

Miami Fashion Week returns with parties and runway shows. Here's what you need to know

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The designers are hard at work getting their designs and models ready for the runways for Miami Fashion Week 2019. BY MIAMI FASHION WEEK VIA INSTAGRAM

Miamians, we know about a lot of things.

And one of those things is we know how to dress.

That's why we were glad to hear Miami Fashion Week is back for another round.

Helmed for the fourth year by movie star Antonio Banderas, MFW starts up Thursday and runs through Sunday. Designers such as Spain's Ágatha Ruiz de la Prada, Colombia's Glory Ang, and Miami's own Rene Ruiz will rock the runways. There will be informative panel discussions as well, held at Miami Dade College's Wolfson campus

The place to be? Ice Palace Studios, for a slew of shows, as well as photo booths and style swag.

Highlights include Friday's benefit gala at Faena Forum with Banderas in attendance (and likely all tuxedo-ed up); an "Influencer's" brunch and jewelry show at Seaspice 11:30 a.m. Saturday; and a closing party at 9 p.m. Sunday at Ice Palace.

Also: MFW attendees will get to check out more Dominican talent than in years past. They'll present their collections Sunday night at Ice Palace.

Giannina Azar is a bona fide celebrity magnet: Her extravagant pieces have been worn the hottest Latin talent today, such as Natti Natasha, Jennifer Lopez, and Karol G.

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More cred: Thalia wore a gorgeously flowing purple gown in her “Que Ironia” video; Gwen Stefani had on Azar’s intricately woven top on “The Voice” panel.

Another D.R. standout is style vet Jenny Polanco, long known for her simplicity with a twist. Her clothing and jewelry often feature accents of amber, larimar, and coral and incorporate materials from her home country into her couture and ready-to-wear.

In the men’s category, Arcadio Díaz, aka “King of the Guayabera,” is also in the house. He has dressed a Who’s Who of celebs, including Emilio Estefan Jr. and Sammy Sosa. He also has an elegant women’s cruise line as well that will be presented along with Polanco’s collection on Sunday.

Tickets: Individual shows from \$90 and all-day passes from \$250; miamifashionweek.com



Antonio Banderas, at the Miami Fashion Week gala. GUSTAVO CABALLERO GETTY IMAGES / MIAMI FASHION W

