

From Gymnast to Fashion designer

Presenting Annia Hatch

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Designer Annia Hatch, centre, with two of her models, acknowledges the applause from the crowd. Photos: Kenrick Bobb

Drawing on her past as an Olympic medalist in gymnastics, Annia Hatch showed off her designs with winning style and flair at the recently held Couture Fashion Week, held in the Garden Atrium, of the Westin Times Square Hotel in New York recently.

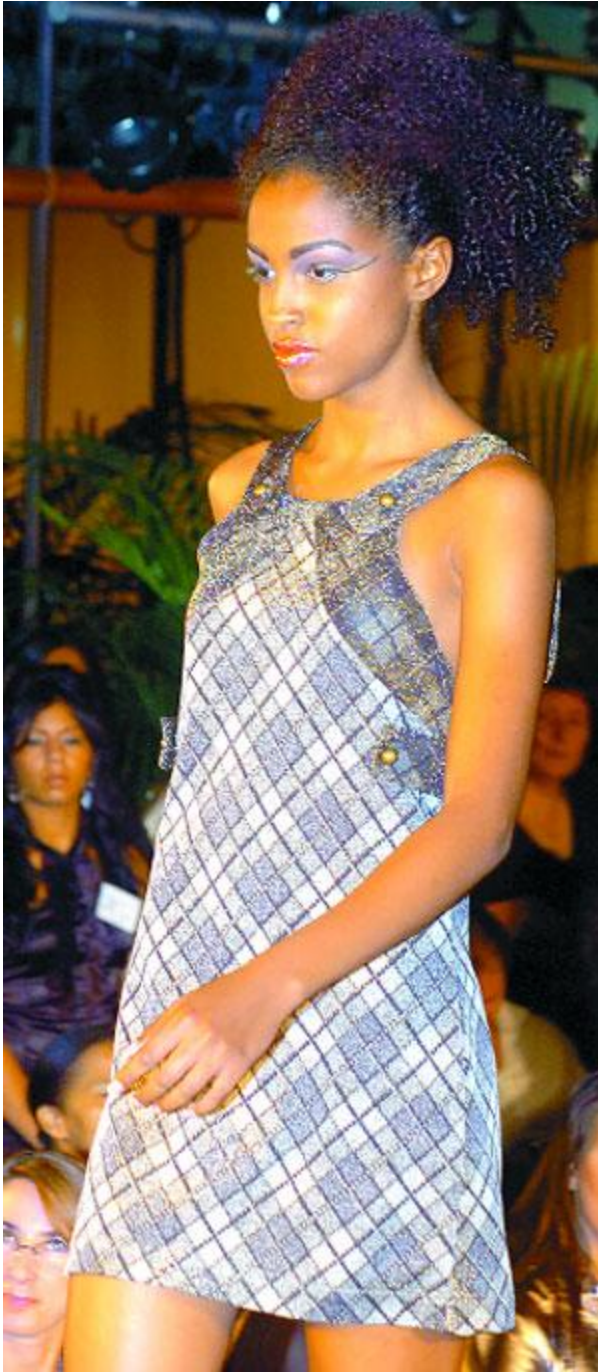
After completing a successful career as a gymnast which began in her native Cuba at the age of four, and wrapping it up successfully competing for her adoptive home United States, Hatch is considered to be the best vaulter in the world.

With her love for modelling and designing, Hatch has turned her life in another direction when she presented her debut show recently.

The line featured my personal favourite "Sweet Doll" which is more trendy in nature, this line can be worn on the town easily for an evening, night out or just for a day at the office. Hatch used both wool woven tweed and satin to create these memorable pieces.

Then there was the "Olympathena" a soft set of fully clad peaches and browns and "Military Festive" a business-themed group made of mostly grays.

Throughout the presentation Hatch used the theme of gymnastics as she had two young ladies introduce each section with some acrobatic moves.



Another great thing about Hatch's creations is that they can be easily mixed and matched which in the end will only add to your wardrobe if you are on a limited budget.

Express Woman spoke to Hatch after the show and she revealed that after seven years of experience in the fashion world with modelling and fashion merchandising education, "it was great to see my work going places like this".

The crowd reaction was great as members of the audience applauded almost every design as they were introduced. It was clear to see that like her career as a gymnast, Hatch is vaulting her way to success.

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