

ter a trip to her native Ethiopia, where she met traditional weavers who no longer had a market for their goods. Kebede felt a need to preserve their art form while creating job opportunities. "Lemlem" means "to bloom" or "to flourish" in the Amharic language.

### Fashion career mentoring offered for Hawaii students

The search is on for the next generation of fashion professionals. Students entering seventh, eighth or ninth grade in the fall are invited to apply for "Reach the Runway," a mentoring program to inspire Hawaii's youth to pursue careers in fashion.

The inaugural program is the result of a partnership with the aio Foundation, Lt. Gov. Shan Tsutsui's R.E.A.C.H. Initiative and Honolulu Fashion Week.

Interested students need to submit a 300-word essay describing what Hawaii fashion means to them. In addition, they must select one of seven areas of interest and submit materials pertaining to their field of choice. The specific fields of study are journalism, photography, fashion design, magazine design, hair and makeup, styling and modeling. Up to three students from each category will be selected to participate.

Selected students will be mentored by professionals in their field over a three-month period. During this time,

the mentors will help students hone their craft and start building a portfolio of work.

The deadline to apply is June 30.

For details, rules and an application go to [reachtherunway.com](http://reachtherunway.com).

### Horror Ball seeks designers for wedding-themed show

The second annual Hawaii Horror Ball is searching for designers interested in participating in its "Til Death Do Us Part" wedding-themed fashion show in August.

The fashion showcase is open to all fashion designers, but space is limited. The wedding theme can be related to film, music, art, mythology, literature, religion or theater. The winner for the best original design will receive a cash prize.

Send your name, company name and contact information to [missvampohawaii@gmail.com](mailto:missvampohawaii@gmail.com), along with a statement about what horror means to you, and a description of your concept.

Those interested in getting married or renewing vows at this event may contact [djnocturna@gmail.com](mailto:djnocturna@gmail.com).



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