

Digital Fashion Week Wraps in NYC, Pointing to Fashion's Digital Future

Digital Fashion Week NYC closed with bold tech showcases, signaling fashion's shift from runway tradition to immersive, interactive commerce.

NEW YORK CITY, NY, UNITED STATES, September 14, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- On September 11, Shift Midtown transcended its role as a sleek New York venue, becoming a beacon of what fashion's future could be. [Digital Fashion Week™](#) (DFW) NYC turned its concrete floors and immersive walls into an atelier alive with imagination, where technology and artistry converged and even the most traditional designers paused, captivated.

The night opened not with champagne flutes clinking but with animated avatars striding overhead, an XR backdrop designed by [Pixel Canvas](#). Gamers from São Paulo and Seoul appeared beside in-person guests, sharing a single metaverse-meets-Midtown reality. The line between “show” and “shop” blurred, and a thought whispered through the room: the old ways of shopping are gone—consumers now demand meaningful engagement, not just pretty clothes under pretty lights.

“Digital fashion is not a niche, it is a frontier reshaping culture and commerce alike,” declared Lionel Chance of Hybrid Media Universal. “The question is not whether it will redefine industries, but how quickly we are prepared to meet the opportunity.” Panels of coders and couture designers nodded in agreement.

From Design to Dollars—Instantly



Model walks the runway at Digital Fashion Week in NYC / Photo: Trudy Giordano

Workshops doubled as windows of opportunity. ClubMiku, a DIY AI-agent, showed small labels how to build branded virtual assistants to streamline service or power interactive shopping journeys. [Brilliantcrypto](#) Inc. unveiled luxury digital jewelry designed, minted, and sold in both physical and gaming worlds—an emerald pendant existing on a blockchain, a player’s avatar, and, eventually, a neckline in real life.

For an industry long bound by production schedules and inventory risks, the proposition was seductive: designing digitally creates multiple revenue streams. The same 3D asset can guide pre-production fitting, power a marketing campaign, and be sold outright as a limited-edition NFT. Brandon Keeney of Tapestry and Marz Klimaszewska of CLO Virtual Fashion summed it up:

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Clothes still need to be worn and loved, but dismissing digital tools is shortsighted. Those who leap now will shape fashion’s future; those who wait risk sewing yesterday’s trends.”

*Clare Tattersall, Founder,
Digital Fashion Week*

“Digital assets are more than design. They are business enablers for marketing, ads, and campaigns. CLO and Marvelous Designer tools allow fit-accurate 3D garments with parametric reusability.”

A New Fashion Frontier for Gen Z

Pixel Canvas, famous for pushing XR boundaries, reinvented the immersive-Van-Gogh-exhibit format for a generation raised on Roblox and Fortnite. “This year’s DFW NYC at Shift...delivered an unprecedented fusion of immersive technology and live experience, for the next

generation of digital natives,” said Joey Lee, Pixel Canvas CEO. “Our strategic partnership with DFW has evolved into something truly special...This year’s event perfectly embodies our shared commitment to dissolving the barriers between physical and digital experiences across fashion, music, and education.”

Tattersall’s Digital Vision

Much of the credit belongs to Clare Tattersall, DFW’s founder and pioneer in digital fashion. “She’s not just keeping pace with the future of fashion—she’s sculpting it,” praised Andrea Abrams, Phygicode founder, retail-tech investor, and DFW Advisory Board member. Abrams continued: “The innovations showcased at Digital Fashion Week NYC reflect a major shift in the



Panel discussions at Digital Fashion Week / Photo: Trudy Giordano

retail landscape, where technology, personalization, and sustainability converge...These projects redefine how consumers engage with brands—both online and in-store.”

Tattersall’s balancing act—bridging tech’s bravado with fashion’s tradition—was evident in panels on phygital sustainability, a runway of AI-generated garments, and discussions on how digital now runs through every department of the fashion process.

Strategy Amid the Excitement

Amid the buzz, Yevgeniya “Yay” Yushkova offered a reality check: “The biggest pitfall for young brands is chasing revenue instead of profitability.” Her point wasn’t about tech—it was a reminder that strategy and sustainable growth matter more than flashy numbers.

Discussions around the creator economy showed platforms from Meta to Roblox to Sandbox opening extraordinary new doors. Brilliantcrypto’s demo of bridging real-world and metaverse value illustrated expanding opportunities as the industry refines the connections that will make these ecosystems even more powerful.

Digital Fashion Week: Next Stop, London

If NYC was a portal, London promises an even bigger leap forward. DFW’s next chapter will host the world’s first live multiplayer motion-capture runway show—no mocap suits required. Epic Games engineers and Pixel Canvas will use camera technology to turn multiple players into live avatars on a shared runway. The implications ripple far beyond fashion: imagine live concerts with dancers across continents, global art performances, or classrooms where students co-create in real time.

Fashion has always mirrored cultural shifts—mini skirts in the sixties, logo mania in the aughts—but digital fashion represents an entirely new paradigm. It doesn’t simply echo culture; it reshapes how ideas, trends, and aesthetics circulate. A single digital dress can spark a TikTok frenzy, be purchased in the metaverse, and guide physical collections long before a piece of fabric is cut.

Old Systems, New Stakes



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The message was unmistakable: the traditional design-to-sales journey is obsolete. When digital assets can test fit, gauge demand, and generate revenue before production, the fashion calendar—the industry’s sacred cow—starts to look like an outdated relic. Supply chains shrink, overproduction declines, and sustainability goals become more achievable.

This isn’t a call for independent designers to abandon craftsmanship—it’s a reminder that digital tools can enhance, not replace, artistry. “Clothes still need to be worn, touched, and loved. But dismissing digital tools is as shortsighted as ignoring prêt-à-porter in the 1950s or e-commerce in the 2000s. Those who leap now will shape the market; those who hesitate may be stuck stitching hems for yesterday’s trends,” says Tattersall.

The Opinionated View

Fashion thrives on spectacle, but spectacle alone no longer sustains it. Digital Fashion Week NYC invited its audience to co-author the experience: to build AI agents, click avatars into couture, and imagine a runway without borders. In a city defined by reinvention, the event showed fashion’s ability to renew itself, celebrating creativity’s power to move forward. As DFW heads to London, multiplayer motion capture promises not just tech wizardry but community—multiple bodies, one shared moment. Beyond gadgets, DFW NYC revealed a shift in power—from atelier to algorithm, boutique to browser—the next leap won’t be walked, it will be coded.

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