Keanu Williams

FASHION DESIGNER
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EDUCATION

The Fashion Institute of Technology
New York, NY
Bachelor's degree in Fashion Design, Special Occasion concentration, with a Minor in Art History | Class of 2023 | Associates degree in Fashion Design, Sportswear Concentration | Class of 2020

EXPERIENCE

July 2026- September 2026
Rey Jaiteh LLC | Freelance Design Director
Brooklyn, NY
Worked under Rey Jaiteh as his second hand. Designed and created garments for his RTW Spring Summer 2027 fashion showcase through Harlem's Fashion Row. Sketches, sourcing, pattern making, sewing, fittings, all aspects of production.

April 2026
National Harbor Pink on the Pier Runway show | Featured Designer
National Harbor, MD
The featured designer showcased a 12 look collection from RTW-Bridal.

JUNE 2024
Coach × Coachtopia Emerging Designer Panel | Featured Designer
Coach Headquarters, New York, NY
Featured panelist for Coach × Coachtopia Emerging Designer Panel for Coach Dream day.

MAY 2023
Future of Fashion Fashion show 2023 | Featured Designer
Fashion Institute of Technology, New York, NY
Two Special Occasion Couture gowns featured in Fashion show and on website. With Design guidance from Marchesa's Georgina Chapman and Anna Holvik.
https://fashionshow.fitnyc.edu/fof2023/index.html

JANUARY – JUNE 2023
Christian Siriano | Design Intern
Soho, New York, NY
Assisted with design work for the atelier. Patternmaking, Draping, Sewing, Fittings, all aspects of production.

FEBRUARY 23 2023
Made to Measure dress for Ruth Carter NAACP IMAGE AWARDS
Los Angeles, CA
Made to Measure Couture gown made for Ruth Carter at the NAACP IMAGE

DESIGN SKILLS

Concept Ideation

Sketching

Sewing

Hand Sewing

Embellishment

Draping

Pattern making

Styling

TECHNOLOGY SKILLS

Photoshop / Illustrator

Computer Skills

Social Media

Photography

CAD

ADMINISTRATIVE SKILLS

Organization

Time Management

Critical Thinking

Detail Oriented

Communication

AWARDS, Inaugural Costume Design Category.

JANUARY– MAY 2022
Paula Varsalona LTD| Bridal intern
New York City, NY
Assisted the design team, sales team and Fit team. All aspects of production and customer experience.

FEBRUARY – MARCH 2022
Macy's Black History Month Window Display | Featured Designer
Macy's Herald Square, New York, NY
Showcased 3 Keanu Williams looks for the Macy's window display. Collaborated with the Macy's display team on the staging and space of the window presentation.

OCTOBER 2021- MAY 2022
Prada | Intern
New York, NY
Assisted with Public Relations, Event Planning, DEI, Fashion Production.

FEBRUARY 2021 – PRESENT
K. Nassia Made to Measure | Founder and Head designer
New York, NY
All phases of design, Made to Measure Couture Pieces for private clients.

MARCH 2021
Macy's Annual spring flower show | Lead Designer
New York, NY
Designed a featured look for the window display for the Macy's Flower Show showcasing FIT students floral inspired creations.

JUNE 2020 – AUGUST 2020
DPR Fashion Runway Camp | Featured Designer
Washington, DC
Designed a 10 piece collection titled "Black Eminence" for the Camp showcase.

AUGUST 2016 – JUNE 2019
Katherine Smith Contemporary Dance Ensemble | Costume Designer
Washington, DC
Assisted with designing, creating and establishing the costumes for several dance works for the Spring Showcase.

ACHIEVEMENTS

DECEMBER 2022 – 2023
Coach Mentorship | Chelsea Cowan
New York, NY

Chelsea Cowan mentored through all aspects of Design and Brand Development.

CFDA 2023 Design Scholarship Recipient

Awarded the Coach Dream It Real X CFDA Circular Design Scholarship which is designed to support exemplary talent capable to lead and captain change in a global society.

Prada Group 2021/2022 Scholarship Recipient

Awarded a full Scholarship, which is aimed to help further education of diverse students pursuing a career in fashion.