Avant Fashion Week Unveils 2026 Schedule, Designer Lineup and Featured Partners

AFW brings runways, celebrity designers, brand activations and creative experiences to Phoenix, advancing Arizona's growing presence in the fashion industry.



Avant Media Day Designer Panel. Photo by: Harlan Cone

PHOENIX, AZ, UNITED STATES, October 30, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Avant Fashion Week, the evolution of Arizona Fashion Week, announces its official 2026 schedule, participating designers and featured partners for a weeklong celebration of fashion, culture and creativity taking place November 2–8, 2026. Headquartered at Avant 121, the event will bring together designers, brands, media, creatives and fashion enthusiasts for a series of runway presentations, industry gatherings and immersive experiences.

Building on Arizona Fashion Week's legacy, Avant Fashion Week enters a new chapter with an expanded vision for connecting fashion, culture, business and creative talent. The week's programming extends beyond the runway, offering opportunities for designers to showcase their collections, brands to engage with new audiences, and members of the creative community to connect through fashion, wellness, media and experiential activations. Author and speaker Tania Katan will serve as the host for Avant Fashion Week's runway shows, bringing her distinctive voice and stage presence to the week's featured fashion presentations.

With an exciting lineup of designers, celebrity talent and featured brand partners, Avant Fashion Week is putting Phoenix on the map as an emerging fashion destination.

A Weeklong Celebration of Fashion and Culture

Avant Fashion Week begins with an exclusive Media Day on Sunday, October 25, offering invited media and creatives a preview of the upcoming season. The main programming begins Monday,

November 2, with a week of curated experiences culminating in the final runway presentation on Sunday, November 8.

The 2026 schedule includes:

Monday, November 2 — Behind the Runway: An exclusive, behind-the-scenes look at the preparation and creative work that bring fashion week to life.

Tuesday, November 3 — Fashion House Opening Night: The official opening celebration at Avant 121. Experience activations and a student designer presentation.

Wednesday, November 4 — Wellness Day: A wellness-focused experience followed by an evening schedule of designer brand parties. The day ends with a Fashion Social in partnership with Barstool Scottsdale x LaMarca Prosecco.

Thursday, November 5 — Content Day: A day dedicated to content creation, featuring an influencer panel, editorial opportunities and an offsite designer dinner.

Friday, November 6 — Runway: An evening of fashion at Avant, followed by an after-party.

Saturday, November 7 — Polo Party & Runway: An early afternoon event at WestWorld, followed by an evening runway presentation and after-party at Avant 121.

Sunday, November 8 — Final Fashion Presentation & Closing Festivities: The final runway presentation of the week, followed by a closing after-party.

The main week's runway presentations are scheduled for November 6, 7, and 8. More information on each day along with their schedules can be found on the AFW website. Select programming is invitation-only or requires an RSVP. Ticket availability and event access vary by experience.

The Designers Taking the Runway

The 2026 designer lineup brings together distinct creative perspectives, emerging talent and established names, showcasing the diverse talent shaping today’s fashion landscape and the growing influence of Arizona’s creative community.

Designers and brands announced to date include:

Dulcine Galeria — @dulcine.galeria
Tiffany Rae — @tiffanyraeofficial
Matt Larry Collection — @mattlarrycollection
MadMan Los Angeles — @madmanlosangeles

Miratge — @miratgeny
Avantgarde Depot — @avantgardedepot
Designs by Lechet — @designs_by_lechet
ImperioXIII — @imperioxiii

Celebrity Designers:

Usama Ishtay — @usamaishtayofficial
Michael Ngo — @imngo
Milla Stone — @millastoneofficial
Diana Couture — @dianamputri

Through runway presentations and brand experiences, Avant Fashion Week provides a platform for designers to introduce their work to new audiences, build industry relationships and contribute to the evolving fashion landscape.

Featured Partners Bringing Fashion Week to Life

Beyond the runway, Avant Fashion Week is supported by a collection of featured partners spanning media, lifestyle, hospitality, wellness, beverage and brand experiences. These collaborations help shape the atmosphere and programming throughout the week while creating opportunities for meaningful connections between brands, designers, creators and audiences.

The featured partner lineup includes:

Call Christina Now — @callchristinanow
Martini Mates — @martinimates
Fabulous Arizona — @fabulousarizona
Laundry Sauce — @laundrysauce
Mezcal Tres — @drinkmezcaltres
OnTheMarq — @onthemarqjumpsuit
Lasting Wellness Center — @lastingwellnesscenter
ONXX — @gettheboxx
Opul3nce — @opul3nce.io
Toca Madera — @tocamadera
Barstool Scottsdale — @barstoolscottsdale
Vara — @varaseeds
Shiso — @shisoscottsdale

Together, these collaborations reflect the intersection of fashion with the broader lifestyle and cultural experiences that define a modern fashion week. From media visibility and brand engagement to wellness and hospitality, the featured partners contribute to a week designed to

connect Phoenix’s creative community with a wider audience.

Attend Avant Fashion Week 2026

Fashion enthusiasts, industry professionals and supporters of the creative community are invited to experience Avant Fashion Week 2026.

Dates: November 2–8, 2026
Primary venue: Avant 121, Downtown Phoenix, Arizona

Explore the schedule, discover participating designers and secure tickets to available runway presentations and events.
Explore the schedule and purchase tickets:
https://www.avant121.com/avant-fashion-week

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About Avant Fashion Week

Produced by Avant 121, Avant Fashion Week is Arizona's premier fashion platform and the evolution of Arizona Fashion Week. Through runway presentations, industry events, and immersive experiences, the organization connects fashion, business, and culture while positioning Arizona as a leading destination for creativity, collaboration, and innovation.

About Avant 121

Avant is a 25,000-square-foot members club and cultural destination located in Phoenix’s Warehouse District. Founded by Lawdan Shojaee with co-founders Alex Salazar and Samantha Hooward, Avant offers an elevated environment where creativity, entrepreneurship, and innovation meet. Designed for modern creators and driven leaders, the club includes premium content studios, refined workspaces, VIP lounges, retail concepts, and a two-story event venue—curated through an exclusive, referral-based membership model.

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