

darnisha thomas

PERSONAL SUMMARY

Creative and innovative independent fashion designer offering a background in women's wear design and illustration. Proficient in Adobe Photoshop and Illustrator with a passion for creating gender-neutral fashion. Eager to apply Bachelor of Arts in Fashion Design, bringing excellent knowledge of textiles, production processes, and consumer trends.

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SKILLS

- Fashion Design
- Garment Construction
- Pattern Making
- Design Illustration
- Tailoring
- Draping
- Adobe Photoshop
- Adobe Illustrator
- Graphic Design
- Administrative Support
- Microsoft Word and PowerPoint



EDUCATION & TRAINING

FASHION INSTITUTE OF

TECHNOLOGY

NEW YORK, NY

BFA in Fashion Design | History of Art
Minor | May 2021
AAS in Fashion Design | May 2019

- Member of Black Student Union (BSU) | 2018-2019
- Member of Black Retail and Action Group (BRAG) | 2017-2018
- Elected to Coordinator of Graphic Design for Student Government Student | 2018-2019

CICELY TYSON COMMUNITY SCHOOL OF PERFORMING & FINE ARTS

EAST ORANGE, NJ

- High School Diploma, Top 10 | 2013-2017
- Member of Theater Development Fund (TDF)
 - Member of Kappa Theta Delta (KTD)
 - Member of National Honor Society (NHS)
 - Head Student Costume Designer of Theater Arts Department

AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS

- Featured Panelist for the Global Fashion Business Alliance (GFBA) Meet the Fashionistas Webinar
- Featured Designer on Vogue's "Top Graduates" Publication Story | 2021
- Featured Designer | FIT's Graduate Student Exhibition
- Founder and Designer of |laFORME.studios | 2020
- Featured Designer/Artist | Fashion Institute of Technology | Black Student Union "Black In Time" Exhibition | 2020
- Featured Designer | Fashion Institute of Technology Cross-Pollination Exhibition | 2019
- Student Achievement Award in Costume Design for the Wiz | Paper Mill Playhouse Rising Star Awards | 2016

EXPERIENCE

laFORME. studios

Designer and Founder | EAST ORANGE, NJ | 08/2020-Present

Unisex brand celebrating the human form. Pieces are handmade.

- Managing product development and shipment via Shopify
- Researching new trends in the fashion industry
- Updating website information, product, and more
- Facilitating customer services
- Creating graphics/promotional content
- Fulfilling custom inquiries

RAUL AVILA INC.

2022 Met Gala Production | NEW YORK, NY | 04/28/22, 05/01/22

- Assisted crew with floral preparations such as rose stem cutting, sorting branches and leaves, etc.
- Assisted with the arrangement of the floral arch entrance in the Met's Temple of Dendur and stairwell of the Great Hall.
- Ironed and folded napkins for dining preparation.

ARACELI NEW YORK

Fashion Assistant | NEW YORK, NY | 01/2022-03/2022

- Ensured the effective execution of critical deadlines
- Worked closely on pre-production developments with the creative director
- Maintained consistent quality throughout collection production
- Created graphics and social media content

ALTUZARRA

Freelance Assistant | NEW YORK, NY | 02/04/22, 02/07/22

- Assisted with Altuzarra's FW 22 Runway Show book gifting initiative.

DION LEE

Design Intern | NEW YORK, NY | 01/2021-05/2021

- Facilitated fabric preparation for sample making
- Provided support and pitched in to help with special projects whenever needed.
- Coordinated deliveries and pick-ups with suppliers and factories.
- Sourced fabrics, trims, buttons, and notions when requested.
- Reviewed cutters must and patterns to ensure accurate sample production
- Used Adobe Photoshop to assist the design team with textile print colorways
- Worked with technical design and product management to provide accurate and complete design packages.
- Carried out day-day-day duties accurately and efficiently.

ZARA

SALES ASSOCIATE | NEW YORK, NY | 04/2019 - 04/2020

- Organized racks and shelves to maintain store visual appeal, engage customers and promote specific merchandise.
- Trained and developed new sales team associates in products, selling techniques and company procedures.
- Tracked stock using company inventory management software.
- Maintained organized, presentable merchandise to drive continuous sales.
- Engaged with customers to effectively build rapport and lasting relationships.
- Liaised with customers and recommended specific products and specials, aligning with individual needs, requirements and specifications.