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Neo.Fashion. Welcomes International Premiere:

Fashion Art Toronto Brings Canadian Emerging Designers to Berlin

- **A new connection with Canada's leading platform for fashion and art**
- **An exclusive look at Toronto's fashion scene, in Berlin**
- **Neo.Fashion. strengthens role as international platform for emerging design**

Berlin, June 23, 2026 – For its 10th edition, Neo.Fashion. is sending a strong international signal: Fashion Art Toronto (FAT), Canada's leading platform for fashion and art, is showing in Berlin for the first time. Under the title "Toronto to Berlin," FAT will present a curated selection of five outstanding emerging designers and a total of 29 looks as part of Neo.Fashion.

The presentation offers an exclusive look at Toronto's current fashion scene – shaped by diversity, artistic interdisciplinarity, and an independent, experimental design culture. The featured designers exemplify a new generation of creatives who see fashion as an intersection of art, identity, and social discourse.

Fashion Art Toronto is regarded as Canada's foremost platform for independent fashion and the country's longest-running fashion and arts week. For more than two decades, FAT has supported emerging and established talent through runway shows, exhibitions, and interdisciplinary formats, actively building bridges between the Canadian fashion scene and international markets.

At Neo.Fashion., FAT will present collections by Zoe Stone, Anton Styntsov, Will Di Perno, Tom Symonds and Adrine Imishyan. The range spans avant-garde sculptural work, experimental material studies, precise tailoring, and conceptual ready-to-wear.

"Toronto and Berlin are both cities built on creativity, diversity, and independent thinking. This partnership with Neo.Fashion is such a meaningful opportunity to connect our communities and create new international pathways for emerging designers. For us, *Toronto to Berlin* is about opening doors, building relationships, and giving Canadian talent the chance to be seen on a global stage. We are incredibly proud to bring the creativity of Toronto's fashion community to Berlin, and we look forward to growing this exchange between Canada and Germany for years to come." So said **Vanja Vasic**, Founder and Creative Director of Fashion Art Toronto. Vasic has been a leading force in Canada's independent fashion scene for more than two decades. She founded FAT as a platform for interdisciplinary, independent, and underrepresented talent, helping shape one of the country's most dynamic spaces for fashion, art, and cultural exchange. Today, she is recognized as a key connector between emerging Canadian designers and international markets.

Neo.Fashion. and FAT: Sustained Support for Emerging Creative Talent

FAT's participation in Neo.Fashion. marks a further step in this growing international network. "This is the result of an intensive exchange we began last year," said **Jens Zander**, founder and director of Neo.Fashion. e.V., adding, "what's remarkable is the speed at which this collaboration has come together." Both organizations share a central mission: the sustained support and international visibility of emerging creative talent. Fashion Art Toronto and Neo.Fashion. both see themselves as platforms that give young design talent early access to audiences, networks, and markets. Through its collaboration with Fashion Art Toronto, Neo.Fashion. once again underscores its role as an international platform for emerging design – and as a place where new creative alliances take shape.

Neo.Fashion. – At a Glance

Neo.Fashion. is Germany's most versatile platform and network for emerging fashion designers. Since 2017, it has offered graduates of fashion and design schools, as well as up-and-coming independent labels, a professional stage to present their collections. As an established fixture of Berlin Fashion Week, Neo.Fashion. showcases the best graduates from across Germany in fashion shows, showrooms, and digital formats. With the founding of the nonprofit Neo.Fashion. e.V. in 2025, the initiative was institutionalized as a permanent association, now supporting talent year-round through competitions, workshops, mentoring programs, and international collaborations. Neo.Fashion. stands for diversity, innovation, and sustainability in fashion, fostering an environment where interdisciplinary exchange and the connection between creativity and business take center stage. Strategic partners include the Fashion Council Germany and the German Textile and Fashion Federation (Gesamtverband textil+mode). More information at www.neofashion.de

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