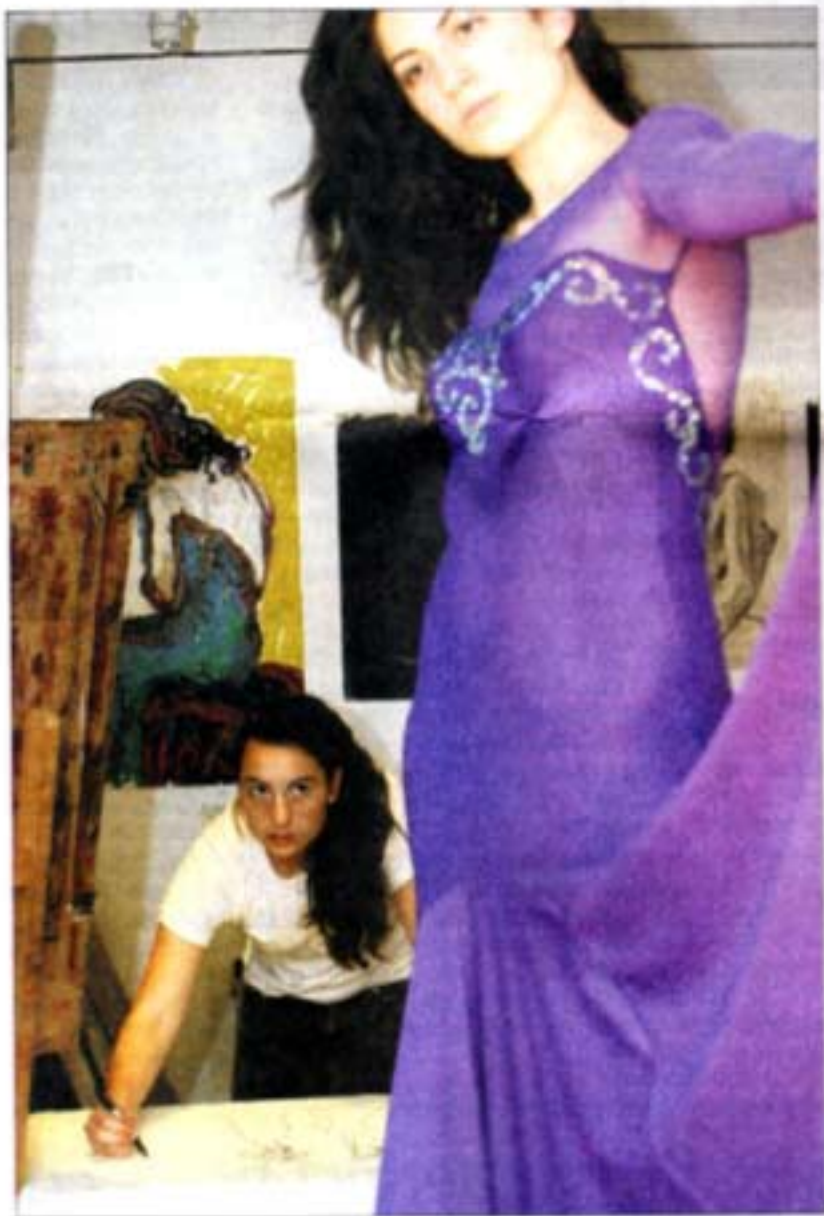


Fashion forward



Thirteen aspiring teenage designers learned the basics in an Introduction to Fashion Design class at Bass Arts Studio in Montclair during the fall. The studio will offer Introduction to Fashion Illustration & Designs for kids ages 10-13, and Intermediate Fashion Illustration & Design for ages 14-17, starting next Wednesday. For information on registration and fees, visit www.bassartsstudio.com. Call (973) 509-7588 or e-mail studio@fernbass.com.



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"I like that the class is teaching me not to draw so confined, to be more free," said Savannah Strenz, 12, of Montclair, seen here sketching the model. "I like how the dress is so flowing."

Above, Kestin Gussoff, 17, of Montclair models as students, including 15-year-old Hana Masri of Verona, left, sketch her. Right, course instructor Rob Younkens, an adjunct professor at Parsons the New School for Design in Manhattan, looks over Savannah Strenz's work. "We are not worried about eyelashes and fingernails. It's all about capturing the pose," Younkens told the students.



Savannah puts some more details into her sketch. Students learned to select fabrics and patterns. For their final project, the students worked independently, designing their own collections.