its 50th Year, Lectra Continues to Build on a Legacy of Digitalization

By Christian Chensvold Associate Editor

Fifty years is an eternity in fashion, and even more so in technology. Which is why Lectra's success story is practically a tale of immortality. Once upon a time—in 1973, to be exact—twin brothers Jean and Bernard Etcheparre started **Lectra Systems** in Bordeaux, France, becoming pioneers in the process.

Half a century later, the *California Apparel News* caught up with Chicago-based French native Ketty Pillet, Lectra's vice president of marketing, to congratulate her on the milestone and discover how Lectra's *esprit* of innovation shows no signs of slowing.

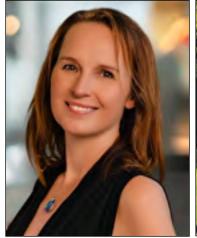
**CAN:** What would you say is French about the company? **KP:** We're very international now, but the brothers who founded Lectra were engineers, and I think their contribution was to always make something right and make it work. The French DNA goes into the details that make not just innovative solutions but also robust ones that work over time.

**CAN:** What was the brothers' vision for Lectra at the beginning?

**KP:** It was very futuristic at the time: to use CAD—computer-assisted design software—to digitalize the very manual artistic world of fashion and fabric. So their vision was really automation, and it has evolved to not only digitalize but optimize. We all know that the world of apparel is not the most sustainable, so now we're optimizing and going more into what we call the Industry 4.0 world.

**CAN:** What did "digitalize" mean in 1973, since it certainly means something else now?

**KP:** At the time, digital simply meant having apparel patterns drawn on a computer screen so they could be easily changed. Of course we had no idea that "digital" would become what it is today, when it's not enough to just have the pattern on a screen in order to make changes. Now it's about managing all the data: the sizing, the flow, through the PLM system, and everything from design to production, including cost, margin and all the suppliers. So "digitalized" has evolved





One of Lectra Vice President of Marketing Ketty Pillet's most recent daunting tasks has been figuring out how to get the company's 2,500 employees worldwide to celebrate together at the same time.

to mean the whole supply chain and how to make data useful for a business.

**CAN:** How would you characterize the improvements you continually make to your solutions?

**KP:** If I can pinpoint the one most important thing, I'd say it's to have the right data at the right time in order to make the right decision. You have to anticipate and try to produce the right things so that things will be sold and not get stuck in inventory, and that's a very complex equation today.

**CAN:** Lectra says it is leveraging AI, Big Data, the Cloud, the Internet of Things and other tech buzzwords to help advance Industry 4.0. What does all that mean?

**KP:** Industry 4.0 is the umbrella term, and I believe it originated in Germany. It's like how the industry began with steam and coal and now we're adding digital data, so we're in the fourth era of the Industrial Revolution, and all those things are the next steps in modernization. For example, our solution's competitive benchmarking feature uses AI to scrub websites all around the world to get data and put it nicely organized into

dashboards to show what people are buying, with sizes and colors and so forth. You can see this is a long way from our beginnings in the 1970s digitalizing a pattern! And today it's not just having the data but being able to integrate the data and optimize the process from one step to the next. If the right data doesn't flow throughout the production process, then you're going to make mistakes.

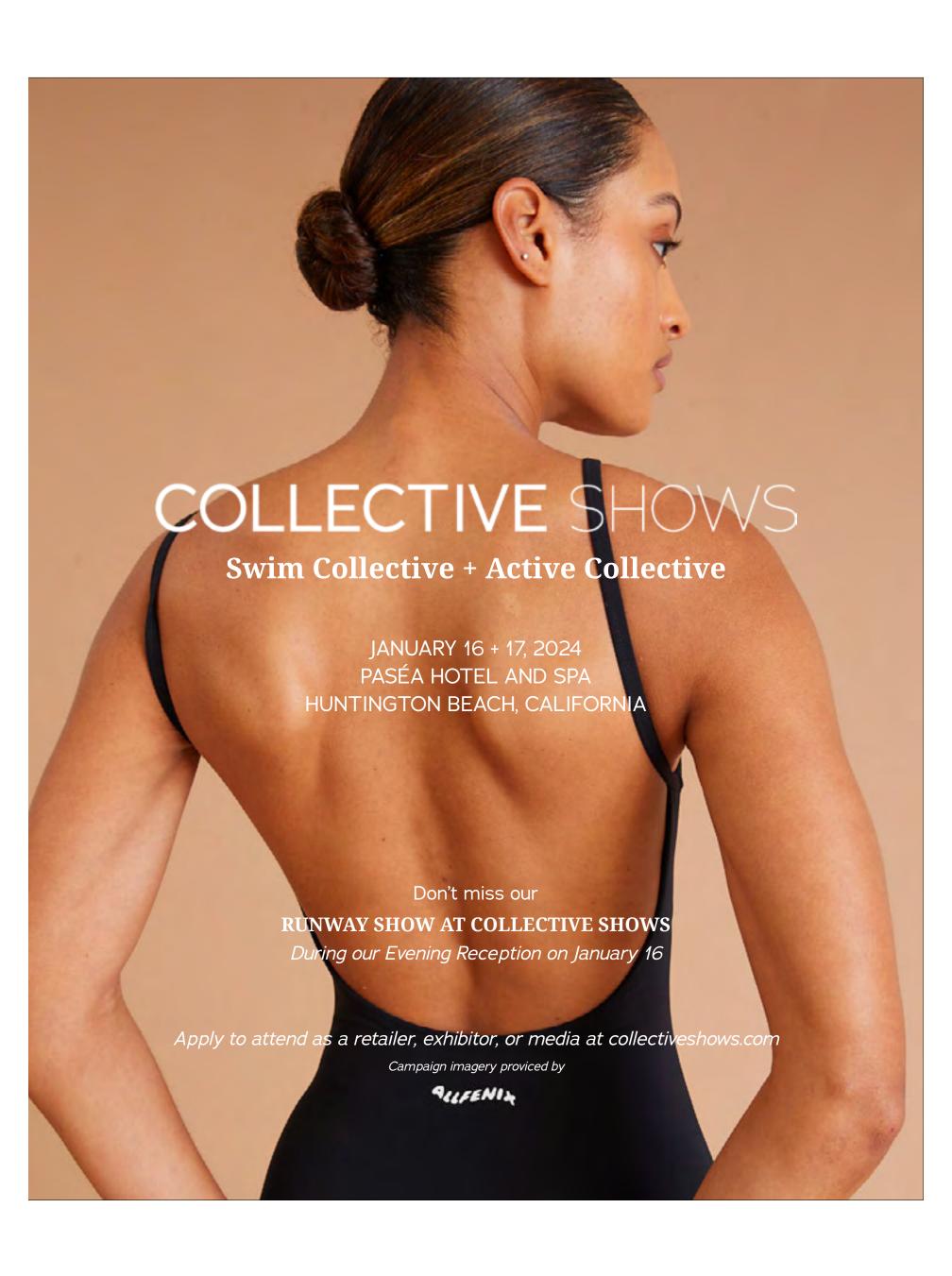
**CAN:** How does a growing company, or an established one needing an upgrade, begin to work with Lectra?

**KP:** First off, you don't have to get everything all at once and so the price really depends. Our website shows how you can contact us, and our customer success teams help people understand their needs and then make a recommendation for the best solution for them.

CAN: How are your milestone celebrations going?

**KP:** We've been organizing to have a celebration this month, but with offices from Shanghai to Paris to the U.S., my day-to-day life has been figuring out how our 2,500 employees can all celebrate together at the same time! ●





# **International Trade-Show Calendar**

FashionClash Festival

Rotterdam, Netherlands Through Nov. 19

Nov. 18

ComplexCon Long Beach, Calif. Through Nov. 19

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Long Beach, Calif. Through Nov. 19

Market for Makers Chicago

Chicago Through Nov. 19

Nov. 19

San Francisco Fabric Show

San Francisco Through Nov. 20

ITMA Asia + CITME

Shanghai Through Nov. 23

Nov. 21

**Fast Textile International Textile** 

Warsaw, Poland Through Nov. 23

Global Sourcing Expo Australia

Melbourne, Australia Through Nov. 23 **Tex Style Expo** 

Algiers, Algeria Through Nov. 23

IF Wedding Fashion Izmir

Izmir, Turkey Through Nov. 24

Nov. 22 Bee Together

Moscow Through Nov. 23

Denim Première Vision Milan

Milan Through Nov. 23

ShanghaiTex

Shanghai Through Nov. 25

Nov. 27

International Apparel & Textile

Dubai, U.A.E. Through Nov. 29

New York Shoe Expo. FFANY Market Week

New York Through Dec. 1

Nov. 28

**Product Innovation Supply Chain** 

New York Through Nov. 29

View Premium Selection Munich Through Nov. 29

ISPO Munich

WWSRA Montana Winter Show

Through Nov. 30

WWSRA Northern California

Preview

Auburn, Calif. Through Nov. 30

**IFJAG** 

IFJAG trade shows feature fashion

iPJAG trace snows feature tashion jewelry and accessories from around the world from 120 manufacturers or direct importers with exclusive designs to a unique venue of private showrooms that offer buyers a professional environment. The upcoming ordered of the showrous file shows the feet of 8 ressional environment. The upcomining Orlando, Fla., shows run Feb. 5–8 and May 15–17 at the Embassy Suites at Hilton Orlando. Visitors will have plenty of time to shop and can preregister at the website. IFJAG welcomes new exhibitors who would like to participate in the show. IFJAG offers buyers complimentary lunch and local-transportation reimbursement. www.ifjag.com



The Dallas Apparel & Accessories Market is held five times each year at the **Dallas Market Center**. Located in one of the country's fastest-growing regions, the Dallas Market Center brings together thousands of manufacturers and key retailers in an elevated tradeshow environment. Featuring 500 permanent showrooms and over 1,000 temporary booths, including expanded contemporary lines expanded contemporary lines and resources, the Dallas Market and resources, rine Dallas Market Center is where inspiration starts. Upcoming events include the Apparel & Accessories Market (Jan. 16–19, March 19–21, June 11–14), KidsWorld Market (Jan. 16–19, March 19–21, June 19–25), and Men's Show (Jan. 27–29) www.

**WWSRA Rocky Mountain Preview** 

Denver Through Nov. 30

Nov. 30

JMA Hong Kong International Jewelry Show

Hong Kong Through Dec. 12

Dec. 1

Swahili Fashion Week & Awards

Dar es Salaam, Tanzania Through Dec. 3

Dec. 2

Market for Makers Austin

Austin, Texas Through Dec. 3

Market for Makers

Jackonsonville

Unique Markets LA

Los Angeles Through Dec. 3

Dec. 3

**Grand Strand Gift & Resort** 

Merchandise Show

Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Through Dec. 6

Dec. 4

Le Book Connections Mexico City

The Fashion Awards

Dec. 5

**Product Innovation Apparel** 

Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam Through Dec. 6

WWSRA Intermountain Preview

Salt Lake City Through Dec. 7

**WWSRA Northwest Preview** 

Tacoma, Wash. Through Dec. 7

Dec. 6

INDX Sports & Leisure

Birmingham, U.K. Through Dec. 7

<u>Dec. 7</u>

**Intex South Asia** 

New Delhi Through Dec. 9

One of a Kind Holiday Show

Chicago Through Dec. 10

Art Basel Miami Beach

Miami Beach, Fla. Through Dec. 10

Dec. 12

**Brandboxx Shoe Preview Days** 

Salzburg, Austria Through Dec. 13

Dec. 13

Première Vision Blossom

Through Dec. 14

**CBME** Children Baby Maternity

**Expo**Istanbul
Through Dec. 16

Dec. 15

**DvChem Texprocess Show** 

Ludhiana, India Through Dec. 17

**TexIndia Textile Sourcing Fair** 

Ludhiana, India Through Dec. 17

Jan. 3

**ASI Show Orlando** 

Orlando, Fla. Through Jan. 5

Jan. 6

Trendz

Palm Beach, Fla. Through Jan. 8

Jan. 7

L.A. Market Week

Los Angeles Through Jan. 11

Jan. 8

**MAGIC Miami** 

Orlando, Fla. Through Jan. 9

**Brand Assembly Los Angeles** 

Los Angeles Through Jan. 10

LA Kids Market

Los Angeles Through Jan. 10

**Preview Kids Fashion Trade** 

Nieuwegein, Netherlands

<u>Jan. 9</u> London Textile Fair

Through Jan. 10

Northwest Shoe Travelers Market

St. Paul, Minn. Through Jan. 11

**WWSRA Northern California** 

Reno, Nev. Through Jan. 11

**WWSRA Northwest Winter Show** 

Through Jan. 11

Swim Active

premier market for swim and active lifestyle. Our private market returns to the Paséa Hotel and Spa

returns to the Paséa Hotel and Spa in Huntington Beach, Calif. Jan. 16–17. Day One will wrap up with the popular Evening Reception celebrating industry connections over food, drinks, beats by celebrity DJ Lindsay Luv, and the newly added Runway Show. Preview trends during market hours from top brands including ACACIA, Vuori, Frankies Bikinis, Beyond Yoga, ViX, ALL FENIX, and so many more. Interested in exhibiting many more. Interested in exhibiting

or attending? Head to website to learn more and register now. www. collectiveshows.com

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ANDMORE, producer of Atlanta Apparel, presents Las Vegas Apparel. Buyers and exhibitors can come together Feb. 13–15 in sunny Las Vegas at the Expo at World Market Center Las Vegas to do business in our industry's growing categories of young contemporary, accessories, and more, plus buyers can visit gift showrooms on campus for even more buying options. Get an exclusive look at apparel's new an exclusive look at apparel's new home on the West Coast, where show organizers are extending the hospitality you know and love all the way to Las Vegas. www.LasVegas-Apparel.com

WWSRA Rocky Mountain Winter

Show

Aurora, Colo. Through Jan. 11

Heimtextil Frankfurt Frankfurt, Germany Through Jan. 12

Pitti Immagine Uomo Florence, Italy Through Jan. 12

Jan. 10

Preco Paris

Paris Through Jan. 11

Surf Expo Orlando, Fla. Through Jan. 12

Dallas Total Home & Gift Market Dallas Through Jan. 16

Jan. 11 Milano Home/Homi

Through Jan. 14

Jan. 12

National Imprint Canada Show

Toronto Toronto Through Jan. 13

ISPO Beijing

Beijing Through Jan. 14

Milan Fashion Week Men's

Milan Through Jan. 16

Jan. 13

**London Bridal Expo** 

London Through Jan. 14

Nordstil by Messe Frankfurt Hamburg, Germany Through Jan. 15

Expo Riva Schuh

Riva del Garda, Italy Through Jan. 16

Gardabags Riva del Garda, Italy Through Jan. 16

Jan. 14

**Northstar Fashion Exhibitors** St. Paul, Minn. Through Jan. 15

Retail's Big Show—NRF's Annual Convention

New York Through Jan. 16 Top Drawer

London Through Jan. 16

<u>Jan. 15</u>

Sunday School Utrecht, Netherlands

**CAST Preview Women** 

Jan. 16

Premium, Seek

Berlin Through Jan. 17 Swim Collective + Active

Collective

Huntington Beach, Calif. Through Jan. 17

Fashion Industry Gallery January Apparel & Accessories Through Ian 18

**WWSRA** Intermountain Winter

**Show** Salt Lake City Through Jan. 18 WWSRA Southern California

Costa Mesa Calif

Through Jan. 18

Brandboxx ÖSFA Winter Salzburg, Austria Through Jan. 19

Dallas Apparel & Accessories Market

Dallas Through Jan. 19 Dallas Kidsworld Market

Through Jan. 19 Intermoda

Guadalajara, Mexico Through Jan. 19 Paris Fashion Week Men

Paris Through Jan. 21

Jan. 17 **New York Fabric Show** 

New York Through Jan. 18

New York Through Jan. 18 Pitti Immagine Bimbo

Première Vision New York

Florence, Italy Through Jan. 19 American Equestrian Trade

Association International Trade

Dallas Through Jan. 20 WESA International Western/ English Apparel & Equipment

Market Dallas Through Jan. 20

Jan. 18 PPAI Exno

Las Vegas Through Jan. 18

**DyChem Texprocess Show** Kolkata, India Through Jan. 20

Indigo Denim and Jeans Expo Kolkata, India Through Jan. 20

TexIndia Textile Sourcing Fair Kolkata, India Through Jan. 20

Tranoï Men

Paris Through Jan. 20

Yarnex India International Yarn Exhibition Kolkata, India Through Jan. 20

ATLANTA APPAREL **Andm( )re** 

Atlanta Apparel is the largest apparel market on the East Coast, offering thousands of contemporary women's, men's, children's, and accessories lines all together in one location at one time. Through one location at one time. Infough eight markets throughout the year, it features an expansive—and growing—product mix, including contemporary, young contemporary, social occasion, bridal, resortwear, social occasion, bridal, resortwear, fashion jewelry, fine jewelry, shoes, handbags, and more showcased in permanent showrooms and temporary exhibition booths. Upcoming shows in 2024 are Feb. 6–9, April 9–12, June 4–7, July 29–Aug. 1 and Oct. 15–18. Atlanta Apparel presents social-occasion Formal Market in 2024 coming up April 9–12 and in 2024 coming up April 9–12 and July 29–Aug. 1. www.AtlantaWWIN WOMENSWEAR

Womenswear in Nevada (WWIN) continues to be THE most comprehensive destination amid Las Vegas Fashion Week for retailers vegas Fashion veek for fetalers to source women's apparel and accessories. As the show embarks on its new collaboration with Las Vegas Apparel (LVA), WWIN is thrilled to welcome exhibitors and attendees to its new downtown destination, The Expo at World Market Center. ne expo at World Market Center.
True to its strong reputation, WWIN
offers attendees a unique experience
through unparalleled hospitality,
networking, and a Buyers Concierge
service aimed at carefully introducing
compatible buyers and exhibitors
to drive order writing. Connect with compatible buyers and exhibitors to drive order writing. Connect with the entire industry in February and August during Las Vegas Fashion Week and discover what WWIN's all-inclusive brands have to offer including women's contemporary apparal missy-modern plus petite. apparel, missy-modern, plus, petite, tall, specialty fashion, accessories, footwear, and more. www. wwinshow.com

Maison&Objet Paris

Jan. 19

Through Jan. 22

Impressions Expo Long Beach Long Beach, Calif. Through Jan. 21

Man-Woman Paris Paris Through Jan. 21

Minneapolis Mart Gift, Home, Apparel, & Accessory Show

Minneapolis Through Jan. 23

Jan. 20 Bijorhca Paris

Through Jan. 22 **Designer Forum NY** 

New York Through Jan. 22 Innatex

Frankfurt, Germany Interfilière Paris

Paris Through Jan. 22

Paris Through Jan. 22

Salon International de la Lingerie

Who's Next, Impact, Bijorhca,

**Traffic & Neonvt Paris** Paris Through Jan. 22

Jan. 21

Modefabriek Amsterdam Fashion

Trade Event Amsterdam Through Jan. 22

**Travelers Super Show** Wilmiington Wilmington, Del. Through Jan. 22

Store Point Retail

San Diego Through Jan. 24

Jan. 22 **Apparel Sourcing New York City** 

New York Through Jan. 24 Couromoda, Prêt-à-Porter

São Paulo Through Jan. 24 Intimasia

Mumbai, India Through Jan. 24

Munich Fabric Start, Bluezone, Keyhouse, The Source Munich Through Jan. 24

**Printsource New York** New York Through Jan. 24

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**Texworld Evolution New York City** New York Through Jan. 24

Gift & Home Winter Market LA

Los Angeles Through Jan. 25

Paris Fashion Week Haute Couture

Paris Through Jan. 25

Seattle Market Week Seattle

Through Jan. 26

Jan. 23

Brandboxx Hot 1 Traditional and Fashion Order Start

Salzburg, Austria Through Jan. 24

**PGA Show** 

SURF EXPO =

**Surf Expo** is the largest and longest-running watersports and beach lifestyle trade show in the world. The show draws buyers twice annually snow draws buyers twice annually from specialty stores, department stores, national chains, hotels and resorts, theme parks, sporting goods stores, and outfitters across the U.S. and around the world. The show features more than 1,000 exhibitors showevering surfand skate hard. showcasing surf and skate hard showcasing surl and skate hard goods, apparel, swimwear, footwear and accessories in addition to a full lineup of special events including fashion shows, annual awards ceremonies and more. The next show is Jan. 10–12 at the Orange County Convention Control Orderds. Convention Center in Orlando, Fla.

### The Fabric Shows

The Fabric Shows features American and European textile and trim collections with global production in-cluding Made in USA. Exhibiting companies have low minimums, produce to order, and many have in-stock to order, and many have in-stock programs. Attendees include design-ers/manufacturers of sewn products (apparel, home, other), private-label producers, event /party planners, and retail fabric stores. Scheduled upcoming shows are the San Francisco Fabre Sebaw running Alox 20 et the Ing sriows are ne san Francisco Fabric Show running Nov. 19–20 at the San Francisco Hilton Financial District, the New York Fabric Show running Jan. 17–18 at the New Yorker Hotel, and the Los Angeles Fabric Show running Feb. 28–29 at The New Mart. www.TheFabricShows.com

# **WWSRA Intermountain On-Snow**

Brighton, Utah Through Jan. 24

ColombiaTex

Medellín, Colombia

Through Jan. 25 Man/Woman New York

New York Through Jan. 25

Lineapelle London

Jan. 24

Kingpins New York

New York Through Jan. 25

**Northeast Materials Show** 

Boston Through Jan. 25

Preface L.A.

Los Angeles Through Jan. 25

Pitti Immagine Filati

Florence, Italy Through Jan. 26

Sports Licensing and Tailgate

Las Vegas

Through Jan. 26

MIX Gift + Lifestyle

Des Plaines, III. Through Jan. 27

Jan. 25

Baby Kid Spain + FIMI, FIMI Kids Fashion Week

Valencia, Spain Through Jan. 27

Jan. 26 Supreme Kids

Munich Through Jan. 28

Supreme Women & Men Düsseldorf

Düsseldorf, Germany Through Jan. 29

Ambiente

Frankfurt, Germany Through Jan. 30

Jan. 27

Dallas Men's Show

Dallas Through Jan. 29



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for the intimate apparel industry. Curve, a division of Comexposium. curve, a division of correspositive welcomes you with opportunities to create new business, discover upcoming designers, network, and attend special events. The winter 2024 shows will offer a global mix of international brands showcasing their intimate apparel and activewear collections, as well as merchandise for immediate deliveries. Curve NY runs Feb. 4–6 at the Javits Center with activations, at the davits certief with activations, special events, and lectures. Curve LA runs Feb. 18–19 at the Westdrift Manhattan Beach with complimentary activations, the Fit Workshop and an exclusive dinner party. www.curve-newyork.com. www.curve-losangles.com losangeles.com

**Fashn Rooms** Düsseldorf, Germany Through Jan. 29

Michigan Shoe Market Troy, Mich. Through Jan. 29

**Neonyt Winter** 

Düsseldorf, Germany

Through Jan. 29 **Playtime Paris** 

Paris Through Jan. 29

Jan. 28

**INDX Kids** 

Birmingham, U.K. Through Jan. 29

Brandboxx Children's Shoe Days

Salzburg, Austria Through Jan. 30

**Brandboxx Shoe Order Start** 

Salzburg, Austria Through Jan. 30

**Fashion Market Northern** 

South San Francisco, Calif.

Through Jan. 30

MIX Apparel + Accessories

Des Plaines, III. Through Jan. 30

Las Vegas Market

Las Vegas Through Feb. 1 Toronto Gift + Home Market

Through Feb. 1

Jan. 29

**Travelers Show New England** 

Cranston, R.I. Through Jan. 30

Sports Achat Winter Grenoble, France

Through Jan. 31

Copenhagen Fashion Week

Copenhagen Through Feb. 2

Jan. 30

Spinexpo Paris

Paris Through Jan. 31

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**Snow Demo** 

Georgetown, Colo Through Jan. 31

**Billings Market Association** 

Billings, Mont. Through Feb. 1

Milano Unica

Milan

Through Feb. 1

Promotional Trade Exhibition

Through Feb. 1

<u>Jan. 31</u> Cabana Miami Beach

Miami Beach, Fla. Through Feb. 1

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Birmingham, U.K. Through Feb. 1

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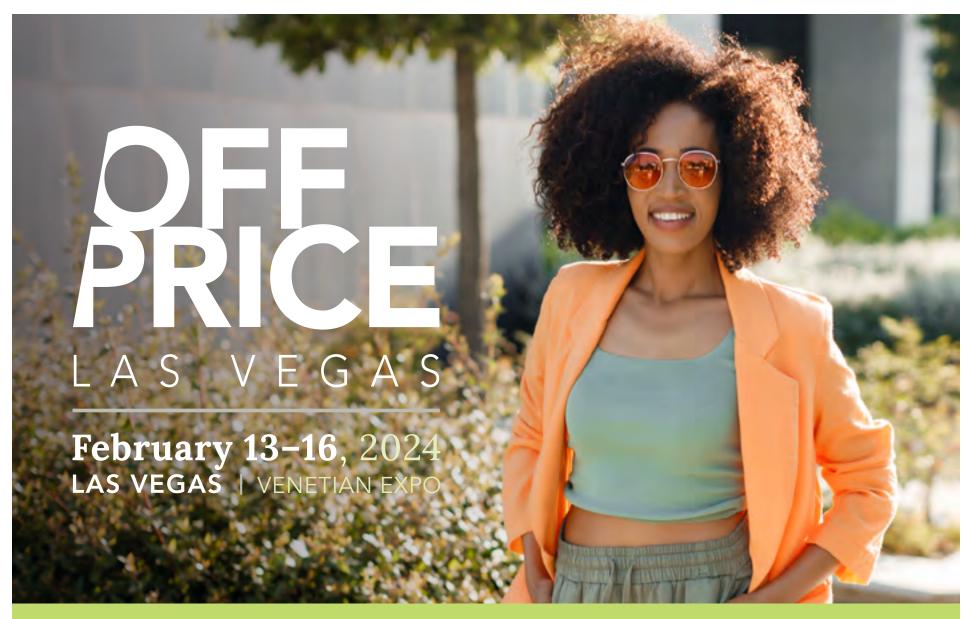
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Portland, Ore. Through Feb. 1

Copenhagen International Fashion Fair x Revolver, CIFF Kids. Showrooms

Copenhagen, Denmark Through Feb. 2

#### Feb. 1

Denim Show India

Mumbai, India Through Feb. 3

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Screen Print India

Mumbai, India Through Feb. 3

Feb. 2

**Edmonton Footwear & Accessory** Buying Market

Edmonton, Alberta Through Feb. 4

Feb. 3

**ILM International Leather Goods** 

Offenbach, Germany Through Feb. 5

Chicago Collective Men's

Chicago Through Feb. 6

Feb. 4

Kentucky Bluegrass Buyer's Market

Lexington, Ky. Through Feb. 5

Michigan Women's Wear Market

Livonia, Mich. Through Feb. 5

Travelers Show

Moon Township, Pa. Through Feb. 5

Bodyfashion Spring Fair

Mijdrecht, Netherlands Through Feb. 6

Brandboxx Fashion Premiere.

Lingerie & Swimwear Salon, JOT Junior Fashion

Salzburg, Austria Through Feb. 6

**Curve New York** 

New York Through Feb. 6

INDX Man Show

Birmingham, U.K. Through Feb. 6

Supreme Body & Beach

Munich Through Feb. 6

Moda London, Spring Fair

Birmingham, U.K. Through Feb. 7

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Through Feb. 7

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that brings innovative concepts and sourcing together all with a focus on sustainability within the fashion industry. PREFACE launched in industry. PREFACE launched in August 2018 with the goal of building relationships and creating a space to inspire the fashion community in a new way. Gathering a small group of like-minded makers and suppliers with a focus on sustainability innovation was integral to the idea. with a focus on sustainability innovation was integral to the idea. As the name suggests, PREFACE is about the beginning—a place to find the best materials needed to begin your design story. The next show is Jan. 24–25 in Los Angeles. www.

Feb. 5

**Apparel Sourcing Paris** 

Paris Through Feb. 7

Avantex Paris, Leatherworld Paris

Through Feb. 7

**Texworld Paris** 

Paris Through Feb. 7

IFJAG Orlando

Through Feb. 8

New York Shoe Expo, FFANY Market Week

New York Through Feb. 9

Feb. 6

WWSRA California On-Snow Demo

Mammoth Lakes, Calif. Through Feb. 7

**CTCO** Promotional Garments and Gifts

Lyon, France Through Feb. 8

Première Vision Paris

Paris Through Feb. 8

**Tokyo International Gift Show** 

Tokyo Through Feb. 8 Atlanta Apparel

Atlanta Through Feb. 9

**Dhaka International Denim Show** 

Dhaka, Bangladesh

Through Feb. 9 Dhaka International Yarn & Fabric

Show

Dhaka, Bangladesh Through Feb. 9

International Footwear Leather

Bogotá, Colombia

Through Feb. 9

Feb. 7

Northern Michigan Show

Gaylord, Mich. Through Feb. 8

Istanbul Fashion Connection Istanbul Through Feb. 10

Intergift, Bisutex

Madrid Through Feb. 11

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New York Fashion Week by

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Madrid Through Feb. 11

New York Fashion Week powered

by The Society

New York Through Feb. 11

Feb. 10

Market for Makers Miami

Miami Through Feb. 11

Supreme Women & Men Munich

Through Feb. 13

Feb. 11

Association of Footwear + Apparel Expo Momentum Market

Through Feb. 13

**INDX** Intimate Apparel Show

Birmingham, U.K. Through Feb. 13

Playtime, Kid's Hub New York

New York Through Feb. 13 Pure London x Just Around the

London

Through Feb. 13 Scoop International Fashion

London Through Feb. 13

Feb. 12

Brandboxx Fashion Order Days, Shoe Order Day

Salzburg, Austria Through Feb. 14

Las Vegas Apparel

Las Vegas Through Feb. 15 **MAGIC Las Vegas** 

Las Vegas Through Feb. 15

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Las Vegas Through Feb. 16

Feb. 14

Luxe Pack Los Angeles Los Angeles Through Feb. 15

Feb. 15 Mercedes-Benz Fashion Week Madrid

Madrid Through Feb. 18

Feb. 16

London Fashion Week

Through Feb. 20

Feb. 17

Atlanta Shoe Market

Atlanta Through Feb. 19

AGHA Sydney Gift Fair Sydney Through Feb. 20

Feb. 18 **Curve Los Angeles** 

Manhattan Beach, Calif. Through Feb. 19

**Curate International Collections** 

New York Through Feb. 20 **Designers and Agents NY** 

New York Through Feb. 20

Source Fashion UK London Through Feb. 20

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the world ensure a transformative sourcing experience. www.newyork. premierevision.com/en/

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Feb. 19

Asia Apparel Expo Berlin Berlin Through Feb. 21

**Brand Assembly New York** 

New York Through Feb. 21 **CPM Collection Premiere Moscow** 

Moscow Through Feb. 22

**Euro Shoes Premiere Collection** Moscow Through Feb. 22

CJF—Child and Junior Fashion Through Feb. 24

Feb. 20 Coterie New York

New York Through Feb. 22

Lineapelle Milan Milan Through Feb. 22

**MAGIC New York** 

New York Through Feb. 22

Vancouver Footwear & Accessory Buying Market

Vancouver, British Columbia Through Feb. 22 Milan Fashion Week Women's

Milan Through Feb. 26

Feb. 21

Spinexpo Hong Kong Hong Kong Through Feb. 22

Feb. 22 White Show—Man & Woman

Milan Through Feb. 25

Feb. 23

**Apparel Sourcing Fair** Bangalore, India Through Feb. 25

**Trends Apparel Show** Saskatoon, Saskatchewan Through Feb. 25

Feb. 25 Alberta Gift + Home Market

Edmonton, Alberta Through Feb. 27

Paris Fashion Week Women

Through March 5

Feb. 26

Feb. 27

FurnCIS Düsseldorf, Germany Through Feb. 29

Feb. 28

Filo

Milan Through Feb. 29

Los Angeles Fabric Show Los Angeles Through Feb. 29

LA Textile

Los Angeles Through March 1

Feb. 29 Colombo International Yarn & Fabric Show

Colombo, Sri Lanka Through March 2

Textech International Expo Sri

Colombo, Sri Lanka Through March 2

Tranoï Women Paris Through March 3

March 1 Fabrics & Accessories Trade

Show Bangalore, India Through March 3

Paris Fashion Week powered by Paris Through March 3

Textile Asia International Fair Lahore, Pakistan Through March 3

Trends Apparel

Edmonton, Alberta Through March 3 **Woman Paris** 

Paris Through March 3 Première Classe Paris Through March 4

March 3

ABC Salon Munich Through March 4

Chicago Collective Women's Edition Chicago Through March 5

Düsseldorf, Germany Through March 5

Shoes Düsseldorf

March 4 Travelers Show Shore Show

ASI Show Fort Worth

Ocean City, Md. Through March 5

Fort Worth, Texas Through March 6

March 5 Spinexpo Shanghai

Dhaka, Bangladesh

Shanghai Through March 7 Sustainable Apparel Forum



Great news! The **OC Apparel Show** is beyond excited to announce that it's next show running Feb. 21–22 it's next show running Feb. 21–22 is moving up to a new home, the Irvine Hyatt Regency (previously the Hotel Irvine—owned and operated by the Irvine Company). With a \$400 million remodel, the Hyatt Regency reopened Aug. 28 and the property is spectacular! With 15,000 square feet, the Grand Ballroom will be OC Apparel Show's new "Open Floor" location, with space for about 90 10'x10' booths and curated for our Southern California/coastal backyard. Come see the new home and see Come see the new home and see what the buzz is all about! Check out their video on their website. www OCApparelShow.com

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March 6

**Kyoto International Gift Show** 

Kyoto, Japan Through March 7

AAFA Executive Summit Washington, D.C. Through March 8

CHIC-—China International Fashion Fair

Shanghai Through March 8 Intertextile Shanghai Apparel **Fabrics** 

Shanghai Through March 8 Jumble Tokyo Tokyo Through March 8

Texhibition Istanbul Fabric and Textile Accessories Fair Istanbul Through March 8

Yarn Expo Shanghai

Shanghai Through March 8

March 7 Travelers Shore Show New Jersey

Atlantic City, N.J. Through March 8 Graphics Pro Expo Irving Irving, Texas Through March 9

Faisalabad, Pakistan Through March 9

March 8

Textile Asia International Fair

**Garment Technology Expo** New Delhi Through March 11

Minneapolis Mart Gift, Home, Apparel & Accessory Show Minneapolis Through March 12

March 10 Paris Bridal Fair

Paris Through March 11 ASD Market Week, SourceDirect

Las Vegas Through March 13 L.A. Market Week Los Angeles Through March 14

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March 11 Designers and Agents LA

Los Angeles Through March 13 LA Kids Market Los Angeles Through March 13

Legpromforum, Interfabric, Industry Conference Moscow Through March 14

March 12

Obuv. Mir Kozhi International **Exhibition for Shoes and Leather Products** 

Russian Textile Week: Inlegmash,

Moscow
Through March 15
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Through March 14

### March 15

Dallas Fashion Week powered by

Through March 17

L.A. Fashion Weekend

Los Angeles Through March 17

Fashion Week El Paseo

Palm Desert, Calif. Through March 21

### March 17

Travelers Show

National Bridal Market Chicago

Chicago Through March 19

Northstar Fashion Exhibitors

St. Paul, Minn Through March 19

Shoptalk

Las Vegas Through March 20

#### March 19

**APLF** Leather

Hong Kong Through March 21

**Fashion Access** 

Hong Kong Through March 21

Fashion Industry Gallery March Apparel & Accessories

Through March 21



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#### Materials+

Hong Kong Through March 21

Dallas Apparel & Accessories Market

Dallas Through March 22

**Dallas Kidsworld Market** 

Dallas Through March 22

Dallas Total Home & Gift Market

Through March 22

# March 20

Functional Fabric Fair powered by Performance Days

Through March 21 MosShoes

Moscow Through March 23

Style Bangkok-Fashion, Gift & Houseware, Furniture

Bangkok

Through March 24

### March 21

Impressions Expo Atlantic City

Atlantic City, N.J. Through March 23

## March 22

Los Angeles Fashion Week powered by The Society

Los Angeles Through March 24

#### March 23

Rome Bridal Week

Rome Through March 25

#### March 24

Bridal Week London Harrogate

Harrogate, North Yorkshire, U.K. Through March 26

### March 25

Store Point Fashion

Frisco, Texas Through March 25

Travelers Super Show Wilmington

Wilmington, Del. Through March 26

# March 26

Denimsandjeans Japan

Tokyo Through March 27

JiTAC European Textile Fair

Tokyo Through March 28

# March 27

Première Vision Made in France

Paris Through March 28

# **TEX**W@RLD

NEW YORK CITY

Texworld New York City and Apparel Sourcing New York City, the East Coast's largest textile sourcing event, will be held Jan. 22–24 at the Javits Center. Popular among attendees, Texworld NYC's Textile Talks and the Lenzing Seminar Series will return live on the show Series will return live on the show floor. Known for insightful and topical sessions for all levels of experience across all segments of the industry, Texworld NYC's educational program is not to be missed. Additionally, visitors will have access to a curated selection of trends in the Texworld Selection of trends in the Texworld Trend Showcase presented by New York-based trend agency TOBE/The Doneger Group. The hybrid Sourc-ing Showroom will also return to the show floor to enable global suppliers still facing travel restrictions to be physically represented in the U.S. marketplace. www.texworld-usa. us.messefrankfurt.com

### The Indy Show

Noblesville, Ind. Through March 28

Shanghai International Hosiery Purchasing Expo

Shanghai Through March 29

### March 28

**Travelers Super Show Virginia** Beach

Virginia Beach, Va. Through March 29

April 2

# ILOE Studios Chicago

Rosemont, III. Through April 4

# April 3

MAGIC Nashville

Nashville, Tenn Through April 4

# April 5

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Milan Through April 8

# April 7

Michigan Women's Wear Market

Livonia, Mich. Through April 8

**Fashion Market Northern** California

South San Francisco, Calif. Through April 9

#### April 8

Vancouver Fashion Week

Vancouver, British Columbia Through April 14

#### April 9

Formal Markets Atlanta

Atlanta Through April 11

Atlanta Apparel

Atlanta

Through April 12 e-P Summit Pitti Immagine

Florence, Italy Through April 10

# April 10

Luxe Pack Shanghai

Shanghai Through April 11

**International Premium Incentive** 

Tokyo Through April 12

# PLAYTIME

Playtime — The Big Small show — brings together hundreds of children's brands at Playtime New York and Kid's Hub Feb.11–13, Playtime Paris Jan. 27–29, and Playtime Shanghai in July 2024. Alternative and creative, Playtime is a space full of unique inspiration for kids! fashion and inspiration for kids' fashion and lifestyle professionals. Celebrating illestyle professionals. Celebrating imagination and shining the spotlight on the best independent creatives, Playtime & Kid's Hub carefully curates a complementary selection of brands that includes both avant-garde and that includes both avant-garde and internationally recognized labels. With its presence in Paris, Shanghai, and New York several times a year and an online B2B marketplace, Orderwizz, that makes the best of the kids' feables and lifeable market respecials. fashion and lifestyle market accessible year-round. Playtime and Kid's Hub have become the Number 1 phygital destination in the world for brands and buyers. www.iloveplaytime.com

# Expofranquicia International Franchising Fair

Madrid

Through April 12

Première Vision Shenzhen

Shenzhen, China Through April 12

### April 13

European Bridal Week

Essen, Germany Through April 15

### April 15

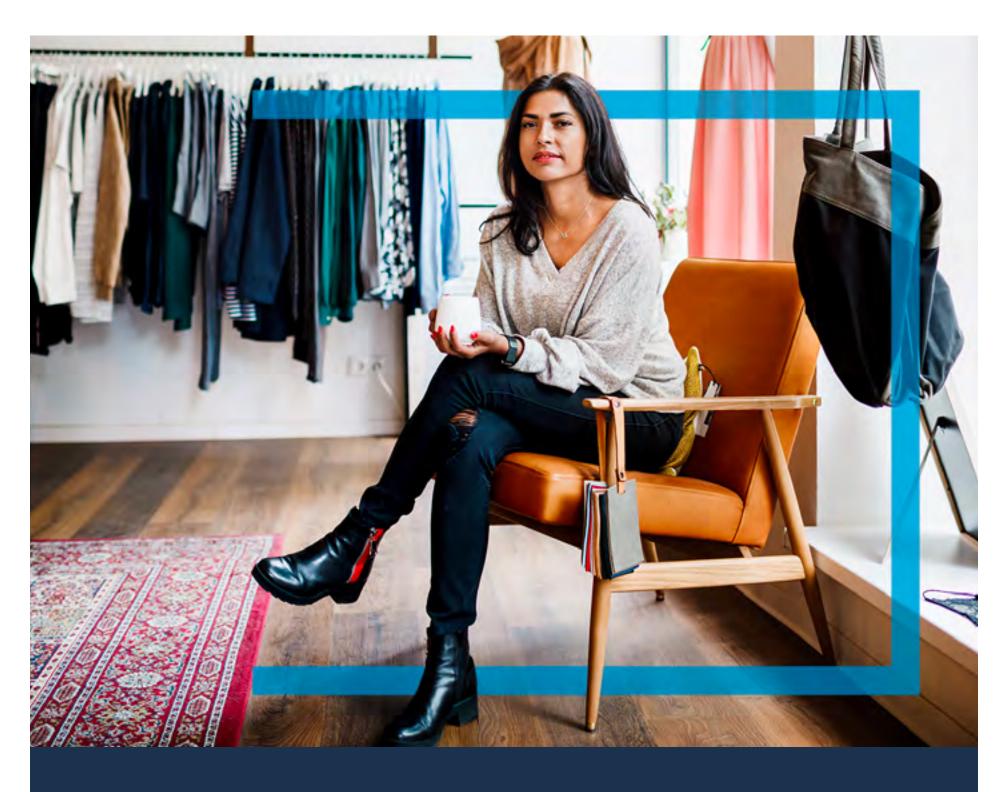
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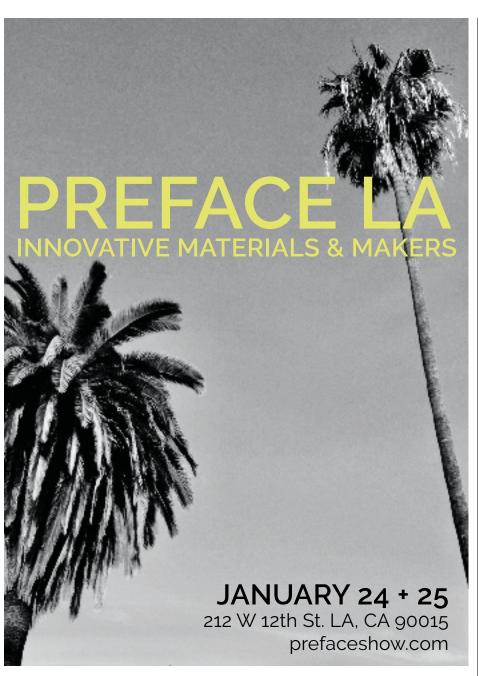
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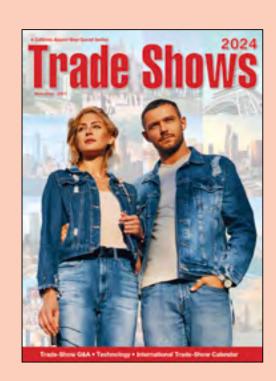
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Through April 18

## April 17

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Tokyo Through April 19

Fashion World Tokyo

Tokyo Through April 19

Textile Tokyo

Tokyo Through April 19

Barcelona Bridal Fashion Week

Barcelona, Spain Through April 21

### April 20

Hong Kong International Home Textiles and Furnishings Fair

Hong Kong Through April 23

## April 23

Heimtextil Colombia

Medellín, Colombia Through April 25

Texprocess Frankfurt

Frankfurt, Germany Through April 26

Techtextil Frankfurt

Frankfurt, German Through April 26

### April 24

Kingpins Amsterdam

Through April 25

# April 26

One of a Kind Spring Show and Sale Chicago

Chicago Through April 28

# April 28

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#### Minneapolis Mart Gift, Home, Apparel & Accessory Show

Minneapolis Through April 30

#### May 6

Met Gala

#### May 8

Luxe Pack New York New York Through May 9

# <u>May 9</u>

Yarnex India International, Textile Fairs India

Mumbai, India Through May 11

Fabrics & Accessories Trade **Show** Mumbai, India

Through May 11 Dhaka International Plastics,

Packaging & Printing Expo Dhaka, Bangladesh Through May 11

# May 13

Australian Fashion Week

Sydney Through May 17

# May 15

**Supreme Celebration** 

Munich Through May 16

**ABC Kids Expo** 

Las Vegas Through May 17 IFJAG Orlando

Orlando, Fla. Through May 17

# May 20

International Apparel & Textile Fair Dubai

Dubai, U.A.E. Through May 22

# May 21

Intertex Portugal

Porto, Portugal Through May 23

Simatex, Emitex and Confemaq Buenos Aires, Argentina Through May 23

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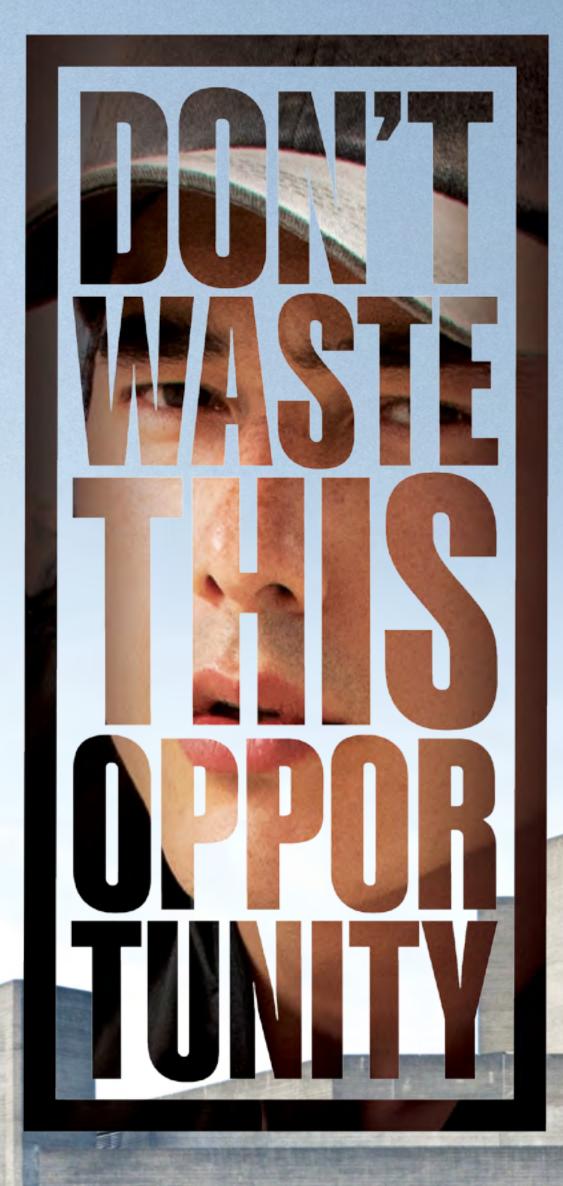
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