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THE DESIGNER SHOWROOMS AT LONDON FASHION WEEK SS15

This season the Designer Showrooms at London Fashion Week will showcase over 170 brands. Set within Somerset House the SS15 collections will be exhibited to press and buyers over the course of London Fashion Week and will be open daily from 9.30am-7pm, closing at 6pm on Tuesday 16th. Designers include Alexis Barrell, Georgia Hardinge, Joanne Stoker, Lucy Choi London, Maria Francesca Pepe, Steven Tai and Tamara Salman.

The Designer Showrooms welcomes 84 new designers and has been zoned into ready-to-wear on the first floor including sub sections for emerging talent and contemporary. Also on the first floor is the new Lingerie and Swimwear section where you can find designers such as **Fifi Chachnil** and **Auria**. Accessories will be showcased on the ground floor, in the south and east wings, including Bags, Jewellery, Shoes and Millinery. Additionally, this season the Designer Showrooms welcomes multi-label agencies **JA PR, Rena Sala, Black PR** and returning showrooms **Heavy London, Rainbowwave** and **Touba London**, they can be found predominantly in the west wing.

The west wing of the ground floor will house this season's 'Ones to Watch' designers, Royal College of Arts graduate **Marta Jakubowski** and Westminster graduate **Tom Guy**, and collections by the NEWGEN designers sponsored by TOPSHOP.

The following NEWGEN designers will take turns to occupy the pop-up showroom, listed in order of date:

Faustine Steinmetz - Friday 12th, 3pm - 7pm & Saturday 13th 10am - 1pm

Danielle Romeril - Saturday 13rd, 4.30pm - 7pm & Tuesday 16th 10am - 1pm

1205 - Sunday 14th, 10am – 2pm

Lucas Nascimento - Sunday 16th, 3pm - 7pm

Claire Barrow - Monday 15th, 10am - 2pm

Ashley Williams - Monday 15th, 3pm - 7pm

Marques'Almeida - Tuesday 16th, 1pm - 4pm

Ryan Lo - Tuesday 16th, 4pm – 6pm

The BFC's millinery initiative Headonism sponsored by Wedgwood and fine jewellery initiative, Rock Vault will be exhibited in the East Wing of Somerset House. Stephen Jones and Wedgwood will host a **Headonism** tea party which will take place at 4-6pm on Friday 12th and includes designers **Awon Golding**, **Emma Yeo**, **Keely Hunter** and **Lizzie McQuade**. The Rock Vault event will take place on Monday 15th, 5-7pm.

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London Fashion Week SS15 runs from 12 – 16 September 2014. For more information please visit www.londonfashionweek.co.uk

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Editor's notes:

1. The British Fashion Council (BFC) was set up in 1983 to promote British fashion internationally and coordinate this promotion through fashion weeks, exhibitions and showcasing events. The BFC now supports designers beginning at college level and extending to talent identification, business support and showcasing schemes to help British designer businesses develop their profiles and business globally and promote British fashion and its influential role in Creative Britain and Creative London. The BFC Colleges Council offers support to students through its MA Scholarship, links with industry through Design Competitions and Graduate Preview Day. Talent identification and business support schemes include the BFC Fashion Film sponsored by River Island; BFC Rock Vault, BFC Headonism sponsored by Wedgwood, BFC/Vogue Designer Fashion Fund; BFC/GQ Designer Menswear Fund; Estethica; BFC Contemporary sponsored by eBay; NEWGEN sponsored by TOPSHOP and NEWGEN MEN sponsored by TOPMAN. Showcasing initiatives include London Fashion Week, London Collections: Men, LONDON show ROOMS, the BFC/Bazaar Fashion Arts Foundation, International Fashion Showcase and the annual celebration of excellence in the fashion industry: the British Fashion Awards