

An open letter to the residents of the city of Portland, our lack luster "civic leaders", and Portland Fashion Week patrons, sponsors, cast and crew by Tod Hunter Foulk Executive Producer Portland Fashion Week.

After our final modeling boot camp Sunday July 16, from our beautiful 5 star hotel The Nines Hotel and now personally experiencing the obvious and undeniably dangerous and dirty downtown core, I made the executive decision to cancel PFW '23 midnight that evening.

No matter how gorgeous The Nines, and no matter how safe once inside, I believed that our crew and our patrons' property and safety could not be guaranteed anywhere in the city.

As I would now not bring my daughter, my grand baby nor my 87 year old mother anywhere near our event due to the aforementioned conditions, I felt that neither could I conscionably subject anyone else as well.

Therefore I was preparing to refund sponsors and ticket holders but was halted by the request of producers asking me to give a chance to perhaps outlying areas as a possible venue. I agreed, and by 10:00 am Monday The Tualatin Chamber of Commerce, Mercedes-Benz of Wilsonville and the city of Lake Oswego all offered to host the event in part or for the entirety provide the needed amenities and allowing us to produce TIME Magazine's BEST Indie Fashion Week in the USA once again, in 2023.

We couldn't be more Blessed and we are so very grateful to the farsighted and professional individuals from The Tualatin Chamber of Commerce, Mercedes-Benz of Wilsonville and the City of Lake Oswego and express out gratitude publicly here..

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Keep Portland PRETTY!

See you on the runways!

-Tod