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**The little fashion giant, Christopher Abella,
is ready to show his designs and shine as a star on the catwalks of Miami and New
York.**

Christopher Abella is an 11-year-old boy raised in the midst of one of Miami's Cuban-American families. His designs show the elegant and impeccable lines of a Valentino or a Christian Dior, and have already made a favorable impression among well-known fashion and Haute Couture specialists.

Miami, Florida, 2011- Abella, started drawing refined suits, faces and caricatures when he was just five years old. Nowadays his talent for drawing and fashion designing is being nurtured by Tracy Ellyn of Miami Art and Design who admits to never have encountered such a young boy with the talent, sophistication and imagination of a true designer. "Christopher Abella has a precocious knowledge of the elegance of the feminine proportions; as well as of the different elements of designing and manufacturing required of a great designer," said Ellyn.

At this young age, Christopher has already had over 15 exhibitions at several artistic and educational venues in the city of Miami and surrounding areas, and three of them have featured just his works as a designer. These were "The Angel's Ring" during Gables Gallery Night in May and in August 2010, and the most recent one at the Doral Conservatory and School of the Arts which will remain open throughout the month of February. As a result of his current exhibit, Abella has been invited to design the dresses for the play "Mulan" that will soon be performed at the Doral Conservatory and School of the Arts, featuring several of its most talented students.

Ready to hit the catwalk.

Currently Christopher Abella has been invited to participate as a special guest in the "International Laurel of Fashion & Design Award", a prestigious international event that gathers renowned designers, who take advantage of this glitzy event to put on the catwalk their most recent creations; and at the same time, they contribute to an intensive informative campaign for the prevention of HIV/AIDS. A portion of the event's profits is donated to a well known foundation dedicated to give resources to HIV/AIDS victims.

For Christopher, to participate in the *International Laurel of Fashion & Design Award*, the event that celebrates the achievements of new designers will take place in Miami in the middle of May, represents more than just a very important challenge, but a serious commitment that he has accepted in a very professional manner and with lots of dedication. He is already working on the collection he is to present which will also be his formal presentation as the world's youngest haute couture designer.

In order to see his designs on the catwalk, Abella is pressed for time to enlist the financial help of one, or several sponsors, to fund the manufacturing of his collection, therefore making his dream come true.

The little fashion giant, as he has already been called, attends fifth grade at the South Miami K-8 Center and he also attends the Art Magnet Program where he gets two more a day on Visual Arts. At the same time, he is enrolled in design classes with Tracy Ellyn and takes sewing classes on Saturdays in Hollywood at Learn2Sew.

He also loves playing baseball and listening to music with a marked preference for the 70s, 80s and the classical. Christopher Abella is always drawing and creating, and has fun as any kid his age. Nevertheless, he has already chosen what he wants to do: to graduate from Parsons, New York's newest school of design, and to become an internationally renowned Haute Couture designer.

Christopher Abella's Fashion Taste

"I like dresses with refined lines that are both business-like and elegant, and that is an inspiration I draw from my mom because that's the way I see her," says Abella about one of the designs in his portfolio.

"I favor the style of designers I admire such as Valentino, Christian Dior, Charles James and Oscar G. As far as colors, I am inclined towards the reds, almond and lemon green.

I am able to design a piece in 20 to 30 minutes; and I hope that soon you can go and buy one of my creations in a CHRISTOPHER ABELLA store," he said as the interview ended.

For more information regarding Christopher Abella or to become a sponsor, please contact Lissette Abella, his mother, by e-mail lissetteabella@gmail.com

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