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Runway Lights Fashion Show Designer is Lafayette 148 New York!

St. Louis (Feb 5) Featuring fashions from world-famous designers on the region's top models, Variety the Children's Charity of St. Louis' Runway Lights Fashion Show is the city's can't-miss fashion event. Taking place at Union Station on April 6, 2019, this year's show will showcase designs from none other than the luxury womenswear brand Lafayette 148 New York! Thelma Steward continues to bring her creative inspiration as the honorary chair of this event.

Lafayette 148 New York is a groundbreaking fashion house known for sophisticated, clean-lined designs that fuse luxurious fabrics, outstanding craftsmanship and a modern sensibility, inspired by the company's origins in New York City. The exquisite pieces of clothing from this globally known brand have been worn by Michelle Obama, Glenn Close, Oprah Winfrey, Drew Barrymore, Helen Mirren and many more.

The Spring 2019 Collection, on display at this year's Runway Lights Fashion Show, continues to build upon an established brand that exudes quality, innovation and style. It channels the irreverent spirit of seasonal muse Peggy Guggenheim, the iconoclast and art patron who spent her heyday in Venice, Italy, where the collection was photographed.



The event features an elegant luncheon created by local chef, Greg Maggi, followed by a live auction that includes a custom piece of jewelry by designer Adam Foster, plus fashion experiences and exotic trips. Variety Women lead the "Fund-a-Need" to raise money for therapy to help Variety kids.

To top the event off, Ameren Power Kids will join professional models on the runway to demonstrate the independence and freedom provided by their power wheelchairs while wearing their own couture dresses designed by Carmen Marc Valvo .

Chaired by Thelma Steward, Runway Lights is underwritten by the Steward Family Foundation and World Wide Technology, and supported by Neiman Marcus. Because of their generosity, all proceeds from the event benefit Variety St. Louis.

To reserve your spot at St Louis' most sought-after fashion event--tickets start at \$100 and can be purchased at: <https://varietystl.org/RunwayLights>

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About Lafayette 148 New York

Created in 1996, Lafayette 148 New York is known for sophisticated, clean-lined designs that fuse luxurious fabrics, outstanding craftsmanship and a modern sensibility inspired by the dynamism of New York City. With its own workshop and production facility in Shantou China, Lafayette 148 New York is one of the few vertically-integrated fashion brands. The collection is distributed online at Lafayette148ny.com, Tmall and in 22 freestanding boutiques in the U.S. and China, as well as in specialty stores and luxury department stores throughout the world. For more information on Lafayette 148 New York, please visit www.lafayette148ny.com

About Variety the Children's Charity

Variety empowers children with physical and developmental disabilities, also referred to as children with special needs, and improves their quality of life. Our programs highlight ability rather than disability. This holistic approach gives access to critical medical equipment and therapies, along with innovative Camp and Performing Arts programs, which provide opportunities for recreation, socialization, and artistic expression. Children gain or maintain independence, boost socialization among their friends and family, demonstrate belief in themselves, and increase skills they need to engage their world as fully as possible. www.varietystl.org

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