



Top stylist left 'raven' about student's winning look

A hairdressing student's striking gothic raven inspired look has been named the winner in a competition for aspiring stylists at colleges across London.

Suzanne Simmonds, 36, scooped the first prize in the contest run by Chris & Sons in Enfield for her unique style in the contest judged by top stylist Patrick Cameron.

She is studying a Hairdressing Diploma Level 2 Diploma at CONEL, which has produced a winner in the competition for three years running.

Suzanne's winning design was one of the many styles created by students from 18 London colleges, including five from the CONEL, that were entered the competition.

Each participant had three hours to create styles on their own themes, which included ice maiden, modern African woman, 1940s, Queen of Hearts, Mad Hatter and a spring bride.

Suzanne said: "I wanted to do something on a gothic theme. I like rock music, so that may have also influenced the look. I also think it's unusual and a style you can be very creative with.

"Towards the end I started to feel the pressure and kept checking it to make sure it was finished, and I was really pleased with how it turned out.

"Winning this competition has given me more confidence. Patrick is the guru of long hair, and to have someone of his stature say they like your work is amazing."

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Congratulating Suzanne on her success, Patrick



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said: "I absolutely loved the 'raven' because of the level of detail in the hair and the balance.

"The inspiration from the character to the execution, and the amazing outfit was on point. There was nowhere it fell down and she deserved to win and I think she is going to be a great hairdresser."

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Stunning styles turned out for Hairdressing Level 3 End of Year Show Competition

Hairdressing Level 3 students took part in the annual end of year competition and had four hours to create a style on a seasonal avant garde bridal theme.

Hair straighteners and hairdressing equipment cases, donated by Enfield-based hair and beauty suppliers Chris & Sons, were presented to the winner, runner-up and winner of the best mood board.

Mahrokh, 38, won first prize for her winter themed look, which comprised a huge crimped, grey hair style and grey dress accessorised with silver jewellery.

She said: "It was very exciting to have won and a nice surprise.

"My teachers have been fantastic and worked very hard with us over the past year, and I can't thank them enough for their help.

"I'd love to work in beauty, and in the future I'd like to have my own salon."

Aygul Karadogan, 37, was runner-up with her spring look featuring a bird's nest on top of a swirled hair style and a white dress adorned with colourful feathers.

Nassim Boghrat, 41, who previously won a hairdressing competition while studying for her Level 2, was handed the prize for best mood board for her Japanese geisha style.

The competition was judged by former CONEL student Inanch Emir, who runs a salon on Great Portland Street, London, and hair stylist Anne Vecks, who owns two salons in Oxfordshire.

Anne said: "Mahrokh's look ticked all the boxes. It was beautiful in every aspect and was very well executed – the hair, make-up and dress – all worked well together.

"Overall, all the students came up with some fantastic ideas and I was very impressed. They definitely have futures in the industry."





Fairytale ending for Beauty Therapy competition winner

Kasturi Tandel, 34, won first prize amongst **Beauty Therapy Diploma Level 2** students who took part in a College competition.

The group was asked to create a style on a historical, fantasy or special occasion theme from a mood boards of ideas each had gathered to help them to create their final looks.

They were required to do the make-up, style the hair and choose the clothing to create their different looks.

Kasturi said: "I wanted to do something creative and imaginative and so decided on a fantasy fairy look. My daughter is 10 and into fairies, which was part of the inspiration behind it."

Second place in the competition was awarded to Valbona Bajrami, 31, and in third was Tudey McKoy, 22, who both created glamorous special occasion looks.

Each of the top three students won a selection of hair and make-up products donated by Redken, the official partner of the College's hair and beauty salons in Tottenham and Enfield.



Beauty students have make-up covered at Alternative Clothes Show

A group of Beauty students provided the make-up to volunteer models of all ages at a fashion show with a difference.

Sanya Krasteva, Sophia Ennon, Tudey McKoy, Kasturi Tandel, and Ti yana Chitolie, who are all studying Beauty Therapy Level 2, took part in the Alternative Clothes Show.

The event has been run by the environmental group Transition Crouch End and Hornsea Vale Community Centre since 2013, aims to raise awareness of the hidden human and environmental costs of the mainstream clothing industry.

Sanya, 33, said: "I want to be a make-up professional. For me it's not just work, it's an art. The show was a big chance to practice on different skin types and we had to do it very quickly, which was quite challenging."

Sophia, 28, added: "I love making people look beautiful. I'm really enjoying the course at CONEL. It's giving me everything I need to do this as a job."

The show promoted a wide range of sustainably sourced, ethically produced and non-polluting, clothing.

The highlight of the event was a Real People Catwalk where the models were made up of people living in and around Crouch End, and who ranged in age from 16 to over 60.

They received catwalk training during a rehearsal before taking to the runway and wearing various alternative clothes, including some they had made or upcycled themselves.



Beauty Therapist student Sanya Krasteva at CONEL



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