HANNAH SHAKESPEARE

Model

Model Hannah Shakespeare has the fashion industry at her feet. For the AW19 runway season, the 23-year-old, loved by casting directors for her wide, expressive eyes and cool, cropped hair, walked a colossal 25 womenswear shows for brands including Miu Miu, Tommy Hilfiger, Marni and Matty Bovan, and has been featured on some of the fashion industry's most influential top newcomer lists. Raised in Walthamstow, northeast London, she trained as a dancer, before committing to modelling. Her ballet background shows in her lithe frame, upright posture and easy catwalk strut. 'I was scouted as a pre-teen, but was too shy to follow it through. I liked the idea of modelling but dance was my life,' she says. With campaigns for Miu Miu and MarcJacobs under her belt, expect to see a lot more of Hannah this season. ▷

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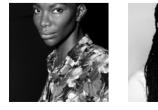
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MAMA CĀX

Model and activist

Aged 14, Mama Cāx was an amputee given three weeks to live. In 2019, she made her New York Fashion Week debut at 28. Representing the underrepresented, this model is redefining the runway. Leomie Anderson says: 'She chooses to stay true to herself through her art form and craft in a world that constantly tries to limit anyone that goes against the grain.'



FAYE WEI WEI

Artist

First spotted creating the backdrop for Shrimps' SS18 presentation, this 23-year-old Slade School of Fine Art graduate is part of a buzzy new school of British artists.

Her large-scale, figurative works have captivated the art world for their dreamy explorations of mythology and gender.

Simone Rocha says: 'An artist whose paintings feel like they are in conversation with my work. They're ethereal and beautiful.'

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JESSIE BUCKLEY

Actor

Having been BAFTA Rising Star Award-nominated for her lead in *Beast*, and making the 2019 Forbes 30 Under 30 list, Jessie took our breath away in our film of the year *Wild Rose*. *Simone Rocha says*: 'Wonderful actor; within her roles, she is so authentic and poetic.'



BLACK GIRL FEST Festival founders

Nicole Crentsil and Paula Akpan, two best friends from London, launched the UK's first arts and culture festival celebrating Black British women and femmes. This year's festival takes place on 12 October. The theme? Taking up space.



DAMSON IDRIS

Stormzy-approved
(he considers Damson one
of the leading young, black
British talents), this star of hit
crime drama Snowfall brings
Peckham to Hollywood.
Catch his standout lead
role in Farming, exploring
race in 197Os England.



BLYTHE PEPINO

Activist and musician

Singer and frontwoman to band Mesadorm, Blythe was arrested after chaining herself to a lorry in London at the recent Extinction Rebellion climate change protests. She's also founded BirthStrike: a movement of women who have decided not to procreate due to the climate emergency. Michaela Coel says: 'BirthStrike is a support network for women who have decided not to have children due to anxiety about climate change. If it wasn't for her public sharing of it, I wouldn't have known that I wasn't alone. It's strange that a personal choice like this has the ability to enrage strangers, so I commend her bravery.'



JAMEELA ELFAKI
Photographer and art director

Founder of AZEEMA, the

magazine providing Middle
Eastern, North African and
South Asian women a safe
space to own their strength,
culture and acts of resistance,
Jameela (also ELLE's Picture
Assistant) is a Central Saint
Martins graduate, and one
of 25 women chosen by
Converse for its Spark Progress
campaign. She has also been
recognised as a Rising Star

in the PPA 30 Under 30 list.



MARTINE ROSE

Fashion designer

From rock climbing centres to Nando's, Martine famously presents her collections in unusual settings, inspired by the subcultures in London.

Simone Rocha says: 'A designer I really admire; her menswear has originality and personality.'



BOMI YOUN

Model

Opening for Simone Rocha
AW19 and walking 19 shows
in total – including Dior,
Prada and Versace – this South
Korean beauty has casting
directors at her fingertips.
Simone Rocha says: 'Her first show
was opening my London SS19
collection. She has a youthful,
but thoughtful expression.'



LUCY BRONZE

England football player

Considered to be the 'best player in the world' by Phil Neville (ex-Man United and current England Women's head coach), this England Lioness right-back will be one of the leading players in the 2019 FIFA Women's World Cup.

BETHANY WILLIAMS

Designer

As parliament calls for tax reforms to penalise industry practices that 'damage the planet,' London College of Fashion graduate Bethany has had a big impact in her short three-year career by creating a greener system of fashion production. She places social enterprise at the centre of her work – inmates at HMP Downview in Sutton and women in Italy's San Patrignano rehab centre make fabrics for her collections. The fashion world has taken notice, with 2019 seeing the 29-year-old earning the Queen Elizabeth II Award for British Design and a place on the list of LVMH Prize finalists. Bethany's latest collection celebrates Adelaide House – a Liverpool-based shelter supporting women leaving prison and escaping domestic violence – to highlight the importance of progressive social housing. See portraits of the residents on piles of sustainably sourced denims, next to abstract paintings of Liverpool.



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