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## CFDA to honor Virgil Abloh at 2022 Fashion Awards

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*The Board of Trustee's Award will be awarded posthumously to the late men's artistic director at Louis Vuitton, Virgil Abloh. Image credit: CFDA*

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The Council of Fashion Designers of America is strutting into its iconic awards season with a nominees announcement.

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Honorees and nominees for the 2022 CFDA Fashion Awards have been announced, with titans at every turn. Categories named include American Womenswear Designer of the Year, American Menswear Designer of the Year and American Accessory Designer of the Year, among others.

"The 2022 CFDA Fashion Awards will celebrate not just honor American fashion's best and brightest talents, but also the CFDA's 60th anniversary milestone," said Steven Kolb, CFO of [CFDA](#), in a statement.

"This year's nominees reflect the renewed excitement around American fashion generated by designers who are redefining the future of our industry," he said. "The CFDA thanks Amazon Fashion for its support of the awards."

Fashion greats

Slated for Nov. 7, several prestigious categories and their respective nominees have been named.

The nominees for American Womenswear Designer of the Year are Catherine Holstein for KHAITE, Christopher John Rogers, Gabriela Hearst, LaQuan Smith and Peter Do.



*American designer LaQuan Smith is a nominee for American Womenswear Designer of the Year. Image credit: CFDA*

The American Menswear Designer of the Year nominees are Emily Bode Aujla for Bode, Jerry Lorenzo for Fear of God, Mike Amiri for Amiri, Thom Browne for Thom Browne New York and Willy Chavarria.

American Accessory Designer of the Year nominees are Aurora James for Brother Vellies, Brandon Blackwood, Raul Lopez for LUAR, Stuart Vevers for Coach and Telfar Clemens for Telfar.

American Emerging Designer of the Year nominees are Bach Mai, Carly Mark for Puppets and Puppets, Colm Dillane for KidSuper, Elena Velez and Lauren Harwell Godfrey for Harwell Godfrey.

American singer and songwriter Lenny Kravitz has been named the CFDA's 2022 Fashion Icon.

The Board of Trustee's Award will be awarded posthumously to former men's artistic director at Louis Vuitton, Virgil Abloh, for his vast impact on the fashion industry.

A full list of those being honored can be found [here](#).

As some details are yet to be announced, consumers will recall that last year's awards were hosted by English actress Emily Blunt ([see story](#)).