

Christopher Abella

Artist & Fashion Designer

Christopher Abella is eleven years old and attends the Expressive Arts Magnet Art Program at South Miami K-8 Center, one of only a few select, talent, and audition-based visual arts programs in the nation. Christopher's sensitive line quality, amazing compositional sense, as well as his creativity and dedication to his art has made him one of the top young artists in the county. His artwork has been shown in a variety of art exhibitions throughout the city, and has won awards.

Christopher's passion and future ambition is to be a fashion designer. He has completed the sketching of a variety of collections, which have been exhibited at two solo exhibitions, as well as on three TV interviews, Univision, *Primer Impacto*; Channel 7 News; Telemundo, *Al Rojo Vivo*; Mega TV, *Maria Elvira Live*; America TeVe, *El Show de Fernando Hidalgo*; and Univision, *Despierta America*. Currently, he is working on a Red Carpet collection, which will be featured in an upcoming Fashion Show at Trio on the Bay, North Bay Village, Florida, on May 27th 2011 at 7:00 PM.

Ms. Tracy Ellyn, a 7th Avenue Fashion Designer and Christopher's Instructor, recently wrote, "I have been a fashion designer for nearly thirty years, and when in New York, I worked for such names as Diane Von Furstenberg, Christian Dior, and Argenti. But never in my years did I ever see someone so very young with the sophistication and imagination it requires to be a true designer. He seems to have an early understanding of the elegance of the female proportion and the fabrications and design elements required to carry it out."



Exhibitions

South Miami K – 8 Center Lobby

6800 SW 60 St. - South Miami, FL 33143
305-667-8847

November 2008

Miami Dade School Board Building Lobby

1450 NE 2nd Ave. - Miami, FL 33132

December 2008

The Annual Countywide Student Art Show

A juried annual exhibition show of young artists from Miami Dade County Public School
4141NW 2nd Ave. - Miami, FL 33132

April 2009

Annual Art Show at South Miami K – 8 Center

6800 SW 60 St. - South Miami, FL 33143

May 2009

Doral Conservatory and School of the Arts

2900 NW 109th Ave - Doral, FL 33172
305-471-4417

November 2009

Domingo Padron Art Gallery

1518 Ponce de Leon Blvd. - Miami, FL

December 2009

First National Bank of South Miami

5750 Sunset Drive - South Miami, FL 33143
305-667-5511

March 2010

Deering Estate at Cutler

Youth Arts Day
16701 S.W. 72 Ave. - Miami, FL 33157
305-235-1668

April 2010

South Miami K – 8 Center Lobby

6800 SW 60 St. - South Miami, FL 33143
305-667-8847

May 2010

The Angel's Ring

First Solo Art and Fashion Design Exhibition
86 Miracle Mile - Coral Gables, FL 33134
305-446-9315

May 7, 2010

The Angel's Ring

Second Solo Art and Fashion Design Exhibition
86 Miracle Mile - Coral Gables, FL 33134
305-446-9315

August 6, 2010

Designer Discount Fabric & Furniture

Special Guest
1206-1C Stirling Rd - Dania Beach, FL 33004
954-923-4229

November 19, 2010

Miami Children's Hospital
Birds of Paradise
South Miami K-8 Center
3100 SW 62nd Ave, Miami, FL 33155
305-666-6511

December 10, 2010

New Professions Technical Institute
Annual Exhibition for Doral Conservatory & School of the Arts
4000 West Flagler St Miami, FL 33134
305-461-2223

December 10, 2010

Doral Conservatory and School of the Arts
Third Solo Exhibition
2900 NW 109th Ave - Doral, FL 33172
305-471-4417

January 20, 2011

Media Exposure

- TV

Univision August 5, 2010
Primer Impacto
Un Pequeño Gigante de la Moda
www.univision.com/content/video.jhtml?cid=2498805

WSVN –TV 7News - Miami / Ft. Lauderdale August 16, 2010
7 News Investigations
Fashion Prodigy
www.wsvn.com/features/articles/investigations/MI89511

Telemundo October 21, 2010
Al Rojo Vivo
Niño Prodigio de 10 Años
http://video.msn.com/?mkt=en-us&fg=ESUS_Telemundo_Network_ARV%20VID%20HUB%20SEP%202010&vid=34e33604-fc3b-44b7-bef6-7b2e51fa6095

Mega TV
Maria Elvira Live
Un Pequeño Gigante de la Alta Costura 2011 January 27,
<http://www.mariaelvirasalazar.com/show.php?item=284>

America TeVe Canal 41
El Show De Fernando Hidalgo
Christopher Abella Joven Diseñador Conversa con Fernando Hidalgo February 16, 2011
www.americateve.com/index.php?content=CONTENT_VIDEOS&media_id=4338&playlist_id=3

Univision 23
Despierta America
A su corta edad ya inició su camino en la moda March 3, 2011
<http://bellezaymoda.univision.com/videos/video/2011-03-03/a-su-corta-edad-ya?refPath=/entretenimiento/despierta-america/videos/>

- PAPER / INTERNET

Free Press Release Service April 23, 2010
Miami's Youngest Fashion Design Student, Age 10, Exhibits Work
www.freepressrelease.com/miamis-youngest-fashion-design-student-age-10-exhibits-work/25086/

FlashNews April 26, 2010
10-Year-Old Fashion Designer Is Fierce
www.flashnews.com/news/wfn07100426fn19556.html

- South Miami News** **May 25, 2010**
Young Fashion Design Student Exhibits His Work
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http://issuu.com/cnews/docs/sm_052510
- Miami's Community Newspapers** **May 29, 2010**
Young Fashion Design Student Exhibits His Work
 Posted in Cutler Bay
www.communitynewspapers.com/2010/05/young-fashion-design-student-exhibits-his-work
- Learn 2 Sew Florida Blog** **January 2, 2010**
Week in Review 1/2/10 Young Designer
<http://learn2sewflorida.blogspot.com/2010/01/week-in-review-1210-young-designes.html>
- Miami's Youngest Fashion Design Student, Age 10** **April 28, 2010**
<http://learn2sewflorida.blogspot.com/2010/04/miamis-youngest-fashion-design-student.html>
- 10yr Old Christopher on Ch 23 Univision** **July 15, 2010**
<http://learn2sewflorida.blogspot.com/2010/07/10yr-old-christopher-on-ch-23-univision.html>
- Christopher and L2S on TV Thursday 5pm** **August 4, 2010**
<http://learn2sewflorida.blogspot.com/2010/08/christopher-and-l2s-on-tv-thursday-5pm.html>
- Fashion Prodigy - Christopher Abella on TV again** **August 17, 2010**
<http://learn2sewflorida.blogspot.com/2010/08/fashion-prodigy.html>
- Learn 2 Sew Florida Blog** **October 28, 2010**
Week in Review 10/28/10 Christopher on TV Again
<http://learn2sewflorida.blogspot.com/2010/10/christopher-youngest-fashion-designer.html>
- PRESS - Official Website - Miami Art and Design - Tracy Ellyn**
<http://www.miamiartanddesign.net/press.htm>
- The Miami Herald** **January 30, 2011**
<http://www.miamiherald.com/2011/01/26/2038142/youngster-makes-fashion-his-passion.html>
- McClatchy-Tribune News Service:**
- The Kansas City Star - Youngster makes fashion his passion** **February 17, 2011**
<http://www.kansascity.com/2011/02/17/2661884/youngster-makes-fashion-his-passion.html>
- The Olympian Wire - Youngster makes fashion his passion** **February 17, 2011**
http://www.theolympian.com/2011/02/17/v-print/1547119_youngster-makes-fashion-his-passion.html
- Quad Cities Online - 11-year-old boy makes fashion his passion** **February 18, 2011**
http://www.qconline.com/archives/qco/print_display.php?id=531584#comments

- Charleston Daily Mail - Youngster makes fashion his passion** February 20, 2011
<http://dailymail.com/ap/ApEntertainment/201102200355?page=2&build=cache>
- Buffalonews.com - 11-year-old boy makes fashion his passion** February 24, 2011
<http://www.buffalonews.com/life/next/article350272.ece>
- Newsobserver.com - Youngster makes fashion his passion** February 17, 2011
http://www.newsobserver.com/2011/02/17/995566_youngster-makes-fashion-his-passion.html
- The Beaufort Gazette - Youngster makes fashion his passion** February 17, 2011
http://www.islandpacket.com/2011/02/17/1551208_youngster-makes-fashion-his-passion.html
- The Sacramento Bee - Youngster makes fashion his passion** February 17, 2011
<http://www.sacbee.com/2011/02/17/3410215/youngster-makes-fashion-his-passion.html>
- Fresnobee7.com - Youngster makes fashion his passion** February 17, 2011
http://www.fresnobee.com/2011/02/17/2276137_youngster-makes-fashion-his-passion.html
- The Bellingham Herald – Youngster makes fashion his passion** February 17, 2011
<http://www.bellinghamherald.com/2011/02/17/1872461/youngster-makes-fashion-his-passion.html#storylink=mirelated#ixzz1FHH7bNcs>

Awards and Special Recognitions

Doral Conservatory & School of the Arts

Merit Scholarship

2900 NW 109th Ave. - Doral, FL 33172

August 2009

Learning Tree of Art

Scholarship Award

13863 S Dixie Hwy. - Miami, FL 33176

November 1, 2009

Print Impress, by Utrecht Art

Third Prize

6250 South Dixie Hwy. - Miami, FL 33143

November 5, 2009

Ozcar G's Fashion Show

Special Volunteer Guest Invitation

901 S Federal Hwy. - Hallandale Beach, FL 33009

March 2010

Ozcar G's Atelier

Special Guest Artist

Imperio Atelier - 245 University Drive - Coral Gables, FL 33134

April 2010

Rex Fabrics

Special Student Guest at Exclusive Private Fabric Seminar Offered by Owner

Rex Fabrics – 823 SW 37th Ave., FL 33135

March 21, 2011