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Students to Showcase International Fashion

Summary: The United Students for Africa will host an International Fashion Show on Tuesday, November 20, at 7 p.m. in the Student Center's Oyate Hall.

(November 8, 2012)-The United Students for Africa will host an International Fashion Show on Tuesday, November 20, at 7 p.m. in the Student Center's Oyate Hall. A unique campus event, the fashion show represents cultures from around the world in a simultaneously entertaining and educational format.

The show will be presented in two parts: one contemporary fashion, the other traditional wear. Within these sections, garments will be sorted according to their region of origin. Between the contemporary and traditional sections of the program, a dance number will be presented. Music used throughout the program will illustrate the regions represented by the clothing.

"We want to expose the campus to parallel pieces of life beyond the bubble of the United States," says Rose Schwietz '13, Mendota Heights, head secretary for the show. "And this is a good way to display a wide variety of cultures without being exhaustive."

Approximately twenty students will be modeling clothes from a variety of cultures and regions, the list of which is impressively extensive—Scotland, Italy, Germany, Mexico, Egypt, Peru, Palestine, Senegal, Gambia, Nigeria, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Somalia, South Africa, Ghana, China, Japan, Korea, Kenya, Morocco, France, Spain, and the United States. The models themselves are international students and American students of various descent.

"We hope that people are entertained, and that they at least get a sense of the range of diversity in fashion, and in general, in the world," says Schwietz. "We hope to pique the audience's curiosity about these cultures that we will display, ideally inspiring them to go out and learn more about what they saw, or didn't see, at the show. We also have a fairly international group of models, which will certainly add to the intercultural nature of the show."

Tickets for the event are available at the door. The cost is \$2. For more information, please contact Schwietz at schwi212@morris.umn.edu.

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